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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 9 February 2017 at 12.00pm in the Bridge Road Community Centre

Present: L Chitts, Community Representative
Cr K Majdlik (MCC)
C Cramer, Manager Community Care (MCC)
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
W Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)
P Gulen, Community Representative
K Water Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing (MCC)
M Kelaher Coordinator City Design (MCC)

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

1. Welcome

Cr Majdlik welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)
M Homann, Mambourin Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
D Civarella, 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 1 December 2016.

M Hutchinson / L Chitts

5. Business Arising

5.1 Faith and Disability Workshop

W Penna reported DAC feedback from the Faith and Disability Workshop hosted by Council on 25 November 2016, was forwarded to the Community Planning team.



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5.2 Melton South Community Centre (Disability Parking Access)

M Hutchinson reported that an additional accessible parking bay has been installed in the car park adjacent to the Melton South Community Centre.

5.3 Melton South Community Centre (General Access)

W Penna provided an update on general access to the Melton South Community Centre which included outcomes from a recent access audit conducted by Access Audits Australia.

6. General Business

6.1 Tour of Bridge Road Regional Play Space – Accessibility

M Kelaher led DAC representatives on a tour of the Bridge Road Regional Play Space. The tour provided representatives with practical examples of how their feedback resulted in improved access design features, for example:

- additional seating with arms and back rests
- improved path connections to car parking spaces
- connecting pathways meet the Australian standards and include turning circles for wheelchair access
- provision of vertical fencing to the entire site
- inclusion of two areas for quiet play
- increased wheelchair accessibility including access to water play, water pump and sand play areas
- provision of wheelchair accessible picnic tables and accessible toilets.

6.2 Council Plan and Community Vision Update

K Waters provided a progress report on the 2017 – 2021 Council Plan and Community Vision. After consultation with 2,200 residents, both documents are now in draft and will be circulated to the community for final feedback.

'Melton City 2036 – The City We Imagine' is the first community vision for the municipality. It will provide a vision for what the community wants the City to look like, feel like and offer in 2036. It is written in the words of the people who shared their ideas.

Action:

W Penna to circulate the Draft 2017 – 2021 Council Plan and Community Vision to DAC Representatives.

6.3 Metro Access Updates

6.3.1 ASPECT Respite Facility

W Penna reported representatives from Council's Community Care team toured a new respite facility which has recently opened in the City of Wyndham. The facility funded by the Department of Health and Human Services, will be managed by Aspect - Autism Spectrum Australia.



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The facility is funded to deliver a range of respite options for people aged 15 -25 years who:

- have a diagnosis of being on the autism spectrum,
- require positive behaviour support and respite,
- live in the west of Melbourne, Melton or Brimbank municipalities

6.3.2 Community Access and Leadership Australia Day Awards

W Penna updated the DAC on the winners of the Community Access and Leadership Award announced at the Australia Day Ceremony on 26 January 2017. Bob and Barb Paterson who received this award have been foster carers for children with disabilities for more than 20 years. They are strong advocates and work hard to ensure children in their care have equal access and opportunity.

7. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

P Gulen:

- Reported that Melton residents who have a disability and who have exceptional needs or circumstances, can access NDIS funding prior to its scheduled October 2018 roll out.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.23pm.