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Road2Zero Steering Committee Meeting

held on 2 June 2017 at 10am in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton
Cr Lara Carli, Councillor, City of Melton
Karen Robinson, North West Metro Regional Coordinator, Road Trauma Support Services
Tom Lay, Traffic Engineer, Melton City Council
Jan Webb, Road and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council (Minute Taker)
Melissa Ensink, Active Transport and Healthy Families Officer, Melton City Council
Katarina Ramazanoglu, Social Research Officer, Melton City Council
Liz Smith, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council
Nathanael Poljak, School Representative, Kurunjang and Melton Secondary College
George Greaves, Member of Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS) and Community Representative
Yvonne Sabire, Community Representative
Chris Stuhldreier, Sergeant, Victoria Police
Mark Goodie, Coordinator Youth Services, Melton City Council
Michelle Nunn, Community Coordinator, VIC Communities, Lendlease

Chairperson: Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton

1. Welcome

Cr L Carli (interim Chair until Cr S Ramsey's arrival) welcomed all members present.

2. Apologies

Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council
Senior Sergeant Ross Burbidge, Victoria Police
Kim Leech, L2P Project Officer, Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services
Liz Pace, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Nil.

5. Business Arising

J Webb presented anti-drug safety messages put together by Snr Sgt R Burbidge as an outcome of Action 3.1 of 1 March 2017 Committee meeting. It is intended for VicRoads to be



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approached with regards to these messages, to use the same for the Variable Message Sign (VMS) trailer.

6. General Business

6.1 Community Road Safety – Phone Call Interviews (K Ramazanoglu)

K Ramazanoglu presented to the Committee the evaluation findings of the Community Road Safety Forum (CRSF), together with a handout distributed to Committee. Feedback provided by the Committee included for evaluations to be completed by attendees with assistance given by Council at the end of each forum; working of the flyer to be more inclusive for promotion to CALD groups; a teacher to accompany 10 student representatives from each school (with consideration of an incentive that could support this suggestion); for sporting clubs to share event information on their social media pages and through their databases; for Facebook exposure to include some testimonies and a targeted post; consideration of holding a CRSF at a local school and attendance at CRSF should be built into the VicRoads licensing system and a requirement for all learner drivers.

J Webb provided a background of the CRSF and discussed the recent review of the forum evaluation form, inclusive of the invaluable feedback provided by Committee members at the 1 March 2017 Road2Zero Steering Committee meeting. The evaluation form has now been amended to reflect some of these ideas and suggestions.

Y Sabire noted that CRSF participants should be informed on who the completed evaluation forms could be handed into, with a further suggestion for the submission of the evaluation to also be done via email or to be posted at a later date.

With respect to CALD communities' involvement in Community Road Safety, N Poljak suggested that Phillip Schwalger could be a valuable CALD representative on the Road2Zero Steering Committee.

Action

J Webb to meet with Essan Dileri, Melton City Council's Intercultural Development Officer, to discuss some ideas on promoting the road safety forums to CALD groups and ensure that the promotional wording is inclusive.

J Webb to approach school leaders/wellbeing teachers regarding school students attending future forums.

J Webb to discuss with schools providing a school based session for students to attend forums.

J Webb to investigate the Road2Zero Steering Committee Terms of Reference with respect to inviting Phillip Schwalger to join the Committee as a CALD representative. J Webb to also contact Phillip Schwalger to participate in a future CRSF.

K Ramazanoglu and J Webb to consider survey feedback received at the Committee meeting.

6.2 Community/Road Safety Events (J Webb) (Cr S Ramsey took over from Cr L Carli as chair)

6.2.1 Safer City Day – Saturday 4 March 2017

Safer City Day was held in Caroline Springs on 4 March 2017 and attracted over 1,800 extra patrons (as recorded by Caroline Springs Square on the day). There were 68 anti-theft screws fitted/distributed. 26 child restraints were fitted with an additional 14 fitted at a follow up session.

6.2.2 Community Road Safety Forum – Thursday 23 March 2017

Community Road Safety Forum was held at Melton Library and Learning Hub on 23 March 2017 with over 80 participants in attendance.



