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### DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 1 June 2017 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

**Present:** L Chitts, Community Representative  
Cr K Majdlik (MCC)  
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic (MCC)  
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation (MCC)  
M Homann, Mambourin Representative  
L Jenner, Community Representative  
D Ciavarella, Community Representative  
T Ball, Acting Manager Community Care (MCC)  
P Forbes, Business and Industry Development Officer (MCC)  
B Norman, Capital Projects Co-ordinator  
D Speirs, Capital Projects Officer (MCC)  
K Douglas, Outlines Landscape Architecture

**Chairperson:** Cr K Majdlik (MCC)

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**1. Welcome**

Cr Majdlik welcomed all present.

**2. Apologies**

P Gulen, Community Representative  
W Penna, Metro Access Officer (MCC)  
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer (MCC)  
C Crameri, Manager Community Care (MCC)

**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 (DAC) meeting held 6 April 2017.

L Chitts / L Jenner

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Pride of Melton Presentation Concept Plans Stages 4 and 5**

K Douglas presented the concept plans for stages 4 and 5 being Bakery and Wallace Square redevelopments. The committee commended K Douglas and the Council Officers responsible



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for the designs with a recommendation that further consideration be given to installing additional disabled parking spaces at the Smith Street end of Wallace Square.

**Action:**

M Heaney to include an update of the Pride of Melton Concept Plans Stages 4 and 5 in the August 2017 DAC meeting agenda.

### 5.2 Car Parking Time Restrictions Civic Centre Disabled Parking Bays

M Hutchinson reported that after monitoring use of the disabled parking bays, he can confirm that the current time restrictions are appropriate.

## 6. General Business

### 6.1 Business Excellence Awards

P Forbes provided an overview of the 2017 Business Excellence Awards including changes to categories, process for nomination, judging and highlighted the impact on the Access and Inclusion category and role of the DAC.

DAC members emphasised the need to have expertise in the area of access and inclusion on the judging panel and supported the concept of mentors to assist local businesses in completing the formal application process.

It was agreed that the DAC would:

- have representation on the committee to review applications for all shortlisted finalists for the Access and Inclusion category
- nominate DAC members to participate in the business mentoring component of awards

**Action:**

M Heaney to provide the following DAC representatives to P Forbes:

- Review shortlisted finalists – D Ciavarella and L Chitts
- Business mentor – L Jenner

### 6.2 Disability Action Plan

M Heaney reported that Council will be developing a new 'people' focused strategy that will consider all life cycle stages. This document which will align with the Council Plan 2017 – 2021, will incorporate the Disability Action Plan, Early Years Plan, Youth Strategy and Ageing Well Strategy. This significant Council document will provide a strong platform for advocating for access and inclusion across all life stages.

Work on the new strategy has commenced and will escalate over the coming months with further information and consultation with the DAC to occur at its August 2017 meeting.

**Action:**

M Heaney to include an update of the new strategy in the August 2017 DAC meeting agenda.

### 6.3 Metro Access Update

Melton Disability and Aged Services Guide Update:

M Heaney reported that the guide has been reviewed and improvements to the current format are required to reflect changes within the disability and aged care sectors. The DAC members supported the changes as presented.



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### State Disability Awards

M Heaney provided the following update:

- Councils application nominating the Disability Advisory Committee, in the category of 'Excellence in Creating Inclusion,' has been submitted.
- State Disability Awards judging period finished on 29 May 2017.
- Finalist will be announced week commencing 17 July 2017.

## 7. Other Business

### Updates from Representatives

M Hutchinson:

- Reported that disabled parking bays will be installed at the Melton South Community Centre within the next 5 weeks.

L Chitts:

- Raised that although a Customer Action Request had been lodged with Council to improve access pathways at Woodgrove Shopping Centre, there had been no improvements related to this request.

#### Action:

M Hutchinson to investigate progress of the Customer Action Request and provide L Chitts with an update.

M Heaney:

- Complemented L Chitts on his presentation at the launch of the Community Vision held on 31 May 2017 at Kurunjang Primary School. L Chitts used this opportunity to promote the DAC, needs of people with a disability and the benefits of living in the City of Melton.

L Jenner:

- Raised concerns regarding height requirements for grocery items at supermarkets and that she has reported her concerns with Coles Supermarkets - Head Office.

D Ciavarella:

- Enquired about the provision of NDIS information sessions. M Heaney confirmed that the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) had been appointed by the State Government and consequently funded, to deliver NDIS information session as regions roll out the new scheme. The NDIA has indicated that information sessions will be provided in each region 6 to 9 months prior to its scheduled NDIS roll out.
- Reported issues with the Melton South Station Square car park. M Hutchinson indicated that the owners are aware of the issues and are reconsidering the configuration of the car park site.
- Reported that two falls incidents had occurred involving mobility scooters in a Melton South reserve north of Station Square Shopping Centre.

#### Action:

- M Hutchinson to investigate the provision of a path through the reserve and to report back to the DAC at its August 2017 meeting.



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K Madjlik:

- Reported on recent attendance at a Municipality Association Victoria facilitated forum where changes to Metro Access (Building Inclusive Communities) funding had been raised. Councils represented at the forum were unanimous in their support for the Metro Access initiative and its ongoing funding.

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 3 August 2017 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 1.55pm.