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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 6 April 2017 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

Present: Cr K Majdlik (MCC)
L Chitts, Community Representative
C Cramer, Manager Community Care (MCC)
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)
M Homann, Mambourin Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
J Trijsburg, Coordinator Community Capacity (MCC)

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

1. Welcome

Cr Majdlik welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

D Ciavarella, Community Representative
P Gulen, Community Representative
W Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)

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 9 February 2017.

L Chitts / M Hutchinson

5. Business Arising

5.1 Intercultural Plan

J Trijsburg provided an overview of the progress of Councils Intercultural Plan. The Plan will focus on embracing cultural diversity, strengthening community participation, enhancing community responsiveness and supporting leadership and capacity. DAC members provided feedback from a disability perspective including potential challenges for people from non-English speaking backgrounds and newly arrived residents.



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5.2 Business Excellence Awards

Chairperson K Majdlik deferred the Business Excellence Awards agenda item to the DAC June 2017 meeting.

Action:

M Heaney to include Business Excellence Awards in the DAC June 2017 meeting agenda.

5.3 Pride of Melton Update

M Hutchinson provided an update on the current status of construction for stage 3 of the Pride of Melton Project and presented background information on stages 4 and 5 incorporating Bakery and Wallace Squares. Stages 4 and 5 of this project are currently in the very early design phase.

Action:

M Hutchinson to present concept plans for stages 4 and 5 at the June 2017 meeting of the DAC for consideration and feedback.

5.4 Metro Access Update

Melton Access Map

M Heaney reported that access maps for both Melton Township and Caroline Springs are included in the Melton Disability and Aged Services Guide to reflect infrastructure changes within the Melton Township precinct. The Melton Access Map has been reviewed and updated to include accessibility features and access routes.

State Disability Awards

M Heaney provided background on the State Disability Awards which recognise excellence across six categories. Nominations close on the 27 April 2017 with finalists announced on 17 July 2017. Council's 2017 application will nominate the Disability Advisory Committee in the category of 'Excellence in Creating Inclusion'. This category consists of:

- changing community attitudes,
- improving buildings and infrastructure,
- enhancing communication,
- increasing active participation.

6. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

L Chitts:

- Raised concerns regarding the lack of time restrictions on the disabled parking bays located in the Civic Centre public car park.

Action:

M Hutchinson to investigate and consider potential car parking time restrictions for the disabled parking bays and update DAC members at its June 2017 meeting.



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7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 1 June 2017 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

8. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.07pm.