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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 7 June 2018 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

Present: Cr K Majdlik, City of Melton (MCC)
M Homann, Service Provider Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
L Chitts, Community Representative
D Ciavarella, Community Representative
C Cramer, Manager Community Care (MCC)
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)
W Penna, MetroAccess Officer (MCC)
J Rifat, Project Officer City Projects (MCC)
M Perry, Senior Landscape Architect (MCC)
A Mason, Coordinator City Amenity and Compliance (MCC)

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

1. Welcome

Cr K Majdlik welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (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 5 April 2018.

M Homann / L Jenner

5. Business Arising

5.1 Hannah Watts Park Stakeholder Consultation

J Rifat and M Perry presented findings from the community and stakeholder consultations for Hannah Watts Park Stage 1 development. Summary of key findings are:

- Broad support for prioritising upgrade to the playground and picnic facilities
- Increase shade and barbeque spaces
- Improve pathways and linkages
- Upgrade toilet amenities providing safe access

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- Liberty Swing underutilised, is failing mechanically and does not provide an inclusive experience for users.

Discussion occurred regarding the challenges with the existing Liberty Swing which is in direct contrast to the success and positive feedback received regarding the accessible and inclusive play equipment located at the Taylors Hill Youth and Community Centre playground. The DAC agreed that alternative play equipment that is both accessible and inclusive would provide greater benefit to the community compared to the existing Liberty Swing.

Action:

J Rifat to provide DAC members with options for accessible and inclusive play equipment as a potential replacement for the existing Liberty Swing by Friday 22 June 2018.

DAC members to provide feedback on preferred play equipment options to W Penna by Friday 29 June 2018.

J Rifat and M Perry to also consider seating options that are accessible to support older people and people with mobility challenges.

6. Footpath Trading Guidelines

A Mason provided an update on the development of Council's Footpath Trading Guidelines. The guidelines will provide specific standards for pedestrian and kerb zone widths, outdoor furniture, heaters, awnings and footpath signage in line with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).

A Mason outlined the consultation process that has been undertaken and sought further comment from the DAC members. DAC members highlighted the importance of maximizing unobstructed pedestrian clearways particularly in high traffic areas, while taking into consideration the business needs of traders particularly in older parts of the municipality where footpath widths are reduced. In addition DAC requested consideration be given to the:

- increase in motorized scooters, and
- potential to undertake further consultation after the implementation of the guidelines to monitor its success and identify reasonable adjustments.

7. General Business**7.1 Metro Access Update****7.1.1 2018 State Disability Awards nominations**

Council had submitted two nominations for the State Disability Awards being the working group responsible for the development of Melton: A City for All People Strategy and the Community Care team for the delivery of the Guide to Disability and Aged Services. Announcement of finalists for these awards is scheduled for 16 August 2018.

7.1.2 Melton GO! Arty

W Penna thanked DAC members for attending the celebratory launch of the program indicating that greeting cards are now available at no cost from Melton and Caroline Springs Civic Libraries with each greeting card including a positive disability message.

C Cramer informed members that the project will be nominated for a Local Government LGPro Aged and Disability Awards

7.1.3 Disability and Aged Services Guide

The guide has been reviewed with some minor improvements in particular highlighting its use as a planning tool for people transitioning to the NDIS. The new guide is now available for distribution and will be widely circulated at the October 2018 Care Melton Expo.



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7.1.4 Carers Big Day Out

W Penna promoted Carers Big Day Out which will be held at the Melton Community Hall on Thursday 8 June from 10am to 2pm. This event delivered by Council, provides carers an opportunity to experience a number of cooking, art and relaxation workshops.

7.1.5 Get Active and Stay Motivated for All Abilities

W Penna also promoted the Get Active and Stay Motivated initiative which targets primary school aged children with a disability. The program will be delivered by Council during the upcoming school holidays at Melton and Caroline Springs Leisure Centres and will include children participating in an afternoon of modified sports and activities.

7.2 DAC Membership

M Heaney indicated that the 2016 – 2018 term for the current committee will end at the completion of this meeting. This will result in all community representative positions becoming vacant and in line with the DAC Terms of Reference will be advertised and reappointed for the 2018 – 2020 term. Self-nominations will be received until Friday 22 June.

7.3 Changing Places Update

M Heaney provided the following update:

- Installation of the changing places facility will occur in the lift well adjacent to the front counter at Melton Waves Leisure Centre
- Specifications and design documentation has been approved by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
- Communication plan has been developed
- Works will commence end of June with completion scheduled for September 2018

8. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

M Homann:

- Mambourin Services have appointed additional staff to support clients transitioning to NDIS and emphasised the importance of promoting the need for people with a disability and carers to be well prepared for their NDIS planning meeting.

K Majdlik:

- Expressed her thanks and gratitude to all DAC members, thanking them for their commitment and dedication. Also praised the community representatives for their team approach, willingness to contribute and work collaboratively.

C Crameri:

- Also expressed her thanks and gratitude to members.

M Hutchinson:

- Indicated that the Town Centre Redevelopment is on schedule and Council is working with traders through this process providing support where possible.

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9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 2 August 2018 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

10. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.38pm.