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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 2 June 2016 at 12pm in Civic Room 2

Present: Michael Homann, Mambourin Representative
Lesley Jenner, Community Representative
Kel Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)
Angus Jessel, Community Representative
Matthew Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
Warren Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)
Les Chitts, Community Representative
Tom Lay, Traffic Engineer (MCC)

Chairperson: Maree Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)

1. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed all present and introduced guest presenter, T Lay Traffic Engineer (MCC).

2. Apologies

Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor, City of Melton
Coral Crameri, Manager Community Care (MCC)
Pepsi Gulen, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

L Jenner/A Jessel

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held 7 April 2016.

5. Business Arising

5.1 Suggested Improvements - Business Excellence Awards

K Tori provided an update on discussions regarding proposed improvements to the Melton Business Excellence Awards judging process. The agreed improvements are:

- Judges debriefing to be scheduled at the conclusion of the judging process.
- Judges will consider and determine the winner of the DAC sponsored Access and Inclusion Award, at the final judges meeting.



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5.2 Resident Enquiry - change table facilities at Melton Library and Learning Hub

M Heaney clarified the resident enquiry related to facilities within the Maternal and Child Health area and not the change table facilities at Melton Library and Learning Hub. The enquiry was referred to appropriate Council staff within Maternal and Child Health.

6. General Business

6.1 Guest Presenter – Guidelines for disabled parking

Tom Lay, Traffic Engineer, Melton City Council

T Lay provided a briefing on the internal audit of accessible car parking spaces within school zones and on-street shopping areas including an overview of current standards. The DAC was consulted on the proposed availability and location of disabled car parking spaces at these locations. Recommendations from this briefing will be considered in line with the development of Council's Disabled Car Parking Guidelines.

6.2 2016 – 2018 DAC Membership Nominations

W Penna explained the process for nomination for the 2016 – 2018 Disability Advisory Committee. The committee will be appointed in August 2016. He acknowledged the outstanding work of the outgoing committee and thanked them for their commitment.

M Heaney on behalf of Cr K Majdlik thanked the committee for their valuable contribution, their ongoing support and for providing Council clear direction and guidance regarding access and inclusion for all.

A Jessel thanked Council for the opportunity and acknowledged the value of his participation from a personal growth perspective.

6.3 Metro Access Update

6.3.1 Victorian Disability Awards Nomination

Margaret Behan was nominated by Council for the Victorian Disability Awards and has been shortlisted as a finalist in two categories:

- Volunteer of the year
- Life time achievement

Winners will be announced at a gala presentation at Federation Square on 15 June 2016.

6.3.2 Draft State Disability Plan 2017 - 2020 Consultation

Consultation period for the Victorian State Disability Plan 2017 – 2020 has commenced with the release of a consultation website and discussion paper. All Victorians can support the consultation by providing feedback via www.statedisabilityplan.vic.gov.au

6.3.3 A Guide to Disability and Aged Service in the City of Melton

Metro Access has reviewed A Guide to Disability and Aged Service in the City of Melton and has determined to reprint the publication in its current format with minimal changes. The format will be reviewed again closer to the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) across the Brimbank/Melton area in 2018.



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6.3.4 Melton Business Breakfast

Melton City Council's Learning Board will host a business breakfast on 19 July 2016 at WestWaters Hotel. The breakfast will focus on the benefits of employing people with a disability. Mark Bagshaw, Managing Director Innov8 Consulting Group will be the Keynote Speaker. Matchworks are the major sponsor of the event and will provide information on available government support.

6.3.4 Opening of Bridge Road Athletics and Hockey Facility

A 'Come and Try' day featuring the Special Olympics will be part of the official opening celebration of the Bridge Road Athletics and Hockey Facility on 27 June 2016. Special Olympics will be available to assist people with a disability to link into clubs who will be tenants at the new facility. An invitation has been forwarded to the Melton Service Provider Network.

6.3.5 North West Melbourne Regional Information Strategy for Young People with Disabilities

W Penna attended the launch of the Information Strategy. The document provides recommendations on how the North West region can further improve access to information for young people with disabilities, their families and carers. The strategy is a Community Transition Support initiative supported by the State Government. Copies of the strategy will be made available to Council's Youth Services department and other relevant Council staff along with local disability service providers.

7. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

M Homann reported that the Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) will run a campaign after the Federal Election called Buyability. The purpose of the campaign is to emphasise the financial and economic benefits of supported employment and highlight the positive outcomes that ADEs provide for their employees and their local communities. The campaign will promote growth of the sector, encourage government and private sector procurement and assist the continued evolution of supported employment.

8. Next Meeting

To be confirmed.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.19pm.