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6.2.3 Years Ahead Road Safety for Seniors sessions

Sessions are scheduled on 10 July 2017 for the Men's Probus Club and on 10 October 2017 for the Women's Probus Club.

J Webb provided a further update on other road safety events, as follows.

Camp Quality fundraising event – 30 April 2017 – The truck convoy attracted over 1200 people and 320 trucks. A road safety and visitor information stand was provided by Melton City Council

Linking Melton South Pop Up Service – 5 May 2017 – The theme for the event was 'Shine a Light on Road Safety' Free child restraint fitting was provided with 40 restraints being fitted.

Fatality Free Friday (Melton Amphitheatre) – 24 May 2017 – This event was held to promote the 'Fatality Free Friday' road safety initiative, with over 170 pledges collected on the day. Students and teachers from Staughton Secondary College supported the event and the performances provided by the students were a huge success and enjoyed by everyone. Staughton Secondary College included a great article on the event in their school's newsletter. J Webb visited the school and provided the students with a show bag as a token of appreciation for their invaluable input.

6.3 Community Concern – Atherstone Precinct Hoon Activity

M Nunn reported that complaints have reduced since the road safety community forum was held in November 2016. M Nunn also informed the Committee members that Lendlease have recently conducted a Lifestyle and Community survey and the results will be presented to J Webb at a later date.

Action

M Nunn and J Webb will meet to discuss the results of the Lifestyle and Community survey.

6.4 Reports

6.4.1 Victoria Police

Sgt C Stuhldreier reported that there has been a decrease of road trauma in the City of Melton and that:

- Over last 12 months four fatalities compared to three for last year
- Total collisions down from 345 to 294
- Serious injuries down from 65 to 33
- A majority of crash causes are from vehicles leaving the road and nose to tail
- Definitions for classifying accidents (DCA) codes are collected to try and determine the cause of the crash
- Collect intelligence on times, locations and Police Service Area
- Enforcement / Infringements have increased by 100%
- Lower stats due to a combination of various countermeasures in partnership with Council and other road safety stakeholders
- Police numbers will increase from 1 July 2017 and new Victoria Police members will be allocated to Melton PSA. Highway Patrol Police numbers will not be increasing

Sgt C Stuhldreier also talked about the use of MacPherson Park and the issue of hoon behaviour. Sgt C Stuhldreier informed the Committee that a task force is being developed to address this hoon behaviour.



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6.4.2 VicRoads

No report provided to Committee.

6.4.3 Community Safety Advisory Committee

L Smith provided an update on the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 17 May 2017. The main topics discussed at the meeting were the plan to merge Council's road and community safety plans together; the Victoria Police Community Safety Forum in Taylors Hill and the safety concerns at Caroline Springs Square. L Smith also informed Committee members that Victoria Police have planned a second community safety forum in Melton on 6 July 2017.

6.4.4 Traffic Engineers

T Lay provided an update that Council will be investigating the reduction of the speed limit on some of our rural roads from 100km/h to 80km/h and also that Council will liaise with VicRoads in regards to pedestrians crossing the Western Freeway to access the Youth Centre/Woodgrove Shopping Centre. T Lay noted that Council will also liaise with Woodgrove in regards to pedestrian safety concerns along Barries Road.

6.4.5 It's Cool to Walk to School

M Ensink provided information about Ride2School and Walk Safely to School Days and that Council have funded schools for activities such as healthy breakfasts, lunchtime activities, fruit on arrival, prizes and giveaways to encourage active travel.

M Ensink noted that Council provided one Bike Ed session thus far and is holding another at the end of June. It is expected that at least 10 instructors will be trained or re-trained.

Council received funding from RoadSafe Westgate and are holding the Bike It! event in December 2017. This is an inter-school bicycle education challenge, where students move through a series of bicycle activities, scoring points on how well the activity is completed.

M Ensink also noted that Council was successful in receiving a grant from VicHealth to support schools during Walk to School Month (October 2017), which will include a partnership with the local police members for an initiative called 'Walk to School with the Police'.

