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Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG)

Held on 9 June 2021 at 6:30 pm on MS Teams

Present: **Councillors**

Lara Carli, Councillor
Goran Kesic, Councillor (Deputy Mayor)

Council Staff

Darren Rudd, Manager City Design and Strategy
Pauline Hobbs, Advocacy Adviser
Matthew Milbourne, Coordinator Toolern Review
Sam Romaszko, Manager Engineering Services

Community Representatives

Alan Perry
Arnab Tarafder
Dominic Peverett
Lawrence Geyer
Tania White
Tim Roberts

Chairperson: Cr. Goran Kesic

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Bob Turner, Councillor
Sean McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy

Non-Attendance

Amy Montague, Community Representative
John Faure, Community Representative
Lakhwinder Sidhu, Community Representative
Robyne Jansen, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

There were no declarations of interest, or declarations of a conflict of interest.

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4. General Business**4.1 Welcome to new community representatives – Matthew Milbourne**

Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 12 April 2021 appointed three new community representatives to the Melton Transport Community Reference Group – they are Dominic Peverett, Tania White, and Tim Roberts.

Council has identified five community representatives who will be successors if community representatives leave the group in the next two years.

4.2 Introduction to Moving Melton – Council’s Integrated Transport Strategy – Matthew Milbourne

Matthew provided a presentation on Moving Melton (**Appendix One**)

4.3 Council’s Advocacy Priorities – Matthew Milbourne

Matthew provided a presentation on Council’s Advocacy Priorities (**Appendix Two**)

4.4 Summary of the recent State and Federal Budgets – Pauline Hobbs

Pauline provided a presentation that summarised the content in the State and Federal Budgets (**Appendix Three**)

4.5 Information on the Western Intermodal Freight Precinct – Pauline Hobbs

Pauline provided a presentation on the Western Interstate Freight Precinct (**Appendix Three**)

4.6 Next Meeting

Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 6.30 pm – Council will aim for this meeting to be held in person at the Melton Civic Centre.

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

Moving Melton

Integrated Transport Strategy

Induction Material 2021

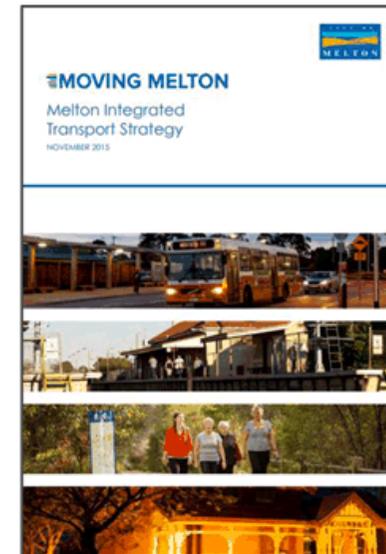
Appendix 1

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Moving Melton – Melton Integrated Transport Strategy

- Adopted by Council in November 2015
- Provides a plan for the whole transport system in the City of Melton
- Helps Council to plan, invest and advocate for critical transport infrastructure
- Seeks to reduce car dependency
- Seeks to improve public transport
- Seeks to improve active transport



