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## Road2Zero Steering Committee Meeting

held on 4 September 2019 at 10.30am in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

**Present:** Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, Melton City Council  
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council  
Kate McCluskey, Acting Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing, Melton City Council  
Jayde McBurnie, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council  
Jessica McArdle, Road and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council  
Chris Stuhldreier, Sergeant, Victoria Police  
Jason Dolman, Senior Sergeant, Victoria Police  
Amanda Venda, Community Road Safety Coordinator, VicRoads

**Chairperson:** Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, Melton City Council

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### 1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members present and acknowledged the Traditional Owners.

### 2. Apologies

Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor, Melton City Council  
Kerry Walton, Traffic and Transport Coordinator, Melton City Council  
Tom Lay, Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer, Melton City Council  
Jamaica Barrientos, Senior Youth Project Officer, Melton City Council  
Frank Newah-Jarfoi, Youth Project Worker, Melton City Council  
Zorka Dunstan, Inspector, Victoria Police  
Leanne Abdullah, Community Road Safety Coordinator, VicRoads  
Karen Robinson, North West Metro Regional Coordinator, Road Trauma Support Services Victoria  
Kim Leech, L2P Project Officer Melton/Moorabool, Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services  
Alan Nguyen, Area Coordinator, Fit to Drive Foundation  
George Greaves, Member of Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS) and Community Representative  
Michael Malady, Secondary School Nurse, Staughton Secondary College  
Liz Pace, Community Representative

### 3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

### 4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

#### Noted.

Minutes of the Road2Zero Steering Committee meeting held on 4 June 2019 were adopted by Council at the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 22 July 2019.

**5. Business Arising**

Nil

**6. General Business****6.1 Restraint Fitting Activity**

J McArdle shared upcoming free child restraint fitting activities:

- Digger's Rest Pet Show (Digger's Rest) on Sunday, 13 Oct
- Children's Week (Melton) on Tuesday, 22 Oct
- Safer City Day (Caroline Springs) on Saturday, 26 Oct
- Operation Safe Plate (Melton) on Saturday, 16 Nov

**6.2 Safer City Day event**

J McArdle shared that planning is currently underway for the Safer City Day event to be held on Saturday, 26 October at CS Square, Caroline Springs Shopping Centre. Local community safety services to be present as well as a number of family activities. J McArdle and J McBurnie to meet with CS Square on Thursday, 5 September.

**Action**

J McArdle to follow up with Victoria Police and VicRoads regarding attendance at Safer City Day.

**6.3 Reports****6.3.1 Youth Services**

Nil

**6.3.2 Victoria Police**

C Stuhldreier shared the current City of Melton road statistics for the year to date. He reported that there were three fatalities over January – February which has since slowed with six fatalities for the past 12 months. An average of 6-8 fatalities/year indicates a 20 per cent increase. Serious injury collisions have reduced by 32 per cent from 63 last year down to 44. Minor collisions are slightly up.

C Stuhldreier reported impounds have increased by 71 per cent.

C Stuhldreier noted that Victoria Police is coming in to busy period for targeting road safety:

- Operation Argus (5 - 8 September) to coincide with AFL finals
- Operation Scoreboard (26 – 29 September) for AFL Grand Final long weekend
- Operation Furlong (early November) for Spring Carnival

C Stuhldreier reported a statewide focus on drug testing of drivers.

Discussion around Boundary Rd/Hopkins Road intersection blackspot and road safety concern.



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### Action

J McArdle to determine the current contact at VicRoads who liaises with Melton City Council traffic engineering department.

J McArdle to invite traffic engineer representatives from VicRoads and Melton City Council to next Road2Zero Steering Committee meeting to further discuss Boundary Road/Hopkins Road intersection concern.

### 6.3.3 VicRoads

A Venda noted the recent merge of VicRoads and Public Transport Victoria (PTV) with Department of Transport.

A Venda reported that VicRoads grants have closed for the year, therefore she is spending time observing and evaluating current programs. Evaluation being undertaken by Deloitte and may result in an overhaul of grants program.

### 6.3.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee

J McBurnie reported that last meeting did not meet quorum. Next meeting to be held Wednesday, 11 September.

### 6.3.5 Traffic and Transport

Nil

### 6.3.6 Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS)

Nil

### 6.3.7 L2P (Learner Driver Program)

K Leech not present however provided following report tabled by J McArdle:

Nine new mentors being trained on Saturday, 7 September at Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services (DCES) Melton, recruited from Sons of the West workshop where new L2P promotional video was screened.

Promotional video was shown at Bacchus Marsh Rotary resulting in a cash donation. The video is on loop in Melton Toyota waiting room with their vehicle videos.

Quarterly Statistics - 48 learners on the road, seven licenses, 744 drive hours and 28 active mentors. There have been a total 152 licenses achieved through the program. Thirty learners are currently on the waitlist.

The L2P program is now branded as TAC L2P. Vehicles and media information will be rebranded over the next six months accordingly.

Still working towards replacing old L2P vehicle in Melton. M Wilson reported that Melton City Council's Community Funding and Projects Officer is looking at grant opportunities.

**6.4 School Programs****6.4.1 Fit2Drive**

Nil

**6.4.2 Road Smart**

Nil

**6.4.3 Looking After Our Mates**

Nil

**6.4.4 Be Prepared Program**

Nil

**7. Other Business****7.1 Street lighting concern**

M Wilson raised concern regarding the delay in switching on street and traffic lights after installation. Street lights are constructed and installed, often by Council or VicRoads, however commissioning by Powercor can be delayed for some time post-installation. Unlit lights can create a community safety and road safety concern. Cr Carli reported that Council CEO, Kelvin Tori, sent a letter to Powercor on behalf of Council regarding issue and particularly Westwood Drive Bridge following fatality.

**Action**

Member agencies to investigate whether there is awareness of this issue amongst their organisations.

J McBurnie to raise street lighting concern with the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

Cr Carli to report back on response to letter sent by Kelvin Tori.

**7.2 Community Road Safety Forum**

C Stuhldreier requested update on next Community Road Safety Forum as usually held twice yearly. J McArdle and M Wilson stated next forum likely for March 2020.

Cr Carli raised that Lakeview Senior College was a well-received location for the previous forum. Committee resolved that the March Forum would potentially be held at Lakeview Senior College.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on 21 November 2019 at 10.30am in the Civic Room 1, Melton Civic Centre.



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**9. Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 11:24am.