Melton Disability Advisory Committee
Held on 1 October 2015 at 12noon in Civic Room 2

Present:  Cr Majdlik, Councillor
M Homann, Mambourin Representative
C Crameri, Manager Community Care and Inclusion
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation and Engagement
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic
P Gulen, Community Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
P Bean, Acting Chief Executive Officer
D Cunningham, HACC Leisure and Development Officer

Chairperson:  Cr Majdlik

1. Welcome
Chairperson welcomed all present and introduced guests.

2. Apologies
A Jessel, Community Representative
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer
W Penna, Metro Access Officer

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

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion
That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held
6 August 2015.

P Gulen/L Jenner

5. Business Arising
M Heaney reported ‘clickability’ presented to the Melton Service Provider Network and will be exhibiting at the CARE Melton Expo.
6. **General Business**

6.1 **CARE Melton Expo**

Expo scheduled for Thursday, 15 October 2015 from 10am to 2pm at the Melton Community Hall. Over 50 exhibitors will be present providing information and resources on a range of services for people with a disability, carers and older people. Additional promotion for the 2015 event included Facebook advertising.


M Heaney tabled the final copy of the Victorian Electoral Commission Disability Action Plan 2016 - 2019. A response from DAC members had been provided to the Commission on their draft plan in August 2015. M Heaney noted that components of the DAC response had been incorporated into the final document.

6.3 **Melton GO! Respite Program**

D Cunningham provided an overview of Council’s Melton GO! Respite Program and data that demonstrated an increasing demand for respite programs for young people aged 12 to 17 years of age during school holiday periods.

6.4 **McKenzie Street Development**

C Crameri tabled an artist impression of the proposed Aged Precinct Development located at McKenzie Street Melton. The new development will provide additional administration and program space for the delivery of aged and disability services and programs. Works will commence January 2016 with anticipated completion by December 2016.

7. **Other Business**

**Representative Updates:**

**M Homann:**

Mambourin Enterprises has purchased a factory in Derrimut which will provide employment and training opportunities for people with a disability living within the Western Region.

**C Crameri:**

On 16 September 2015, the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments signed the agreement on transitioning responsibilities for:

- aged care (people over 65 years) to the Commonwealth Government
- disability services (people under 65 years) which will be funded and managed by the Victorian Government with clients transferring to the National Disability Insurance Scheme as it's rolled out across Victoria.

C Crameri reported the National Disability Insurance Scheme will begin to be available in the Melton area from 1 October 2018.

The Victorian Government has produced a Fact Sheet outlining changes to the Home and Community Care Program for people who receive services and their carers. The Fact Sheet can be accessed via the Victorian Government website.
P Bean:
The Victorian Electoral Commission has reviewed the current structure of three ward boundaries and seven Councillors for the City of Melton. The Commission has presented the following two options for consideration and comment:

- Three wards and nine Councillors.
- Three wards and ten Councillors.

Council and Melton residents have until the 28 October 2015 to respond, residents can submit a response via the Victorian Electoral Commission website. The Commission will make its announcement on the 25 November 2015.

L Chitts
Reported incidents of misuse of disabled parking bays particularly in car parks at larger shopping precincts. M Hutchinson outlined Councils power to distribute and enforce parking infringements across the municipality which does not extend to private car parks. Council is currently reviewing disabled parking within the Melton Township CBD, where it does have authority to enforce parking infringements.

L Chitts raised concerns with Melton Waves Leisure Centre locking disabled change rooms during business hours therefore requiring people with a disability or their carer to request access.

Action
M Heaney to discuss disabled change room access with Melton Waves Leisure Centre management and report back to the December DAC meeting.

8. Next Meeting
The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, 3 December 2015 commencing at 12noon in Civic Room 2.

9. Close of Business
The meeting closed at 1.12pm.