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Road2Zero Steering Committee Meeting

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

Present: Cr L Carli (Deputy Mayor)
Cr S Ramsey, Councillor
INSP Z Dunstan, Victoria Police
K Leech, Djerrivarrh Community and Education Services
M Malady, Staughton Secondary College
A Nguyen, Fit to Drive Foundation
L Pace, Community Representative
L Smith, City of Melton
SGT Chris Stuhldreier, Victoria Police
J Webb, City of Melton
K Walton, City of Melton
M Venne-Rowe, City of Melton
A Venda, VicRoads

Chairperson: Cr L Carli (Deputy Mayor)

1. Welcome

Cr Carli welcomed all members present.

2. Apologies

Matthew Wilson, City of Melton
J Barrientos, City of Melton
G Greaves, Member of Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS) and Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

Cr L Carli / K Leech

That the Minutes from the meeting held 5 March 2019 were noted.

5. Business Arising

- 5.1 J Webb shared the promotional material for the Community Road Safety Forum (CRSF).
- 5.2 J Webb shared electronic copies of the current grant programs offered by VicRoads.
- 5.3 A Venda promoted the CRSF among VicRoads networks.

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- 5.4 J Webb contacted local driving schools to promote the CRSF.
- 5.5 K Walton shared the completed parking and driving around schools brochures with the Committee.
- 5.6 K Walton has now determined that funding is not necessary to provide the parking and driving around school brochures in other languages as Council's website has the capacity to support the brochure in other languages.
- 5.7 K Walton has placed the parking and driving around school brochures on the Council website under the area of 'parking' and currently there are nine brochures available.

7. Other Business

On agreement by the members of the Committee the presentation on the Proud City, Safe Communities Plan was brought forward.

Proud City, Safe Communities Plan

M Venne-Rowe provided an update on development of the Proud City, Safe Communities Plan.

A full presentation was tabled at the meeting.

Action

M Venne-Rowe to send the Proud City, Safe Communities Plan project overview and presentation to the Committee.

6. General Business**6.1 Community Road Safety Forum**

J Webb noted that the CRSF held on Thursday 21 March 2019 at Lakeview Senior College, Caroline Springs attracted over 60 participants. There were 24 evaluations collected at the forum with very positive feedback received.

6.2 Restraint Fitting Activity

J Webb noted that the free child restraint activity held at the Diggers Rest Multicultural Day on Sunday 31 March 2019 was well attended with 17 child restraints fitted on the day.

6.3 National Road Safety Week

Council recently promoted National Road Safety Week that was held from 6 to 12 May through a social media campaign urging the community to take the pledge to be safe drivers on the road.

6.4 Fatality Free Friday

Council promoted Fatality Free Friday (FFF) held on 31 May through a social media campaign. A media release was also completed to support FFF.



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6.5 Senior Drivers Expo

J Webb noted that a Senior Drivers Expo will be held at the Melton Library and Learning Hub on Saturday 22 June 2019. The program is being delivered in partnership with RoadSafe Westgate. J Webb urged Committee members to promote the Expo through their networks.

Action

J Webb to send the Senior Drivers Expo flyer electronically to the Committee to distribute to their networks.

6.6 Reports

6.6.1 Youth Services

Nil

Z Dunstan left the meeting at 11.45am

6.6.2 Victoria Police

C Stuhldreier shared the current City of Melton road statistics for the year to date. He reported that fatalities are currently at four for the year to date compared to two at the same time last year. Serious injury collisions are at 24 compared to 27, down by 11 percent. Other Injury Collisions are at 64 compared to 49, up by 30.6 percent. Vehicle impoundments are up from 213 for the previous 12 months to 348 current, a 63.4 percent increase.

6.6.3 VicRoads

A Venda reported that the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) has committed to funding an increased \$33.4 million for the L2P program over the next four years, until 30 June 2023. From 1 July 2019, the program will be expanded to include new features such as increased number of learner places, improved support for both learners and mentors across programs, and refined eligibility criteria. All councils and eligible organisations are required to apply each year for the L2P funding.

A Venda shared that the Safe Transportation of Children in Cars grants are open from 1 May and will close on 12 June 2019. This grant is eligible to councils that have been identified as having a population of culturally and linguistically diverse, Indigenous or socially disadvantaged residents. The grant aims to encourage municipalities to develop, promote and with the assistance of the Early Learning Association of Australia and recommended providers, deliver a targeted child restraint education event that also includes a restraint checking aspect.

6.6.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee

L Smith provided a report on the recent Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting in May 2019. L Smith highlighted the major discussion point which was the recent crime at Bakery and Wallace Squares in Melton.

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K Walton reported that Council received funding from VicRoads to assist in the deployment of three Variable Message Signs which promote road safety information at key locations that experience safety issues.

K Walton shared that Council's 2019-2020 capital works program has allocated funding to address road side hazards along Leakes Road between the Western and Melton Highways. Improvement works will include items such as guardrail, wire rope barriers, removal of hazards etc. It also includes the reduction of speed limits down to 80km per hour.

6.6.6 Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS)

Nil

6.6.7 L2P (Learner Driver Program)

K Leech reported that the L2P program waiting list is now at 39 people. Two new mentors are being trained next month. Ten recently trained mentors have been recruited from the Sons of the West program.

K Leech shared that the L2P 10th birthday celebration held on 27 May was very successful. Delegates from TAC, VicRoads and Council attended. It celebrated that the program has achieved 150 licences with 150 mentors providing over 19,400 hours of supervised driving. K Leech thanked Council for their ongoing support for the past 10 years, especially J Webb. The L2P promotional video was launched at the event and this was presented to the Road2Zero Steering Committee. K Leech noted that the production of the video was funded by a grant received from Council.

K Leech shared that the L2P mentors information session held on 9 May regarding preparing your learner for their licence session was very successful with over 30 in attendance.

K Leech noted that the TAC has now made a further four year commitment to the funding available for the L2P program. The program has now been branded as the TAC L2P program.

6.7 School Programs**6.7.1 Fit2Drive**

A Nguyen shared that the Fit to Drive program for 2018-2019 was held at Catholic Regional College, Melton and Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services. Kurunjang Secondary College will also host a session on the 17 June 2019. This will complete three bookings for the year. Melton Secondary College postponed their booking and will be hosting a session in August 2019.

A Nguyen noted that in April 2019, five Victoria Police Officers from the Melton/Brimbank Proactive Unit were trained to facilitate the Fit to Drive program with an additional two officers to be trained next week.

6.7.2 Road Smart

Nil



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6.7.3 Looking After Our Mates

A Nguyen shared that the Looking After Our Mates (LAOM) program for 2018-2019 was held at Melton Central Junior Football Netball Club, Melton Secondary College and Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services VCAL group. Currently the program is not being held at many schools across the Metro North West (MNW) region. Compared to all other local government areas in the MNW region, the City of Melton has been the most active.

6.7.4 Be Prepared Program

K. Leech shared that the Be Prepared road safety program was delivered by Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services for the community VCAL program on 13 May 2019. There were 18 participants that attended with very positive feedback received.

7. Other Business

Proud City, Safe Communities Plan

This presentation was brought forward and provided following agenda item 5.7.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3 September 2019 at 10.30am in the Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.