



## MINUTES

### DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 15 September 2016 at 12pm in Civic Room 2

**Present:** Michael Homann, Mambourin Representative  
Lesley Jenner, Community Representative  
Diana Civarella, Community Representative  
Pepsi Gulen, Community Representative  
Les Chitts, Community Representative  
Matthew Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic, Melton City Council  
Warren Penna, Metro Access Officer, Melton City Council  
Coral Crameri, Manager Community Care, Melton City Council  
Kate Hills, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council

**Chairperson:** Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor, City of Melton

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**1. Welcome**

Chairperson welcomed all present and the newly appointed committee for term 2016-2018, introduced new community representative D Civarella and guest presenter K Hills, Team Leader Health Promotions and Planning, Melton City Council.

**2. Apologies**

Kel Tori, Chief Executive Officer, Melton City Council  
Maree Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation, Melton City Council

**3. Declaration of Interests and/or Conflict of Interests**

Nil.

**4. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**Motion**

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held 6 June 2016.

M Homann/L Jenner

**5. Business Arising**

Nil.

**6. General Business**

**6.1 Guest Presenter – Council Plan 2017 – 2021**

Kate Hills, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning (MCC)

K Hills provided an overview on Council's community engagement strategies in relation to people who live, work, recreate and visit the municipality. The engagement will guide the development of a 20-year Community Vision to be titled 'Melton 2036', as well as the development of the new Council Plan 2017-2021 which will incorporate the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

## **6.2 Council Plan Consultation**

W Penna discussed options with the committee to include a question for the Council Plan focus group engagement session. The DAC members developed the following question: *To actively participate, feel valued and enjoy life to the fullest, people with disability need our City to.....*

### **Action**

W Penna to recommend the question, for inclusion in the Council Plan focus group engagement sessions.

## **6.3 5 McKenzie Street Development**

C Cramer provided an update of the Ageing Well Precinct in McKenzie Street, Melton. The new building is progressing well and will provide additional administration and program space. The completion of works is forecast for December 2016.

## **6.4 Disability Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule**

W Penna provided the committee with the DAC meeting schedule for the 2016-2018.

## **6.5 Metro Access Update**

### **6.5.1 CARE Melton Expo**

The CARE Melton Expo will take place on 13 October 2016 at the Melton Community Hall Precinct, between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

W Penna highlighted the following:

- 54 exhibitors registered
- Provision of quality face to face information
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) available to answer questions
- Neighbourhood Houses will facilitate gentle yoga and meditation workshops
- Community entertainment will include performances from people with disabilities and multicultural groups
- Djerriwarrh Health Services and Australian Hearing will deliver free health checks
- Community Care volunteers will assist with surveying and data collection.

### **6.5.2 A Guide to Disability and Aged Services in the City of Melton 2016**

W Penna tabled the 2016 edition of *A Guide to Disability and Aged Services*. Copies will be available via the CARE Melton Expo, Council's key customer service facilities and via Council's website.

### **6.5.3 Victorian Disability Awards Nomination**

Margaret Behan was nominated by Council for the Victorian Disability Awards and was successful in winning the Life Time Achievement Award.



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### 7. Other Business

#### Updates from Representatives

**M Homann:**

Reported he will attend the next Melton Service Provider Network Meeting and introduce himself as the DAC member representing local services.

**L Chitts:**

Discussed ways the Disability Advisory Committee community representative could be more active in their roles, including raising the profile of the committee within the community.

**Action**

W Penna to explore Council's website to profile the committee.

L Chitts raised concerns about the footpath in Barries Road surrounding the Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

**Action**

M Hutchinson to investigate the area of concern.

**P Gulen:**

Shared information regarding a useful Mobile Phone App to report infrastructure issues to local authorities. The App – 'Snap Send Solve' uses GPS navigation and phone camera to assist users to capture an issue of concern. M Hutchinson reported that Council receives reports via the App.

P Gulen detailed information on an upcoming Autism workshop to be delivered by Autism Australia (Aspect) in Caroline Springs on Tuesday 11 October 2016.

The Positive Partnerships parent/carer workshop intends to:

- Increase understanding of the impact of autism on learning
- Introduce a planning tool that can be used to share an understanding of your child
- Explore ways to work in partnership with schools
- Share information about how to access support both inside and outside of school
- Provide an opportunity to network and share strategies with other parents/carers.

**Action**

P Gulen to email Metro Access Officer details of the workshop for distributed via Council's database.

**D Civarella:**

Reported she is working closely with Council's Social Support Officer on the identified need to develop a new interest based group for people with disabilities.

**M Hutchinson:**

Provided an update on the progress of The Pride of Melton project. Stage two works in Palmerston Street and the Courthouse/Amphitheatre area are progressing well and anticipated completion by the end of November 2016. The project will provide a vastly improved pedestrian and bicycle access to the Melton Library, create a place for events, play, relaxation, performances, outdoor dining and a safer precinct for all.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 1 December 2016 commencing at 12noon in Civic Room 2.

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.19pm.