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## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 28 June at 1:00pm in Meeting Room 1, Melton Community Hall.

**Present:** Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor, City of Melton  
Cr Renata Cugliari, Councillor, City of Melton  
Acting Inspector T King, Victoria Police  
Milka Griffiths, Marketing and Pop-Up Sales Executive, Retail, Lend Lease  
Tara Lee-Brown, Marketing Manager, Woodgrove Shopping Centre  
Peter Doyle, Coordinator Emergency Management, Melton City Council  
Peter Crowley, Community Safety Officer, Moonee Valley City Council  
Kate Hills, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council

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

### 1. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed all present and introduced guest speaker, Peter Crowley, from Moonee Valley City Council.

### 2. Apologies

Rob Blakely, Deputy Principal, Catholic Regional College  
Melissa Sapuppo, Manager Community Health and Health Promotion, Djerriwarrh Health Services  
Amanda Watkinson, Senior Coordinator Projects, Department of Justice and Regulation  
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council

### 3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

### 4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

#### Motion

K Hills/Cr Cugliari

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 14 April 2016.

### 5. Business Arising

K Hills contacted Moonee Valley City Council to invite Peter Crowley to present to the Committee on Pan Pacific Safe Community international accreditation.

K Hills contacted existing Committee members who have not been in attendance for more than 6 months and also confirmed new Committee members representing traders from Woodgrove and Caroline Springs Square Shopping Centres.

K Hills sent all Committee members a copy of the Terms of Reference and the Safer City Plan 2015-17.



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### 6. General Business

#### 6.1 Guest Speaker: Peter Crowley, Moonee Valley City Council

P Crowley presented to the Committee on the Pan Pacific Safe Community Accreditation, guided by the Australian Safe Communities Framework, in which Moonee Valley City Council has successfully been accredited. Committee members discussed the potential for accreditation in the City of Melton including benefits and limitations.

##### Action

K Hills to circulate P Crowley's presentation to committee members. All committee members to review Pan Pacific Safe Communities Accreditation and consider suitability for the City of Melton.

#### 6.2 Department of Justice and Regulation Public Safety Infrastructure Funding

K Hills provided an overview on the current Public Safety Infrastructure funding grants available through the Department of Justice and Regulation. Funding of up to \$250,000 (GST excl) is available to support successful Victorian Councils in implementing projects that seek to reduce opportunities for crime through changing the physical environments in which crime can occur. Examples of eligible projects include streetscape and amenity improvements in public spaces; lighting systems; and other physical security or safety measures. Applications close at 4:00pm, 2 September 2016.

Committee members discussed public places and spaces that are currently experiencing regular community safety concerns including but not limited to Hannah Watts Park (particularly the removed mural); MacPherson Park; public toilets near Brookside; and bus interchange area at Woodgrove Shopping Centre (Woodgrove is currently working with Council to address this).

##### Action

K Hills to circulate Public Safety Infrastructure Grant Guidelines and Committee members to provide further feedback on potential projects or areas of concern.

K Hills to contact Matt Moodie from Victoria Police to request safety audits of particular areas if necessary.

#### 6.3 Brainstorm for Community Safety Month event

K Hills requested feedback from Committee members on event(s) for Community Safety Month in October. In previous years, Council has led the implementation of Safer City Days involving various organisations. Committee members decided a targeted approach would be most appropriate, involving community engagement about safety at Senior's Week and Children's Week.

M Griffiths and T Lee-Brown requested family violence help cards for display at Woodgrove and Caroline Springs Square Shopping Centres.

##### Action

K Hills to gather and circulate information on planned Senior's and Children's Week events.

K Hills to arrange family violence help cards for T Lee-Brown and M Griffiths.

#### 6.4 Council update

K Hills provided an update on behalf of Council:



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- Council's Neighbourhood Participation team worked with local organisations and community members to deliver a community safety event on 19 March 2016 in Rockbank.
- Correspondence has been received from community members regarding safety concerns in Caroline Springs.
- Discussion on the development of a new community safety plan following completion of current Safer City Plan in 2017. Committee members discussed the options of continuing with a standalone community safety plan or embedding the plan into the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

### Action

Committee members to consider options for development of the new community safety plan prior to the next committee meeting.

### 6.5 Victoria Police Update

Inspector T King provided an update on behalf of Victoria Police:

- The Meth Pre-Charge Program is being implemented with 12 registered and 3 completed. The program is being rolled out state-wide.
- Victoria Police are continuing to provide support for the HeliPad schools program, led by Westcare Medical Centre and funded by the previous Medical Local. The aim of the program is to minimise harm related to use of alcohol and other drugs. The program will soon be expanded to the Eastern corridor of the municipality.
- The new Ravenhall Train Station, due to open in 2017, will be staffed with Protective Service Officers.
- Updated crime statistics have been released. Overall offences have increased, including thefts from motor vehicles. The data is available on the Crime Statistics Agency website.

### 6.6 Agency Updates

M Griffiths reported on recent break-ins at Caroline Springs Square Shopping Centre.

P Doyle reported on an Emergency Readiness Event taking place at Barries Road, Melton on 14 July 2016 and included an invitation to Woodgrove Shopping Centre to observe the event.

P Doyle provided updated information on preventable house fires. The City of Melton is the sixth highest in the metropolitan area with 92 fires per 100,000 houses.

P Doyle reported on new representatives for the Municipal Emergency Management Committee including Ravenall and Dame Phyllis Prisons and Woodgrove.

### 7. Other Business

Nil.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 20 September 2016, 1.00 to 3.00pm, Caroline Springs Library.

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.