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RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 18 August 2016 at 5pm in Civic Room 1, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Renata Cugliari, Councillor, City of Melton
Pernille Tind Simmons, Acting Coordinator Community Capacity, Melton City Council
Sally Atkinson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Officer, Melton City Council
Sunita Mann, Community Leadership and Partnerships Officer, Melton City Council
Ron Jones, Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council
Charmaine Hamilton, Proxy, Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation
Karen Jones, Aboriginal Community Member
Peter Webster, Aboriginal Community Member
David Grace, Deputy Chief Executive, Djerriwarrh Health Services (guest)

Chairperson: Cr Renata Cugliari, Councillor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Cr R Cugliari welcomed attendees and did an acknowledgement to country. Cr R Cugliari also introduced guest speaker to the meeting, D Grace, Deputy Chief Executive, Djerriwarrh Health Services.

2. Apologies

Phillip Wood, Aboriginal Community Member
Bryon Powell, Representative, Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative
Wanda Braybrook, Aboriginal Community Member

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

P Webster declared there may be a conflict of interest relating to a potential employment opportunity with Council.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The May 2016 meeting did not formally proceed as quorum was not met.

5. Business Arising

Nil.

6. General Business

6.1 Items raised for discussion

S Atkinson circulated Melton's Cultural Heritage Information, written by Bill and Mandy Nicholson to Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Heritage Council Cultural Heritage Division, for feedback. S Atkinson is awaiting responses.

S Atkinson contacted the West Metropolitan Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) and Melton City Council has been invited (and invitation has been accepted) to work with this committee. Next RAJAC meeting is 23 September 2016 (held quarterly).

6.2 New RAC Members update

S Atkinson introduced the new RAC members, Peter Webster and Karen Jones. Both new members spoke of their experience in the community.

6.3 Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation Program Officer update

The position was re-advertised. Interviews have been held and an announcement will be made shortly on the successful candidate. Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation Chairperson, Marie Sehgal, was on the interview panel.

6.4 Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Action Plan, Consultation Draft

S Atkinson provided information on the State Government's Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Action Plan, Consultation Draft, which was open for comment. R Jones provided feedback around positive engagement and procurement, which was included in Melton City Council's response submission.

Action

S Atkinson to finalise comments on the draft *Victorian Aboriginal Local Government Action Plan* and send the response to Department of Environment, Water and Planning.

6.5 Reconciliation Action Plan 2016 update

S Atkinson provided an update on Council's Reconciliation Action Plan 2016 (the RAP). The RAP priorities are being progressed including the delivery of internal Cultural Awareness Training in March 2017 and the formation of Council's Reconciliation Champions Group. Council will look for opportunities for the RAC and internal Reconciliation Champions group to work together.

S Atkinson suggested new deadlines of December 2017 for the development of Council's Aboriginal heritage engagement guidelines and December 2016 for completion of Council's Recruitment and Retention scoping document. Following a brief discussion on the matter, the committee agreed.

Regarding the action pertaining to Traditional Owner Signage, R Jones has asked Council to wait 12 months for the ruling on the Traditional Owner Settlement, as this may impact on signage content.

6.6 Updates from the community about current events

P Webster spoke of school camps and creating more community event awareness.

7. Other Business

S Atkinson checked with the committee if 5.00-6.30pm was the best time for the RAC meetings to convene. The committee elected a 6.00-7.30pm time slot for future meetings.

Council staff, S Mann (Community Achievement Awards) and P Tind Simmons (Community Vision 'Melton City 2036') discussed upcoming Council engagement opportunities.

Action

S Atkinson to email project details to the committee members.



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D Grace spoke on the new medical centre development near Woodgrove Shopping Centre; the Melton Community based Ambulatory Care Centre and asked for feedback on how to be culturally inclusive. Numerous suggestions were made around working with traditional owners, incorporating Aboriginal artwork/features and the use of design features.

Action

S Atkinson to follow up with D Grace on possible local Indigenous community artwork for the centre.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 17 November 2016, commencing from 6.00pm-7.30pm, Melton Civic Centre.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.