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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 29 March 2017 at 1.00pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton
Acting Inspector Phil Nash, Victoria Police
Jim Cusack, Department of Justice
Peter Doyle, Emergency Management Coordinator, Melton City Council
Mark Goodie, Youth Services Coordinator, Melton City Council
Bernadette Duffy, Djerriwarrh Health Services
Tony Ball, Acting Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council

Chairperson: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Chairperson welcomed all present and introduced Acting Inspector P Nash who is representing Inspector Kathryn Rudkins. A new Marketing Manager commences with Woodgrove Shopping Centre on 28 March 2017 and will continue to represent Woodgrove Shopping Centre on this Committee.

2. Apologies

Representation from Woodgrove Shopping Centre
Melissa Sapuppo, Djerriwarrh Health Services
Mathew Wilson, Manager Community Planning
Milka Griffiths, Caroline Springs Square
Robert Blakely, Catholic Regional College

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion

J Cusack/P Nash

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held 13 September 2016.

5. Business Arising

Nil.

6. General Business

M Goodie and P Nash raised a discussion in relation to a current application for funding under crime prevention. The proposal, in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health Services, involves working with young people from the African community who may be at risk. The



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model will involve individual case management and positive engagement in the broader community. Expected decision is in July 2017.

Also discussed was the Victoria Police/Melton City Council 'COPPS' program involving youth soccer at Macpherson Park with students from grades 4 to 6. This program has high level police member involvement aiming to provide a circuit breaker approach with positive adult role models and information provision to encourage informed choices by young people.

Victoria Police is currently considering a community forum linked to a social cohesion initiative, with a further update to be provided.

Council, in partnership with Djerriwarrh Health Services has also submitted an application the State Government's Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention Grants Program to continue programs aimed at Prevention of Violence against Women and expect to hear the outcome of this process in June 2017.

Council will consider a report at the 3 April 2017 Ordinary Meeting in relation to the formation of an advisory committee on family violence. A further update is to be provided to the Committee at the next meeting.

Member Updates

6.1 Victoria Police

A discussion was held in relation to the expected increased police numbers in the Melton district. A decision will be known soon. Year to date crime reports show a 9.8% reduction overall, with assaults down by 10% which was positive. Burglary continues to be a concern with a slight increase year to date.

6.2 Department of Justice

Currently there is significant movement within the Department, with the absorption of the Youth Justice section moving from the Department of Health and Human Services. The regional justice reference group have resolved through the Department of Justice to refresh the LGA based community safety plans, which will include population updates and details.

The revised plan will provide the vehicle for information to the Department and be available to Council. Council will be formally contacted shortly to contribute to this review. This will provide the opportunity for Council to identify key safety issues and provide input from current community consultation to influence priorities in the revised plan. J Cusack also indicated that the enhanced Community Based Orders Program was a vehicle Council and member organisations should explore in relation to a broad range of community projects.

6.3 Djerriwarrh Health Services

The Walk with Her event was held with a significant increase on last year's attendance. Great to see this event continuing to grow. The walk was led by the Mayor. A further note was the involvement of the local Women Making It Happen group who undertook the majority of the organisation and running of the event. The new Welcome sign at Melton South railway station and work on the underpass has been the result of local community participation and the ongoing place making activities will further involve community members and add to the sense of place.

6.4 Melton City Council

Ongoing positive outcomes were noted in relation to the work of the Road 2 Zero Committee, with the group recently being nominated as finalists in two categories of the national Road Safety Awards.



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7. Other Business

Nil.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 17 May 2017 commencing at 1.00pm in Meeting Room 1, Caroline Springs Civic Centre/Library.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.