M Ensink noted the anecdotal feedback she has received from schools, expressing concern of the complex process of installing new or relocating existing crossings for schools. T Lay discussed the challenge of installing school crossings from an engineering perspective and lack of funding for the same. J Webb suggested that potentially the Speed Awareness Trailer could be located at identified speeding hotspots around schools.

6.4.6 VORTS

No report provided to Committee.

6.4.7 L2P (Learner Driver Program)

K Leech provided a report document to J Webb, to be circulated to the Committee following the meeting for information only.

6.4.8 Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) Report

K Robinson reported that the last couple of months across the RTSSV North West Metro Region have been busy. RTSSV Facilitators have been successfully running Road Trauma Awareness Seminars at Melton, Laverton, Collingwood and Broadmeadows. The seminars have addressed educational needs of repeat road traffic offenders in order for them to become safer and more responsible road users. K Robinson attended the April RoadSafe Westgate Community Road Safety Council



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meeting and facilitated a RTSSV school presentation to two groups of approximately 70 students, on road safety and road trauma. RTSSV conducted its quarterly North West Metro Regional Team meeting where attendees had the opportunity to hear about the latest news and network to exchange ideas/thoughts. K Robinson attended the Hume City Council Volunteer Conference 2017.

K Robinson noted that the Shine a Light on Road Safety event at Albert Park was a huge success.

K Robinson represented RTSSV at the Melbourne Magistrates' Law Week Open Day and had the opportunity to do an RTSSV presentation. She also participated in Melton's 'Fatality Free Friday' community event.

Actions

J Webb to circulate the L2P report from K Leech to Committee members.

J Webb and M Ensink will meet with Council's Traffic Engineers to discuss the matter of school crossings around schools.

6.5 School Programs

6.5.1 Fit2Drive

No report was provided to Committee.

6.5.2 Keys Please

No report was provided to Committee.

6.5.3 Looking After Our Mates (LAOM)

Session held at Djerriwarh Community and Education Services on 16 May 2017, as part of the 'Be Prepared' road safety program.

6.5.4 Positive Choices

Session held at Djerriwarh Community and Education Services on 16 May 2017, as part of the 'Be Prepared' road safety program.

6.6 Grant Seeking Activities

6.6.1 VicRoads Community Road Safety Grants

M Ensink noted that Council applied for the walk to school program and the speed awareness trailer funding and are waiting on the announcement from VicRoads.

M Goodie noted that Council applied for funding to support a road safety initiative to include a simulator and was not successful with the submission.

6.6.2 TAC Community Road Safety Grants

No report on grant seeking was provided to Committee.

7. Other Business

M Goodie raised the issue of community members crossing the Western Freeway to access and exit the Youth Services centre (via the back of the centre. M Goodie also spoke about the lack of a direct pedestrian crossing to Youth Services (on Barries Road). He noted that community members are parking at Woodgrove Shopping Centre car park which is not deemed safe. M Goodie suggested if a review could be conducted to discuss some possible improvements in respect of this issue.

J Webb noted that RoadSafe Westgate will be providing to Council additional road safety signage ('Driving is not game'). T Lay is currently considering the most appropriate location to place the sign.



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Cr S Ramsey noted her intention to move a motion at a future Council meeting, for a memorial tree to be planted at either the Civic Centre or the Courthouse with a plaque stating 'In memory of those who have lost their lives on our roads'. Committee members were in favour of this idea.

Actions

T Lay and Police members to meet at the Youth Services centre site with M Goodie and O Ramos, to discuss the car park/pedestrian crossing issue.

T Lay will liaise with Woodgrove Shopping Centre management regarding pedestrian access on Barries Road and some possible safe options to be considered.

T Lay to liaise with VicRoads the concern of pedestrians crossing the Western Freeway and some improvements that can be made to prevent access.

T Lay to consider the most appropriate location to place the road safety sign.

Cr S Ramsey to move a motion at a future Council meeting for a memorial tree and plaque.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 30 August 2017 commencing at 10am in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre.

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 12.20pm.