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RECONCILIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Held on 20 March 2018 at 6.00pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, City of Melton
Cr Melissa De Santis, Councillor, City of Melton
Dawn Davis, Kirrip House Representative
Wanda Bargo, Aboriginal Community Member
Peter Webster, Community Representative
Annette Vickery, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Engagement Officer, Melton City Council
Tony Ball, Acting Coordinator Community Capacity, Melton City Council

Community

Observers: Ben Rind, Habiba Rind, Naz Rind, Ismail Rind

Chairperson: Cr Melissa De Santis, Councillor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Cr De Santis welcomed attendees and did an Acknowledgement of Country.

2. Apologies

Ron Jones, Wurundjeri Tribe and Land Compensation Heritage Council
Bryon Powell, Wadawurrong Representative
Phillip Wood, Aboriginal Community Member
Karen Jones, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020

2018 Reconciliation Action Plan tabled and discussed.

It was recommended that the plan be endorsed by the committee and referred to Council for its consideration.

Motion

Councillor Carli/P Webster
To endorse the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Action

A Vickery to ensure endorsed Reconciliation Action Plan is attached to committee minutes and presented to a future Council meeting.

5. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**Motion**

Councillor De Santis/P Webster

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held 22 August 2017.

6. Business Arising**6.1. Melton History Project**

History of Melton Project is nearing completion and permission has been received to use the first section of this work as a resource on First Nation's history.

7. General Business**7.1 KIRRIP update**

Kirrip and DHHS are working towards increasing management of targeted funding to be administered through Aboriginal organisations.

Traineeship Program funding is being sought by Kirrip through DHHS for up to three years.

Deadly Race program, as an activity of NAIDOC across the Western Region, will occur in November and will be coordinated by Kirrip.

Ongoing service delivery of specialist services via outreach to Kirrip including; Youth, Family and Health and Wellbeing continuing.

"Bubba Grub" (Salvation Army funded nutritional food program) has been established at KIRRIP. Communal cooking produces between 30 and 50 ready to eat meals for distribution as emergency relief support for children and Elders.

As part of NAIDOC week in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health there will be a cultural day.

7.2 Djirra (previously Family Violence Prevention Legal Service) update

Wanda reported that plans are underway to open an additional four offices, Geelong, Shepparton and Warnambool are confirmed. The fourth will be in the western suburbs but has yet to be decided upon. This will be a Family Violence Service that primarily supports Indigenous women.

Sister's Day events are also in high demand and planned for later in the year.

Women's Place now open in the metro area with regional services to follow.

7.3 Young Minds Matter

Cr Lara Carli promoted the Young Minds Matter – Youth Mental Health forum for young people 12 years plus and their families. This is a Councillor initiative and will be held on 19/04/18 from 5.00 to 8.30 pm at the Catholic Regional College in Bullmans Road, Melton.



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7.4 NAIDOC Schedule 2018

Cr Lara Carli and Cr Melissa de Santis asked that a full NAIDOC schedule be put in place to ensure a range of activities throughout the week, very much like Reconciliation Week. They asked that a particular focus be on activities for children that had cultural or community values and connections.

Action:

A Vickery to provide draft NAIDOC schedule to future RAC meeting.

7.5 Terms of Reference Review

The Terms of Reference were discussed and it was resolved that the following changes were to be recommended to Council:

The membership be amended to include the Third Land Council organisation, Bunurong; that the membership be increased to include two additional community members, and the quorum be amended to include two Aboriginal Community Members.

Action:

A Vickery to provide updated draft Terms of Reference to future RAC meeting.

8. Next Meeting date

To be advised. Annette Vickery to send around proposed meeting dates for both Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Majority preference will be finalized and sent around as meeting invitations.

9. Close of Business

Documents provided to Reconciliation Advisory Committee Members:

1. Minutes from 27 August 2017 Reconciliation Advisory Committee Meeting
2. Melton City Council Reconciliation Policy 2018-2020 and Action Plan