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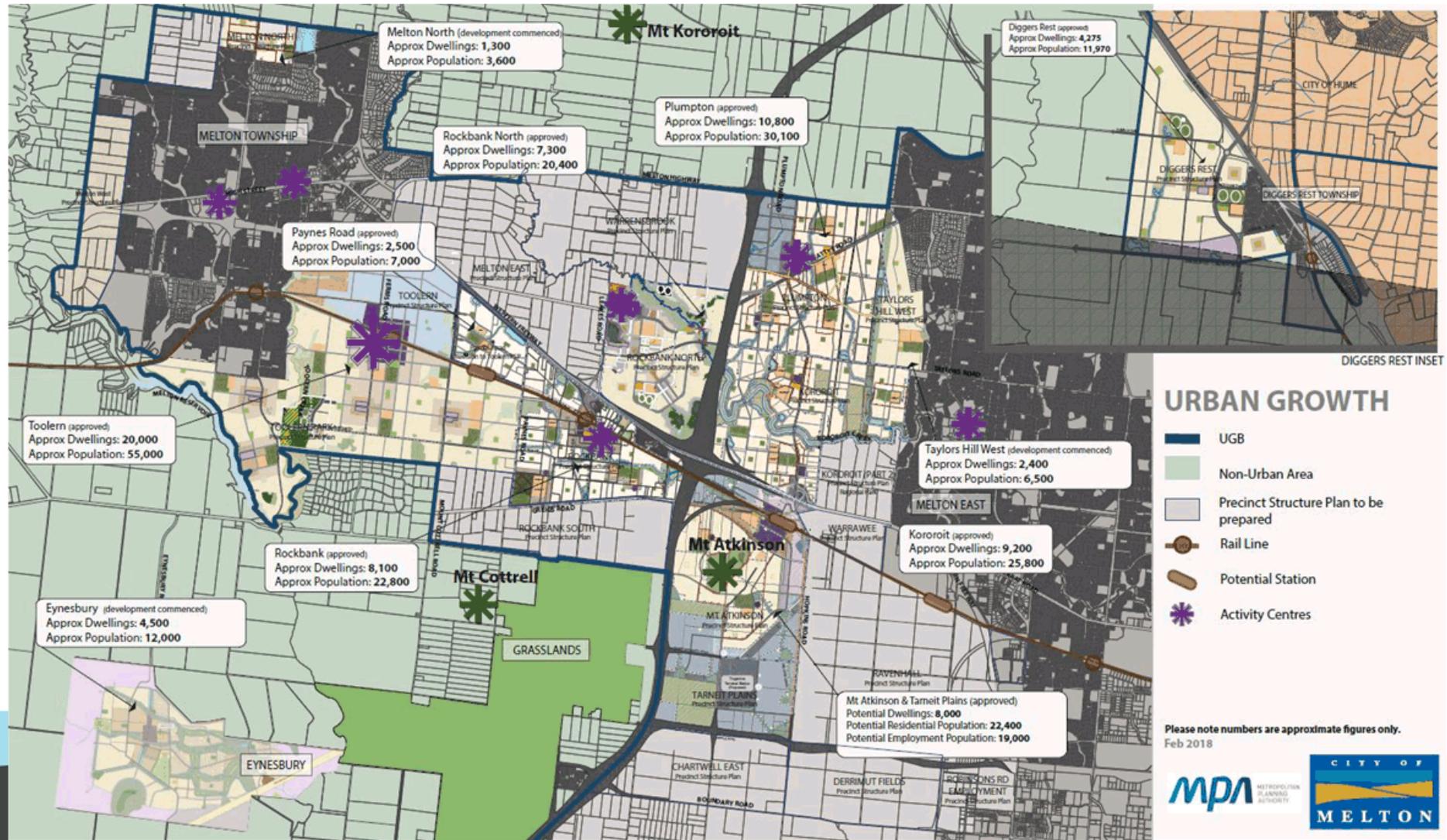
Population Growth

- Current population of 180,636 people
- Expected to be 448,053 in 2051
- Ultimate population of over 500,000 people

	Year	Week	Day
People	7654	147	21
Families	2461	47	7
Babies	2700	52	7

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How was Moving Melton developed?

