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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 1 December 2016 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

Present: M Homann, Mambourin Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
D Civarella, Community Representative
L Chitts, Community Representative
Cr K Majdlik, City of Melton
C Cramer, Manager Community Care (MCC)
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
W Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik, Councillor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)
P Gulen, 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 15 September 2016.

M Homann / M Hutchinson

5. Business Arising

5.1 Additional Question for Council Plan Focus Groups

W Penna reported that the additional question developed by the DAC for inclusion in the Council Plan Focus Groups was referred to the relevant Council staff. Furthermore this question was included in the community consultation that occurred at the 2016 CARE Melton Expo.

5.2 DAC Profile on Council Website

W Penna reviewed Councils website and confirmed that the DAC is profiled including the 2016 - 2018 DAC Terms of Reference.

5.3 Barries Road Footpath

M Hutchinson reported the footpath surrounding Woodgrove Shopping Centre along Barries Road will be repaired early 2017.

5.4 Positive Partnership Workshop

W Penna reported that information on the Positive Partnership Workshop was distributed via MetroAccess electronic databases.

6. General Business**6.1 Growing Suburbs Fund**

M Hutchinson reported Stage 2 of the Town Centre Project, funded in the first round of the Growing Suburbs Fund, is now complete. Council will consult the DAC early 2017 on Stages 3 and 4 regarding access.

Additionally, Minister for Local Government Natalie Hutchins, announced \$4.385M in funding for the City of Melton under the second round of Growing Suburbs Fund. Projects funded were Caroline Springs Leisure Centre court expansion \$2.5M, Burnside Heights Children's and Community Centre Stage 2 \$1M, Scouts Environment Centre Burnside Heights \$500,000, Kenswick Drive Reserve \$194,000 and Botanic Trail \$190,900. This funding announcement represents a great outcome for Melton, and will benefit our diverse community including people with disabilities.

6.2 McKenzie Street Development

C Cramereri reported that Council's Community Care Team had moved into the new facility located on the corner of McKenzie and Smith Streets.

The 5 McKenzie Street building is being refitted to provide much needed space to facilitate additional Social Support programs.

6.3 Metro Access Updates**6.3.1 CARE Melton Expo**

W Penna provided an overview of the success of the CARE Melton Expo delivered on the 17 October 2016 including:

- statistics i.e. attendance, outcomes and feedback, received
- results of community consultations from the 'Blooming Good Idea Tree'
- challenges regarding carpark management
- results of the survey - How carers source information?
- date for next year's Expo – 12 October 2017.



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6.3.2 Overcoming the Barriers Workshop

MetroAccess will be supporting the Cancer Council of Victoria to deliver a workshop in Caroline Springs. The workshop aims to support carers of people with disabilities to overcome barriers and form strategies to have the people they care for screened for cancers. The workshop will be held on 2 February 2017 at the Caroline Springs Library.

L Chitts noted that the forum falls on the same day as the next DAC meeting and suggested rescheduling to Thursday 9 February 2017. Members agreed and suggested to meet and tour the New Regional Play space located at Bridge Road, Melton.

Action:

W Penna to reschedule the next DAC meeting to 9 February 2017 at the Bridge Road Children's and Community Centre.

6.3.3 Faith and Disability Forum

Council in partnership with Melton Interfaith Network and the Department of Health and Human Service delivered the Faith and Disability Forum on Friday 25 November 2016. It was attended by 60 people and included speakers from Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, and people with disabilities.

The DAC representatives who attended the forum all found it worthwhile and congratulated the organisers for discussing a topic that is challenging too many people.

Action:

W Penna to pass on congratulations to Community Planning Team.

7. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

M Homman:

- Mambourin Enterprises Melton will relocate its supported employment service to Derrimut to make room for the expanding needs of day programs.

L Chitts:

- Attended the community consultation session for the development of a 20 year Vision for the City of Melton.
- Thanked the Melton City Council for its participation and support of the Sons of the West men's health promotion. This program has proven very beneficial to a diverse group of men.

D Civarella :

- Discussed the success of the City of Maribyrnong Leadership Program for Women with a Disability she recently completed.
- Raised concerns regarding accessible parking at Melton South Community Centre and Woodgrove Shopping Centre.

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- Discussed access issues for passengers disembarking from Multipurpose Taxis at Melton South Community Centre.
- Will be participating in the upcoming Council Plan workshop.

Action:

M Hutchinson to investigate additional parking around Melton South Community Centre and write to QIC, management of Woodgrove regarding disability parking requirements.

Action:

W Penna to investigate access challenges around Melton South Community Centre.

K Majdlik thanked:

- the Community for re-electing her to Council for the next 4 years.
- fellow Councillors for appointing her to once again Chair the DAC.
- DAC members for their valued contribution during 2016 and wished all a safe and happy Christmas.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 9 February 2017 commencing at 12.00pm in Bridge Road Community Centre, Community Room, 260-266 Bridge Road, Melton South.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.22pm.