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PREVENTING FAMILY VIOLENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 14 September 2021 at 11.00am, online.

Present:

Cr Lara Carli	Councillor
Cr Sophie Ramsey	Councillor
Cr Julie Shannon	Councillor
Elyse Rider	Melton City Council
Christine Levy	Melton City Council
Jayde McBurnie	Melton City Council
Donna Wyatt	Melton City Council
Adisa Muminovic	Melton City Council
David Leveridge	Victoria Police
Martin Ha	Brimbank Melton Community Legal Service
Niki Pillios	MacKillop Family Services
Sharon Horton	MacKillop Family Services
Alveena V Kumar	Department of Justice and Community Safety
Genia Sawczyn	Department of Families, Fairness and Housing
Michelle Galea	Department of Education and Training
Evelyn Afotey	Women's Health West
Sarah Chong	MiCare
Peter Webster	Kirrip Aboriginal Corporation
Sue Scott	Hope Street Youth and Family Services

Quorum: *Quorum for the committee will require attendance of a minimum of one (1) Councillor, one (1) Council Officer, and comprising 30% of external agency committee members.*

Chairperson: **Cr Lara Carli, Councillor**

Minute Taker: **Jayde McBurnie, Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing**

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

Cr Bob Turner	Councillor
Kalimna Andy	Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service

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Colleen Keeffe	Elizabeth Morgan House Aboriginal Women's Service
Gehan Shehab	Department of Justice and Community Safety
Laura Powell	Department of Education and Training
Lisa Prentice-Evans	Victoria Police
Melissa Suppupo	Djerriwarrh Health Services
Melissa Wilson	Victoria Police
Rachana Bangara	Brotherhood of St Lawrence

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the Preventing Family Violence Advisory Committee meeting held on 3 August 2021 have been endorsed by Council at the Ordinary meeting of Council on 27 September 2021.

5. Business Arising**5.1 Overview of 16 Days of Activism Gender Based Violence – D Wyatt, Melton City Council**

D Wyatt provided an update on the history and context of the 16 Days of Activism campaign which runs from 25 November until the 10 December each year. Advised that the theme for this year's campaign is: Respect Women: Call it Out.

5.2 Presentation of current planning initiatives – D Wyatt, Melton City Council

D Wyatt provided a presentation of Council's planned initiatives. She advised that collaboration has taken place with various departments and over ten activities had been planned. More activities would be added as planning continued.

D Leveridge asked whether the campaign materials would be tailored for diverse communities. D Wyatt agreed as to the importance for tailoring information for diverse communities and confirmed it is considered in Council's approach to the campaign.

5.3 Reflections, ideas, and opportunities for collaboration – J McBurnie, Melton City Council

Cr Ramsey sought clarity as to whether the banners would also feature along the Western Highway, and if Council had connected with Zonta and the Women Making it Happen group. J McBurnie advised that Officers were awaiting direction from Operations regarding the flagpole locations and would reach out to Zonta and the Women Making it Happen group to connect.

G Sawczyn asked whether sports clubs had been engaged in the campaign planning. J McBurnie noted Council's intention to offer social media toolkits to sporting clubs to encourage their uptake of the campaign.

Cr Carli requested a virtual background to use throughout the campaign. Members agreed this was a good way to spread campaign messaging. J McBurnie noted they would provide a background from the Respect Victoria campaign materials for Councillors and members of the Committee to use throughout the 16 days of activism.



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Cr Carli also asked if decals or stickers could be used on the ground in walking areas to spread messaging. J McBurnie advised that sticker decals can require high levels of maintenance, however suggested the use of chalk-based stencils that Council already has from the 2020 campaign.

M Ha advised that Brimbank Melton Legal Centre is open to working with Council or others to deliver online presentations related to the law and family violence. N Pillios indicated that MacKillop Family Services is happy to be involved and could share programs being delivered throughout the campaign.

Cr Shannon suggested car stickers could be developed and then used on delivery cars and other vehicles E Rider suggested that instead of/or in addition to car stickers, magnets could be considered for use on vehicles.

M Galea indicated that Department of Education offers family violence prevention programs in schools through the respectful relationships curriculum. M Galea added that there is a newsletter disseminated to schools where campaign activities could be shared. Members agreed this was a good opportunity to promote the campaign. A Muminovic shared that maternal and child health services are still offering face to face visitations for new parents, which may be a good opportunity to reach families.

Cr Ramsey affirmed the importance of the prevention of family violence and the delivery of the campaign. Cr Carli and members thanked Officers for their work in planning the campaign, with a special thank you to G Nix as the lead Officer.

Actions

D Wyatt to work with project officer to investigate possibilities and opportunities raised by members of the Committee for inclusion in the 16 days of activism.

D Wyatt to liaise with M Ha for delivery of noted session opportunity.

D Wyatt to provide information on 16 days of activism activities to M Galea for inclusion in the Department of Education schools newsletter.

6. General Business

6.1 Member updates – All

Orange Door update – N Pillios

N Pillios advised that McKillop are currently undertaking recruitment for the Brimbank-Melton Orange Door, and the sites are progressing as planned.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee, it is to be held on Tuesday 9 November, commencing at 11.00am, held online via Microsoft Teams.

8. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 12.03pm.