



# MINUTES

## COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 11 March 2020 at 2.00pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

**Present:** Cr Lara Carli, Mayor, Melton City Council  
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council  
Kate McCluskey, Acting Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing, Melton City Council  
Peter Doyle, Coordinator Emergency Management, Melton City Council  
Jayde McBurnie, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council  
Adrian Cope, Senior Open Space Planner, Melton City Council  
Janet Webb, Road and Community Safety Officer  
Jo Mutsaerts, Leading Senior Constable, Victoria Police  
Rosie Smith, Constable, Victoria Police  
Benjamin Taylor, Coordinator Health Promotion, Djerriwarrh Health Services

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

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### 1. Welcome

Cr Carli welcomed all members present.

### 2. Apologies

Cr Steve Abboushi, Deputy Mayor, Melton City Council  
Andrew Mason, Coordinator City Amenity and Compliance, Melton City Council  
Zorka Dunstan, Local Area Commander, Victoria Police  
Robert Blackly, Deputy Principal Students, Catholic Regional College

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

Nil.

### 4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

#### Noted

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 18 December 2019 were adopted by Council at the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 3 February 2020.

### 5. Business Arising

#### 5.1 Neighbourhood Watch

J McBurnie reported that Council and Victoria Police are liaising with Neighbourhood Watch. J Mutsaerts noted that the CEO of Neighbourhood Watch presented at the Aintree Community Meeting, and was well received.

**6. General Business****6.1 Community Safety Concerns**

J McBurnie noted that Council received an anonymous community safety concern regarding a park situated in Westlake, Melton West. The concern asked for a park bench to be moved due to antisocial behaviour. The concern was shared with Victoria Police to assess. J Mutsaerts reported that Victoria Police attended the site and evidenced clear sightlines, and noted there have been no additional concerns reported by community or police patrols. Victoria Police and Council assess that there is no indication to warrant moving of the park bench as raised by the community member.

**7. Member Reports****7.1 Department of Justice and Community Safety Kurunjang Community Strengthening Project**

J McBurnie reported that the project is being led by Capire Consultancy and is funded by the Department of Justice and Community Safety. The project is working with a community group to identify community led actions for community safety in Kurunjang. The group has identified activation of the Little Blind Creek reserve as a potential action.

**8. Other Business**

P Doyle reported that the Melton Pistol Club have requested an emergency marker, which will be installed. P Doyle queried the need for emergency markers in other areas of community including along unmarked bike and walking paths. The Committee resolved to better understand the use of emergency markers by other Councils prior to discussing a potential pilot in a small area such as Kororoit Creek.

**Actions**

P Doyle to facilitate provision of emergency marker for the Melton Pistol Club.

P Doyle to investigate statistics to inform a discussion regarding further installation of emergency markers in the City of Melton.

**9. Next Meeting**

To be determined.

**10. Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 2.24pm.