Background Report

- 11 engagement sessions
- Website
- Comments received from 900 people – best and worst feature of the transport system and priority improvements

Directions Paper

- Two community drop-in sessions
- Website
- Comments received from 185 people on how problems with the transport system can be addressed

Draft Moving Melton

- One community drop-in session
- Website
- Comments received from 32 people

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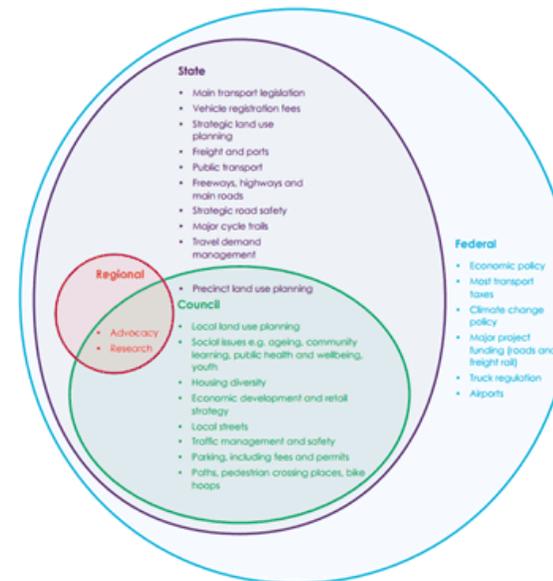
Documents that informed Moving Melton

State Government documents such as:

- Plan Melbourne
- Growth Corridor Plans
- Precinct Structure Plans

Local Government documents such as:

- Disability Action Plan
- Ageing Well in Melton Action Plan
- Housing Diversity Strategy
- Retail and Activity Centres Strategy



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Vision

A sustainable integrated transport network to
meet the needs of the City now and in the
future

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Principles

1. Improved resilient and sustainable mode choices
2. Easy to use, safe, reliable and frequent transport network and facilities
3. Connected transport network – connecting the communities of the City of Melton to each other and beyond
4. A transport system to develop the City of Melton as a centre for employment, services and recreation to provide social and economic opportunities

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Active Transport

Walking and cycling should be a real option for everyone who wants to use these modes of transport by creating a safe and connected active transport network

Actions Include:

- Create a Pedestrian Network Plan (underway)
- Require footpaths for new subdivisions - ongoing
- Create a Bicycle Network Plan (underway)
- Require cycling networks for new subdivisions - ongoing
- Advocate for an off-road cycle route between Melton Township and Metropolitan Melbourne
- Advocate for the planning and development of regional walking and cycling routes (Werribee River, Kororoit Creek, and to MacPherson Park)

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Public Transport

Public transport will provide a reliable, safe, affordable and simple to use transport option.
It will be accessible to all, with frequent well connected services to the places City of Melton's residents most often visit.

Actions include:

- Getting the right train service to Melton – Western Rail Plan business case underway
- Build a better bus network
- New bus routes include: Bacchus Marsh – Watergardens, Melton – Eynesbury, Melton Station – Woodgrove – High Street
- Improve connections between buses and trains
- Upgrade railway stations – Melton, Diggers Rest and Rockbank (new station opened in 2019)
- Plan for future railway stations – Cobblebank (delivered in 2019), Caroline Springs (delivered in 2017) Hopkins Road, Paynes Road, and Calder Park
- Provide better bus terminals at Woodgrove (delivered 2021) and Caroline Springs Town Centre

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Roads

Road transport will be reliable, safe, affordable and simple to use. Roads will be managed to maximise its contribution to the City of Melton's liveability, environmental sustainability and economic prosperity

Actions include:

- Improve existing arterial road intersections
- Upgrade the Western Highway to an urban freeway standard
- Upgrade Christies Road and Melton Highway
- Improve access to the freeways at West Melton and Diggers Rest
- Develop the road network to support new communities
- Remove rail crossings
- Improve connectivity to Melbourne and Melbourne Airport

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Land Use and Development

Ensure good access to all transport modes to a range of local services, employment opportunities and all levels of education as a key driver of future land use planning

Actions include:

- Encourage transit oriented development at railway stations
- Develop structure plans for Melton South and High Street in Melton
- Ensure activity centres are well serviced by transport options
- Investigate taxi ranks being created at major shopping centres
- Advocate for the release of land in employment areas
- Advocate for the development of the Western Interstate Freight Terminal

