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Melton Transport Community Reference Group (MTCRG)

Held on 2 April 2019 at 6:30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: **Councillors**
Bob Turner
Kathy Majdlik
Sophie Ramsey

Council Staff
Matthew Milbourne, Senior Strategic Planner
Sean McManus, Manager Engagement and Advocacy

Community Representatives
Alison Richards
Ian Matthews
Lawrence Geyer

Chairperson: Bob Turner, Councillor (Mayor)

Minute Taker: Matthew Milbourne

1. Welcome

2. Apologies

Laura-Jo Mellan, Manager City Design, Strategy and Environment
Sam Romaszko, Manager Engineering Services
Alan Perry, Community Representative
Madeleine Connor, Community Representative
Adut Dharurai, Community Representative
Raj Arora, Community Representative
Vinea Fuimaono, Community Representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

There were no declarations of interest, or declarations of a conflict of interest.

4. General Business

4.1 Upgrade the Western Highway Campaign

Update on the campaign activity to date:

- 1,750 signatures to the petition
- Postcards and post boxes have been placed in Council facilities

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- Advert in Star Weekly today
- Petition being promoted on Council's webpage and social media
- Posters being put up in the next week
- Major developers have been asked to promote the campaign on their estates Facebook page and / or send emails to people on their distribution lists
- Schools in the City of Melton have been sent a social media post that they can share in their newsletters
- Major developers sending a joint letter to Ministers and MPs requesting the upgrade of the Western Highway
- Cr Turner, Cr Ramsey, Cr Majdlik, Alan Perry and Madeleine Connor were photographed by the Star Weekly and should be in an article in the local paper shortly
- Cr Turner met with the Minister for Public Transport on 20 March to talk about the need to upgrade the public transport network in the City of Melton
- Cr Turner meeting with the Minister for Roads tomorrow (3 April) to discuss the need to upgrade the Western and Melton Highways, as well as the other road and transport projects needed in the City of Melton
- Cr Turner was on ABC radio yesterday (1 April) to discuss National Nightmare Commute Day which will be held on Thursday
- Cr Turner will be driving in to the City on National Nightmare Commute Day on Thursday. He will be posting about his progress.
- The campaign will be promoted at Caroline Springs Square this weekend (the extension to the shopping centre is opening this week)
- The campaign will be promoted at Station Square next weekend in Melton South
- Investigate promoting the campaign at upcoming events such as the Youth Awards, Relay for Life etc.
- Suggestion to contact civil construction companies that are building the roads in new estates
- Suggestion to look at whether there are any Coalition seats along the Western Highway between Melton and the South Australian border – contact them to support the campaign

4.2 Vacant Community Representative Positions

Matthew to contact community representatives who have not attended recent meetings to see if they wish to remain on the Reference Group.

The two vacant positions are to be advertised, and possibly advertise the additional community representative positions if community representatives wish to withdraw.

4.3 Next meeting date

The next ordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday, 4 June 2019.

5. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.