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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 4 June 2020 at 12.00pm via Zoom

Present:

Mayor Cr L Carli	Councillor
Cr K Majdlik	Councillor – Arrived at 12.40pm
Cr S Ramsey	Councillor
K Tori	Chief Executive Officer
C Cramer	Manager Community Care
A Munro	Acting Coordinator Community Participation
M Hutchinson	Coordinator Design & Infrastructure
L Campbell	Community representative
L Jenner	Community representative
L Chitts	Community representative

Guests:

S Restuccia	Team Leader Literacy, Learning & Partnerships
R Mitchell	Senior Community Engagement Officer

Chairperson: Mayor Cr L Carli

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and proceeded with the Acknowledgment of Country. *'Melton City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.'*

2. Apologies

S Reed	Local community based disability support group agency
L Vasilopoulos	Community representative – carer of child with disability

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**Motion/Noted**

Cr S Ramsey/L Jenner

The committee noted the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting from 6 February 2020 that were endorsed by Council on 26 March 2020.

5. Business Arising**5.1 Pierre Gorman update**

S Restuccia provided an update on the Pierre Gorman Award project. The implementation of the project will see the delivery of a program of shared reading for adults with learning disabilities.

Volunteer position descriptions have been developed and investigations for potential participants are underway. Once recruitment re-opens and volunteers are engaged, the book club will commence operating.

5.2 Community Vision discussion

R Mitchell thanked the DAC for partaking in the Community Vision and Council and Wellbeing Plan survey which was circulated via email on 8 May 2020, closing Sunday 24 May 2020. The community response attained well over 500 responses from the survey.

R Mitchell sought further engagement from the DAC, specifically from the disability perspective to help move towards achieving Community Vision 2040, focusing on the following key themes:

- Our safe and socially connected city
- Our well-built city
- Our strong local economy
- Our thriving natural environment
- Our high performing organisation

All input and feedback was noted by R Mitchell.

5.3 Business Excellence Awards – Access & Inclusion update

A Munro thanked the DAC on behalf of the Melton Business Excellence Awards (MBEA) Project Control Group (PCG) for their input in recommending revisions for category description, alignment with the judging process and reviewing the site visit check list.

Although no award program will be conducted in 2020, the input from the DAC will guide category preparations for the MBEA in 2021.

With the current economic, social and health restrictions and disruptions ongoing, flexibility will be key. Further details will be shared with all stakeholders once the Economic Development and Tourism department have assessed any participation and sponsorship implications arising from the current trading environment.

5.4 Terms of Reference 2020-2022 and membership

A Munro provided an update on the Council endorsed Terms of Reference (ToR) 2020-22.



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As a result of Covid-19 and the new Local Government Act 2020, the DAC will remain with the same membership post the current term of 30 June 2020 for a further short duration, until decisions have been made by Council in regards to advisory committees into the future and the advertising and appointment process re-opens.

6. General Business

6.1 Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) works update

M Hutchinson provided a summary on the DDA works that are either recently completed or underway across the municipality. Some of the projects include:

- Two disabled bays in front of Brotherhood of St Laurence in Melton
- Two disabled bays outside the Catholic College in Hillside
- The replacement of capped footpaths in Lancaster Way, Melton West
- Footpath works in St Arnold Way, Eynesbury
- Works in Barries Rd, Melton
- Shared path renewal in Toolern Creek and Little Blind Creek

There are also a number of projects planned in the 2020/21 financial year which will similarly include footpaths, parking bays etc, and all of these will take into account any DDA works required.

6.2 Carers Hub – 12 month trial

A Munro provided a summary on the Carers Hub initiative. Cr K Majdlik initiated a Notice of Motion in August 2019 and a response via a Council report was formally tabled and subsequently endorsed by Council in March 2020.

The establishment of a Carers Hub at 5 McKenzie Street Melton will offer a range of opportunities that will benefit Carers that reside within the City of Melton.

A partnership with Carers Australia Vic has commenced, staffing to operate the Carers Hub will be provided and funded by Carers Australia Vic and a further report will be presented to Council post the 12 month trial period.

Consultation with Carers within the municipality, onsite visit with Carers Australia Vic representatives and necessary licence agreements will commence shortly.

6.3 Community Care structure – Advocacy & Inclusion Officer

C Crameri provided an update on the recently endorsed Community Care structure.

A disability position 'Advocacy and Inclusion Officer' will be advertised in the near future and this role will also form part of the DAC membership.

The role will report to the Council's Housing Team Leader and be responsible for strengthening partnerships with stakeholders to deliver better outcomes for people with disabilities, DAC planning and support, educating, training and building capacity and facilitating a range of forums.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be confirmed.

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8. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.42pm.