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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 5 April 2018 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

Present: M Homann, Service Provider Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
L Chitts, Community Representative
C Crameri, Manager Community Care (MCC)
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)
P Gulen, Community Representative
A Yarde, (NDIA)
T Van Hammond, (NDIA)
P Neilson, (NDIA)
J Rifat, (MCC)
B Sell, (MCC)

Chairperson: Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

1. Welcome

C Crameri welcomed all present.

2. Apologies

Cr K Majdlik, D Ciavarella, W Penna

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 February 2018.

L Jenner / M Homann

5. National Disability Insurance Scheme Q & A session

Amber Yarde, Tony Van Hammond and Peter Neilson representing the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) conducted a question and answer session regarding the roll out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) across the City of Melton.

Roll out across Melton and Brimbank municipalities will commence 1 October 2018 with early transition of some residents occurring. Recruitment of NDIS Planners for Melton and Brimbank has commenced with the announcement of NDIS Local Area Co-ordinators to be made in the coming weeks.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Business Excellence Awards Update

M Heaney provided an update on outcomes from discussions with Economic Development regarding the Access and Inclusion award. DAC members agreed to sponsor the award in accordance with the following:

- All finalists in each category will be considered for the Access and Inclusion award.
- A panel of independent judges appointed by Council will determine which of the finalists' best meets the criteria for the Access and Inclusion award.
- The DAC will provide the judging panel with a statement that outlines the intent of the Access and Inclusion award.
- Two questions as determined by the DAC, will be included in the Business Excellence Award nomination form. The two questions will require the nominee to outline how they address access and inclusion for all people.
- The independent judges will shortlist the nominees and undertake site visits for all finalists and determine the ultimate winner of the Access and Inclusion award.
- The DAC will be provided with an opportunity to speak at the Sponsors event and announce the winner of the Access and Inclusion award at the Business Excellence Awards ceremony.

Statement:

This award promotes the vision that Melton is a 'City for All People'. That the community including its business community, strives to be accessible and responsive to the needs of people with a disability, a place where people with a disability feel supported, accepted and safe. This award recognises the business that best delivers on this vision and demonstrates its commitment to access and inclusion.

Question 1 and 2:

Describe how you have made your business accessible for people who have a disability including customers and/or staff?

What have you done to ensure people with a disability feel welcomed when they visit your business?

6.2 Disabled Car Parking Melton Library and Learning Hub

M Hutchinson reported outcomes from the investigation regarding provision of additional disabled car parking spaces adjacent to the front entrance of the Melton Library and Learning Hub. DAC members agreed that appropriate parking was provided with the provision of the existing four disabled car parking spaces adjacent to the rear entrance.

7. Hannah Watts Park Redevelopment

J Rifat and B Sell provided an overview of the upcoming redevelopment of Hannah Watts Park focusing on Stage 1 of the project being the area off the High Street entrance incorporating the existing playground, toilet amenities and car park areas. Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken. DAC members highlighted the importance of the redevelopment to be accessible and safe for people of all abilities.

Action:

J Rifat and B Sell to present outcomes of the community and stakeholder consultation at the June 2018 meeting of the DAC.



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8. General Business

8.1 Metro Access Update

8.1.1 2018 State Disability Awards nominations

M Heaney informed the DAC that Council had submitted two nominations for the State Disability Awards. In the category of 'Excellence in Promoting Rights, Fairness and Safety,' Council nominated the working group responsible for the development of Melton: A City for All People Strategy. Also in the category of 'Excellence in Creating Inclusive Communities,' Council nominated the Community Care team for the delivery of the Guide to Disability and Aged Services.

8.1.2 Melton GO! Arty

M Heaney provided the DAC with an overview of the upcoming Melton GO! Arty initiative. This initiative is for children and young people with a disability aged 5 to 17 years. Over a three week period, participants will be involved in creative activities including painting and drawing. At the conclusion of the program, the Mayor Cr Bob Turner, will select one art piece from each participant which will be photographed and developed into a greeting card.

Greeting cards will be available at no charge from a range of Council facilities and will incorporate a positive message about access and inclusion for all.

A celebratory launch and exhibition will be conducted in May 2018 at the Melton Library and Learning Hub.

9. Other Business

Updates from Representatives

M Homann:

- Mambourin Services opened a new office in Sunbury in March 2018 in preparation for NDIS.

M Heaney:

- Distributed the invitation for the celebratory launch of Melton: A City for All People Strategy.

10. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 7 June 2018 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

11. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.48pm.