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Education and Partnership

The City of Melton will work closely with key stakeholders to ensure that the transport system is well planned and funded to provide the community with genuine transport choice

Actions include:

- Collaborate with State and Federal Governments to improve the transport system
- Work with surrounding Councils to improve transport connections
- Work cooperatively with regional bodies
- Work with sustainable transport bodies and interest groups
- Work with local providers
- Promote sustainable transport options
- Undertake an advocacy campaign for transport system improvements

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Advocacy Priorities

Induction Material 2021

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Jobs and Investment

Creating jobs in Melton is critical for long term prosperity, productivity and liveability.

Our residents have limited access to local employment, with 70% of employees travelling outside of the municipality for work daily.

- Western Intermodal Freight Precinct
- Melton Hospital
- Outer Metro Ring Road
- Skills and Training – deliver TAFE and tertiary education in the City of Melton – capital projects for tertiary learning, and funding for programs for the future employment needs such as early childhood and aged care

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Public Transport – Rail

A frequent and efficient public rail system that connects Melton residents to employment, health services, recreation and education.

Western Rail Plan Priorities

- Deliver the electrification and separation of the Ballarat rail line by 2025
- Build new stations at Hopkins Road and Paynes Road
- Upgrade Melton Station
- Remove level crossings

Sunbury Line Upgrade Priority

- Construct a new station at Calder Park, Hillside

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Public Transport – Buses

A frequent and efficient public bus system that connects Melton residents to employment, health services, recreation and education.

- Establish new, and extend existing, bus routes to service emerging residential, commercial and industrial estates.
- Review existing bus routes in Melton Township to improve their directness and frequency.
- Increase the frequency of buses across the municipality.

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Roads – Western Highway

An upgrade to the critical arterial road link that functions as an important economic driver at a metropolitan, state and national level

- Business case to upgrade the corridor from Melton Township to Caroline Springs
- Construct a full-diamond interchange at Harkness Road
- Construct a full-diamond interchange at Bulmans Road
- Construct a pedestrian bridge at Arnolds Creek
- Construct a half-diamond interchange at Mt Cottrell Road
- Construct a vehicular overpass at Paynes Road
- Remove direct property access
- Plan for capacity improvements to reduce congestion

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Roads and Freight

An efficient road network and freight infrastructure to increase productivity, and reduce major safety concerns and congestion

Arterial Road Improvements

- Melton Highway
- Palmers Road Corridor
- Hopkins Road
- Taylors Road
- Christies Road
- Rockbank Middle Road
- Leakes Road

Intersection Upgrades

- Calder Park Drive Interchange
- Melton Highway and Leakes Road (funded)

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Other Priorities - Health

Melton Hospital and Allied Services

- Melton Hospital operational by 2026
- Invest in affordable and accessible accommodation for allied health and human services

Prevention of Family Violence

- Fund localized prevention programs and response services
- Locate an Orange Door facility in the City of Melton

Sport and Recreation

- Provide funding to bridge gaps in critical sporting and recreation infrastructure
- Fund Stage 3 of the MacPherson Park redevelopment, and Stage 2 of the Bridge Road Recreation Reserve development

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Other Priorities - Education

Primary, Secondary and Specialist Schools

- Design and construct a new primary school in Thornhill Park (open 2023)
- Acquire land for new primary schools in Brookfield (funded), Fraser Rise, Rockbank, Truganina, and Weir Views
- Acquire land for new secondary schools in Aintree (funded) and Cobblebank
- Establish a new specialist school in the Eastern Corridor of the municipality

- Seven new primary schools are required by 2029
- Two new primary schools need to be delivered every three years
- There are currently 278 students in the Eastern Corridor requiring a specialist education. This is expected to increase to 542 by 2029

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Other Priorities - Education

