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### COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 17 May 2017 at 1.00pm in Meeting Room 1, Caroline Springs Civic Centre/Library

**Present:** Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton  
Cr Bob Turner, Deputy Mayor, City of Melton  
Inspector Kathy Rudkins, Victoria Police  
Milka Griffiths, Caroline Springs Square  
Rod Kennedy, Caroline Springs Square  
Mathew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council  
Liz Smith, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council  
Jan Webb, Road Safety and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council

**Chairperson:** Cr Sophie Ramsey, Mayor, City of Melton

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**1. Welcome**

Cr Ramsey welcomed all present and acknowledged the Indigenous owners of the land on which the meeting was held.

**2. Apologies**

Lisha Constantino, Djerriwarrh Health Services  
Peter Doyle, Emergency Management Coordinator, Melton City Council  
Jim Cusack, Department of Justice

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

Nil.

**4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

**Motion**

This will be carried over until the next meeting as there were insufficient committee representatives present who had attended the 29 March 2017 meeting.

**5. Business Arising**

Nil.

**6. General Business**

**6.1 Draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021**

Liz Smith presented the draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 and explained that the Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan have been integrated for the first time. The plan is currently on public exhibition and any submissions need to be sent by 1 June 2017.



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Liz Smith highlighted the safety related objectives and strategies in the plan which include:

- 1.2.1 Promote a sense of safety in all settings and among all people*
- 1.5.4 Promote public health and safety through education and enforcement*
- 3.4.3 Ensure road networks are adequate, safe and contribute to the wellbeing of the community*

### **Melton City 2036 – The City we Imagine (Community Vision)**

Matthew Wilson presented Melton City 2036 – The City We Imagine which is the first community vision for the City of Melton and highlights opportunities and challenges for the municipality. The vision will be enacted through the Council and Wellbeing Plan and puts people first, embedding them at the heart of the vision and surrounded by four domains:

- 1) Our safe and socially connected City
- 2) Our well-built City
- 3) Our strong local economy
- 4) Our thriving natural environment.

### **6.2 Prevention of Violence Against Women Strategy**

Liz Smith spoke about the development of Council's next Prevention of Violence against Women Strategy that is due later in the year. A stakeholder consultation was held on 9 May 2017 where 21 stakeholders attended and were supportive of Council's intention to strengthen the strategy's focus on gender equity.

### **6.3 Family Violence Advisory Committee**

Matthew Wilson was pleased to share that Council raised a notice of motion for a Family Violence Advisory Committee to be established. This is a demonstration of how seriously Council takes family violence which is further evidenced by all 9 councillors requesting to be members. Further members are yet to be recruited and appointed.

### **6.4 Outstanding grants**

- a. Youth Crime Prevention Grant – outcome yet to be announced
- b. Community Partnerships for Primary Prevention Grant – outcome yet to be announced

### **6.5 Road 2 Zero**

Jan Webb provided an update on recent road safety initiatives including Safer City Day in March 2017 where more than 2000 people attended, car restraint fitting service events, Fatality Free Friday planned for 24 May and a Community Road Safety Forum on 14 September.

### **6.6 Safer City Plan**

Liz Smith raised a discussion about the option to combine the Safer City Plan with the Road Safety Plan. The current Safer City Plan 2015-2017 is due to expire this year and needs to be rewritten whereas the Road Safety Plan 2009-2018 still has 18 months left. The option is to delay the new Safer City Plan so that it can be combined with the new Road Safety Plan. Cr Ramsey expressed support for the idea to merge the two plans and delay the Safer City Plan.



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### 6.7 Safer City Month

Jan Webb shared the current plans for Safer City Month in October. Currently the plans are to 'piggy-back' on other events such as Children's Week and neighbourhood house based events to capitalise on their efforts. Members are encouraged to send their event ideas through to Jan Webb.

### 6.8 Household Satisfaction Survey

Liz Smith shared the preliminary safety results from Council's Community Satisfaction Survey for 2017. The preliminary results indicate a decline in the perception of safety both during the day and at night.

## 7. Member Updates

### - Victoria Police

Inspector Kathy Rudkins shared some of the projects that her team has been delivering which include a soccer program for primary schools where 450 children attended and a social cohesion program where they have engaged 47 African community members to discuss relevant issues. A solution-focused workshop with women from the community is being planned. There is also a community safety forum planned for 31 May in Caroline Springs (venue to be confirmed).

Further Victoria Police news is that there will be 16 new members in the next 12 months. These additional members will be involved in a Safer Communities Taskforce, servicing the new prison and the Fast Track Family Violence response.

### - Caroline Springs Square

Milka Griffiths and Rod Kennedy from Caroline Springs Square shared information about challenges facing the shopping centre. Kathy Rudkins will speak to her team about increased foot patrols around the area of the shopping centre. Milka and Rod are open to suggestions on how to best address the challenges discussed.

## 8. Other Business

Liz Smith shared information about the Department of Justice Community Safety Fund grants. Community groups and councils are eligible to apply for \$10,000 to deliver practical local crime prevention projects such as education and awareness initiatives, improved security at community facilities or small scale improvements to public space. The grants close on 14 July 2017. Matthew Wilson also shared that larger community safety grants will be available later in the year.

Matthew Wilson reported that an African Communities Working Group under the auspice of the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Advisory Committee will soon to be established by Council.

## 9. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 13 September 2017 commencing at 1.00pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre.

## 10. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.