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### DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE<sup>1</sup>

held on 5 October 2017 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

**Present:** Cr K Majdlik (MCC)  
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)  
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)  
M Homann, Mambourin Representative  
L Jenner, Community Representative  
P Gulen, Community Representative  
L Chitts, Community Representative  
W Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)  
C Cramer, Manager Community Care (MCC)  
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)  
B Marshall, Co-ordinator Economic Development and Tourism  
P Forbes, Business and Industry Development Officer

**Chairperson:** Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

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#### 1. Welcome

Cr Majdlik welcomed all present.

#### 2. Apologies

D Ciavarella, Community Representative

#### 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 3 August 2017.

L Jenner / M Homann

#### 5. Business Excellence Awards Discussion and Feedback

B Marshall and P Forbes provided an overview of the Business Excellence Awards outcomes and process. DAC members provided their feedback including their recognition of a number of significant improvements to this year's event. The DAC highlighted that the Business Excellence Awards provide the perfect platform to promote and educate local businesses on the importance of access and inclusion and its economic benefits. With this in mind the DAC



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provided the following feedback in relation the access and inclusion category sponsored by the DAC:

- Timely consultation with the DAC on any proposed changes to the access and inclusion category is recommended
- The 2017 awards model whereby applicants were required to nominate for the access and inclusion category, did not achieve the promotional and educational benefits of the previous model.
- The DAC involvement in the judging process for the access and inclusion category provided no value to the overall process.

**Action:**

M Heaney and B Marshall to meet with DAC representatives and relevant council officers to review the access and inclusion category and its judging process with outcomes reported at the June 2018 DAC meeting.

### 6. Business Arising

#### 5.1 Station Square Shopping Centre reserve

M Hutchinson had investigated the provision of a path through the Station Square Shopping Centre reserve and reported that the path is warranted and has been referred to Council's Capital Works Program for future funding.

#### 5.2 Pride of Melton Concept Plan Stage 4 and 5

This item to be referred to the February 2018 DAC meeting.

**Action:**

M Heaney to include in the February 2018 DAC meeting agenda.

#### 5.3 O'Neills Rd Street Lighting

M Hutchinson reported that Council is conducting a street light audit across a number of sites in the municipality and O'Neills Road will be added to this list. The audit is scheduled for completion in June 2018.

#### 5.4 Uneven Paving Civic Centre Entrance

M Hutchinson reported that all paving at the Melton Civic Centre entrance via Unitt St has been scheduled for resurfacing by June 2018.

#### 5.5 Business Excellence Awards Feedback to Council

K Majdlik confirmed that she had provided DAC feedback to Council with the outcome being that relevant council officers who have responsibility for the delivery of the Business Excellence Awards will attend the October DAC meeting.

### 7. General Business

#### 6.1 Metro Access Update

W Penna provided the following update:

- CARE Melton Expo will be held on Thursday 12 October, with this year's event including 62 providers including the National Disability Insurance Agency.



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- The new look 'A Guide to Disability and Aged Services' will be distributed at the CARE Melton Expo. The guide will be printed in two sizes; 500 copies A3 and 2,000 copies A4 elongated.

### 6.2 People Strategy Disability Action Plan

M Heaney reported that Council's new strategy incorporating the Disability Action Plan, Early Years Plan, Youth Strategy and Ageing Well Strategy is progressing well with the focus now moving to developing actions that will formulate the strategies action plan. The next meeting of the DAC will dedicate time to developing actions that support people with a disability and carers.

## 8. Other Business

### Updates from Representatives

C Cramer:

- Provided DAC members with information regarding the invitation for a DAC community representative to attend an 'Audience with the Mayor'.

#### Action:

C Cramer to provide community members with an electronic copy of the invitation to an 'Audience with the Mayor' and RSVP on behalf of the DAC.

DAC community representatives to consider the invitation and notify C Cramer of their availability to attend and represent the DAC.

K Majdlik

- Attended the successful opening of the Mambourin Training Centre and congratulated M Homann and the Mambourin team on this exceptional initiative.
- Formally congratulated the committee on their success in winning the 2017 State Disability Awards in the category 'Excellence in Promoting Rights, Fairness and Safety' and thanked W Penna for nominating the DAC and submitting the application.

W Penna:

- Promoted the new Inclusive Movement Classes targeting adults of all abilities. The project is funded and delivered by Council in partnership with VicHealth. Cost to participate is free with classes being delivered from Rockbank Hall commencing 24 October 2017

M Heaney:

- Council submitted an application for the installation of a Changing Places Facility at Melton Waves Leisure Centre. Applications for funding up to \$100,000 close on Friday 13 October with notification provided in February 2018. Council's application was based on receiving the maximum grant allocation.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 7 December 2017 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

## 10. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.