Early Years

- Funding required to build new, and upgrade existing, early childhood centres to accommodate demands for three-year old kindergarten (50 additional rooms required by 2029)

English Language School

- Establish a campus of the Western English Language School in the municipality
- At any point of time there are 80-100 newly arrived children and young people attending mainstream local schools
- Many schools don't have English as an Additional Language trained teachers

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Appendix 3

2021-2022 Budget Outcomes for City of Melton

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Infrastructure

Federal Government

- \$1 Billion - extend Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program to 2022-23:
 - \$2,521,836 allocation to Melton City Council.
 - Received \$1,260,918 and \$5,175,180 through phase 1 and 2 - previous
- \$2 Billion Melbourne Intermodal Terminal – State announced Truganina preferred site
- Outer Metropolitan Ring/E6 Corridor Business Case - \$10m to be matched by State for additional planning

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Infrastructure

State Government

- \$100 million Calder Freeway – jointly funded with Commonwealth

Planning of upgrades, including improvements to safety and capacity at Calder Park Interchange, Calder Freeway between Gap Road in Sunbury and the M80 Ring Road

- \$5 million for Trees for the West to plant 500,000 trees - Council to apply for funding.
- \$50m Growing Suburbs Fund. Growth suburbs and six Peri Urban Councils eligible. Melton eligible for a maximum of \$2.5 million.

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Transport - State

Trains

\$94 million - Melton and Wyndham Vale

- to enable higher capacity trains, including 9-car VLocity trains.
- will increase capacity by up to 50 per cent during peak periods

Buses

- Ongoing funding for upgrades to bus routes 444 and 454 in Woodlea and Aintree

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Education - State

Schools

- Parkwood Green Primary School – modernisation – upgrade existing school facilities (Hillside) \$10m commencing 2021-2022 completion 2024-2025
- Land Acquisition for Brookfield Primary School
- Construction of Rockbank Murray Road Primary School
- Land acquisition for Aintree Secondary College

Tertiary Education

- \$250,000 Business Case for TAFE in the City of Melton

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Health and Human Services - State

Health

- \$70.2m in 2020/2021 budget has been cash flowed into 2021/2022 budget as the First stage of the new Melton Hospital (Cobblebank)

Family Services

- \$18 million to trial a new whole-of-family support model for families with complex needs at two locations across the state including Brimbank-Melton (Goulbourn) – requested more details

Crime prevention

- \$400,000 for Uturn193 the youth crime prevention program

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What's next for Advocacy:

- Elections for both State and Federal Government by November 2022
- Expected new federal electorate named “Hawke” for the Aintree/Mt Atkinson/ Rockbank Areas.
- Expected new state electorate in our municipality - to be confirmed.

- Advocacy Campaigns and Activity:
 - Investment Attraction Strategy to Federal and State Government stakeholders
 - Western Intermodal Freight Precinct
 - Roads Campaign – next election and budget cycles
 - Western Highway
 - Melton Highway
 - Robinsons Road, Calder Park Drive, Hopkins Road

 - Full funding commitment for Hospital
 - A secondary site for family violence services
 - A commitment to commence stage 1 of Western Rail Plan.
 - Commitment to delivery of TAFE and planning for a local tertiary education model.

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Western Intermodal Freight Precinct (WIFP)

- An **intermodal terminal** is a location for the transfer of **freight** from one **transport** mode to another: for example between road and rail. **Intermodal** hubs can play an important role in easing the **transport** burden on the ports and roads
- The funding for a Melbourne Intermodal Freight Terminal from the Federal Government is not tied to a particular location and may be based at either Beveridge in Melbourne's North or Truganina in Melbourne's West
- Truganina is in the City of Melton and a significant investment to attract commercial investment to create some 39,000 jobs
- We have created a website that highlights all the benefits in attracting the WIFP <https://www.westernfreightterminal.com.au/>
- Securing the WIFP is critical to job creation, road upgrades, commercial investment and infrastructure investment

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