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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 13 September at 4:00pm in Meeting Room 2, Caroline Springs Library

Present: Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor, City of Melton
Inspector Kathy Rudkins, Victoria Police
Jim Cusack, Department of Justice and Regulation
Lisha Murphy, Health Promotion Coordinator, Djerriwarrh Health Services
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council
Kate Hills, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council

Chairperson: Cr Kathy Majdlik, Mayor, City of Melton

a) Welcome

Chairperson welcomed all present.

b) Apologies

Cr Renata Cugliari, Councillor, City of Melton
Rob Blakely, Deputy Principal, Catholic Regional College
Melissa Sapuppo, Manager Community Health and Health Promotion, Djerriwarrh Health Services
Milka Griffiths, Marketing and Pop-Up Sales Executive, Retail, Lend Lease
Tara Lee-Brown, Marketing Manager, Woodgrove Shopping Centre
Peter Doyle, Coordinator Emergency Management, Melton City Council

c) Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

d) Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

Cr Majdlik/M Wilson

That the committee adopts the minutes of the Community Safety Committee meeting held 28 June 2016.

e) Business Arising

K Hills circulated presentation on Pan Pacific Safe Community international accreditation delivered by Peter Crowley from Moonee Valley City Council.

K Hills circulated the Department of Justice and Regulation Public Safety Infrastructure Grant Guidelines to committee members. There was no feedback received on potential projects.

K Hills gathered and circulated information on Children's Week and Neighbourhood House events being held during Community Safety Month in October.

K Hills arranged for family violence help cards to be displayed in Woodgrove Shopping Centre and Caroline Springs Square Shopping Centre.

f) General Business

6.1 Upcoming community safety events

K Hills provided information on Council events being delivered during Community Safety Month in October. Children's Week events are to be held on 25 and 27 October 2016. Victoria Police and Council have arranged to have community and road safety information available at these events, including child restraint fittings and number plate anti-theft screw fittings. Council's Neighbourhood Participation team will be delivering community safety events at Hillside Neighbourhood House on 4 October 2016 and at Diggers Rest Primary School on 15 October 2016 in partnership with Victoria Police, CFA and SES.

6.2 Council strategic document development

M Wilson provided an overview of Council's approach in developing the new Council Plan 2017-21 incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan as well as the Melton 2036 Community Vision. Consideration is given to the inclusion of community safety in the Council Plan and appropriately reflecting existing partnerships within this space.

K Hills reported that community members are currently being engaged to inform the development of the Council Plan and Community Vision via a postcard or online survey and an online engagement panel. Community members will also be encouraged to participate in a series of small group workshops and community forums being delivered from October to November 2016 in various locations across the municipality.

K Hills requested that committee members complete the survey and circulate it to their networks.

Action

K Hills to circulate information on the community survey and online engagement panel to committee members.

6.3 Council update

K Hills provided an update on behalf of Council:

a) Feedback from community members

- Council received a report from a community member regarding hoon behaviour in the Atherstone Estate in Melton South. Council's Road Safety Officer and Design and Traffic Coordinator have liaised with representatives from Victoria Police and Lend Lease to schedule increased police patrols, explore anti-hoon bitumen treatments and to plan a community forum.
- Council received a report from a community member regarding anti-social behaviour in Kinetic Avenue, Hillside. Council has installed additional fencing in the area and has liaised with Victoria Police to schedule increased patrols in the area.
- Council received two reports from a community member regarding safety concerns and requests for additional lighting following a series of burglaries in the Hillside and Caroline Springs areas. Council's Open Space Planning



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Coordinator provided responses to the community members encouraging them to contact Victoria Police.

- Inspector Rudkins provided information on the Victoria Police email address for requesting increased patrols:

Melton Officer in Charge: MELTON.UNI@police.vic.gov.au

Caroline Springs Officer in Charge: carolinesprings.uni@police.vic.gov.au

b) Safer City Plan

- M Wilson reported that Council's Safer City Plan 2015-17 will be reviewed and development of a new Plan will commence in late 2017.

6.4 Victoria Police Update

Inspector Rudkins provided an update on behalf of Victoria Police:

- Current high risk working groups are focused on Woodlea Estate in Rockbank and Melton Town Centre.
- The rally led by the True Blue Crew at Hannah Watts Park on 28 August 2016 was well managed by Victoria Police with no major incidents reported. Cr Majdlik acknowledged the work of Victoria Police and their collaboration with Council.
- Police are proactively responding to a series of aggravated burglaries across the municipality. Members are engaging with young people through social inclusion initiatives, involvement on a local Community Advisory Group and promoting recruitment of Victoria Police members from various CALD backgrounds. M Wilson reported that a 'Hoop Time' basketball program aimed at engaging young people at night time is being considered as a proactive response by Council and agency partners.
- M Wilson requested that Victoria Police present at Council's Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Advisory Committee (CALDAC) meeting.
- Some Diggers Rest community members have been exploring the commencement of a local network in response to incidents of crime in the area. The community members have reported consideration for the use of the Community Against Crime App which is not supported by Victoria Police. Councillor Majdlik reported that Councillors and Victoria Police will be attending a community forum in Diggers Rest on Friday 16 September 2016. M Wilson reported that Council's Neighbourhood Participation team currently undertakes community development initiatives with the Diggers Rest community, including the community safety event to be held in October 2016.

Action

M Wilson to arrange contact between Inspector Rudkins and Council's Intercultural Officer for presentation at CALDAC meeting.

6.5 Agency Updates

- L Murphy reported that Djerriwarrh Health Services are currently planning a series of activities for Week Without Violence as part of an activation project at Melton South Train Station and Melton South Community Centre. There will also be community activities planned for White Ribbon Day in partnership with Council and another Walk

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With Her event at Hannah Watts Park in March 2017 as part of International Women's Day.

- J Cusack reported on the Department of Justice and Regulation's Victims Assistance Program and Hotline. The service currently operates from Melton Police Station with the aim of providing counselling services to support people impacted by violent crime. Referrals to the program are made via CoHealth and community members can access the service for up to two years following the crime.
- J Cusack reported on Department of Justice and Regulation's support for initiatives that aim to prevent recidivism by addressing underlying social factors such as disengagement and social exclusion. There are opportunities to engage people on Community Corrections Orders to support these initiatives.

Action

J Cusack to forward flyer about Victims Assistance Program to K Hills for circulation to the committee.

Committee members to contact J Cusack to request engagement with people on Community Corrections Orders.

- **Other Business**

- L Murphy reported on the Festival for Healthy Living initiative which incorporates funding for engaging with CALD communities and could be linked with youth engagement projects being delivered by Victoria Police.
- Councillor Majdlik acknowledged the Community Safety Advisory Committee for their hard work this year.
- J Cusack provided positive feedback from Department of Justice and Regulation on the function of the Community Safety Advisory Committee.

Action

L Murphy to forward information about Festival for Healthy Living to K Hills for circulation to the committee.

- **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on 20 December 2016, 1.00pm to 3.00pm, Melton Civic Centre.

- **Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 5.13pm.