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Road2Zero Steering Committee Meeting

held on 05 March 2019 at 10.30am in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Lara Carli, Deputy Mayor, Melton City Council
Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor, Melton City Council
Liz Smith, Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing, Melton City Council
Shelley Tait, Acting Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council
Jan Webb, Road and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council
Zorka Dunstan, Inspector, Victoria Police
Kerry Walton, Traffic and Transport Coordinator, Melton City Council
Amanda Venda, Community Road Safety Coordinator, VicRoads
Kim Leech, L2P Project Officer, Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services
Liz Pace, Community Representative

Chairperson: Cr Lara Carli, Deputy Mayor, Melton City Council

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all members present.

2. Apologies

Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council
Mia Lobe, Active Transport and Healthy Families Officer, Melton City Council
Peta Simpson, Coordinator, Fit2Drive
Karen Robinson, North West Metro Regional Coordinator, Road Trauma Support Services
George 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

Noted

L Pace / J Webb

Notes from the meeting on 28 November 2018 were not endorsed at an Ordinary Meeting of Council due to there being no quorum present at the meeting.

5. Business Arising

Nil

6. General Business

6.1 Community Road Safety Forum

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J Webb noted that the Community Road Safety Forum (CRSF) will be held on Thursday 21 March 2019 at Lakeview Senior College, Caroline Springs. J Webb encouraged Committee members to promote the CRSF among their networks. J Webb noted that the CRSF is promoted through Council's Melton Learning Directory, Facebook and many other channels. L Carli expressed how the CRSF is always very well run and attended.

Action

J Webb to distribute the CRSF flyer to the Committee to distribute to their networks.

6.2 Restraint Fitting Activity

J Webb noted that the next free child restraint activity will be held at the Diggers Rest Multicultural Day on Sunday 31 March 2019.

6.3 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 noted that the Senior Drivers Expo held in 2018 attracted over 45 people and nine new L2P mentors were recruited which was a great outcome of the expo.

6.4 Reports**6.4.1 Youth Services**

Nil

6.4.2 Victoria Police

Z Dunstan reported that Operation Arid, a state-wide program, will be implemented over the Labour Day weekend. Z Dunstan also noted there have been three fatalities in the Melton Police Service Area since the beginning of 2019 and these have all been due to poor driver behaviour. The current road death and injury statistics are high in the City of Melton in comparison with the rest of the state. Z Dunstan shared that hot spots will be targeted in the City of Melton to address motorcycle riders, impaired and distracted drivers. Preliminary breath testing will also be conducted at these hot spot locations.

Z Dunstan noted that Victoria Police is currently scoping a pilot project regarding a road safety initiative that will deliver targeted written letters via postal mail to at-risk drivers. This initiative is currently being negotiated and looking for independent evaluation/project support.

6.4.3 VicRoads

A Venda introduced herself as the new Community Road Safety Coordinator for the metro north-west (MNW) region. A Venda oversees the VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants Program for the MNW region. This grant program is now open and will close on Wednesday 13 March 2019. The Toward Zero Challenge Grants are also open with the focus on 'Drowsiness and Distraction' for this funding round. This grant closes on Monday 25 March 2019. Both grant guidelines are available on the VicRoads website.



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S Ramsey suggested that VicRoads provide all learner drivers with information about the CRSF and encourage that they attend. L Carli suggested that the CRSF be promoted to local driving schools in the City of Melton. K Leech noted that all L2P learner driver participants are expected to attend a CRSF as part of their L2P program contract.

Action

J Webb to send out electronic copies of the current grant programs offered by VicRoads.

A Venda to promote the CRSF among VicRoads networks.

J Webb to contact local driving schools to promote the CRSF.

6.4.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee

The February 2019 Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting has been postponed until March 2019 therefore no meetings have been held as yet for 2019.

6.4.5 Traffic and Transport

K Walton reported that Council's Traffic and Transport Team have been working on brochures for schools to assist with parking and driving around schools that are experiencing challenges. The aim is to inform new parents of where suitable parking can be located around the schools. S Ramsey noted the importance of ensuring the school brochure is accessible to culturally and linguistically diverse families.

Action

K Walton to share the completed parking and driving around school brochures with the Committee.

K Walton to explore whether there is funding available to provide the school brochures in other languages.

K Walton to speak to Council's Communications Team to see whether the school brochure can be put online and made accessible in other languages.

6.4.6 Active Transport and Healthy Families Officer

J Webb reported that Council is offering active transport grants to schools to implement activities or contribute to infrastructure i.e. bike parking. The grants will enable schools to promote active transport for the remainder of the year.

J Webb noted Ride2School Day is scheduled for 22 March 2019 and all schools are encouraged to participate and collect active transport data for Bicycle Network.

J Webb shared that a Mind Body Pedal event was held at Kurunjang Secondary School this term, which aimed to empower Year nine girls to become physically active and use active transport. The program was a great success with students reporting more confidence in being active and all participated in a ride with their community as part of the day.

J Webb noted that Bike Ed Instructor training is scheduled for 28 and 29 March 2019 in Melton, and 3 and 4 June 2019 in Caroline Springs.

6.4.7 Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS)

Nil

6.4.8 L2P (Learner Driver Program)

K Leech reported that six new L2P mentors were recruited from the Melton Men's Group and five were trained last month.

The L2P Christmas function was very successful. K Leech expressed a thank you to J Webb for all her work and support prior to the event and on the day.

K Leech noted that the Melton L2P participant waiting list is in excess of 20 and that the numbers of participants are above the target of 40 for each quarter. There have been a total of 142 licences obtained since the beginning of the program in 2009.

There will be a L2P mentors information session on 'preparing your learner for their licence' on Tuesday 9 April 2018, with presentations from three driving schools that are affiliated with the L2P program.

K Leech shared that an event will be held to celebrate the tenth birthday for the L2P program. This celebration will be held on 28 May 2019 to coincide with National Volunteer Week. The event will be supported by VicRoads.

A funding application has also been submitted to Council through their grants program to cover the cost for a promotional video that will be launched at the tenth birthday celebration. Guests for the event will include TAC, VicRoads, Council and L2P program sponsors.

K Leech noted there will be an announcement from the Minister next week regarding future funding for the L2P program.

6.4.9 Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) Report

Nil

6.5 School Programs**6.5.1 Fit2Drive**

Nil

6.5.2 Road Smart

J Webb reported that Road Smart sessions were held in most schools in the City of Melton in 2018.

6.5.3 Looking After Our Mates (LAOM)

Nil

6.5.4 Be Prepared Program

K. Leech noted that the next 'Be Prepared' road safety program delivered by Djerrriwarrh Community and Education Services will be held on 13 May 2019.



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7. Other Business

7.1 L Pace shared that Council's Atherstone Exchange Jobs Market event will be held on Thursday 28 March 2019, from 4pm to 7pm at Melton Community Hall. The event is presented in partnership with Jobs Victoria. L Pace urged the Committee to promote and share the information through their networks or to anyone who may be interested to attend.

7.2 Z Dunstan noted that the Road2Zero Steering Committee's Terms of Reference have now expired together with the Safer City Plan and Road2Zero Road Safety Strategy. L Smith explained that Council is currently working on the development of a new Safer City Plan that will include the portfolios of community and road safety. Council is also exploring the merge of both the Road2Zero Steering Committee and the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 4 June 2019 at 10.30am in the Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 11.55am