



## MINUTES

### DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 6 December 2018 at 12noon in Civic Room 2

**Present:** Cr L Carli, City of Melton  
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer, City of Melton  
M Homann, Service Provider Representative  
L Jenner, Community Representative  
L Chitts, Community Representative  
L Campbell, Community Representative  
L Vasilopoulos, Community Representative  
M Heaney, Coordinator Community Participation, City of Melton  
W Penna, MetroAccess Officer, City of Melton  
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic, City of Melton  
S Prestney, Coordinator Library Activation and Engagement, City of Melton

**Chairperson:** Cr L Carli, City of Melton

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**1. Apologies**

Cr K Majdlik MCC  
C Crameri, Manager Community Care MCC

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

Nil

**3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting**

**Motion**

That the Committee adopts the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting held 4 October 2018 with the following change:

K Majdlik to be removed from the list of members present.

M Homann / L Jenner

**4. Pierre Gorman Award Presentation**

S Prestney reported that in May 2018, Melton City Libraries were awarded the biennial Pierre Gorman Award by the Library Board of Victoria. The Award aims to support improved library services for people with a disability.

Council's application was inspired by the number of enquiries for social and creative programs for adults with intellectual disabilities along with the knowledge that there are limited opportunities provided and the pioneering work of Campaspe Regional Library.

For the past 2 years, Campaspe has developed a shared reading program for adults with intellectual disabilities. Shared reading, focuses on the social interaction and learning that occurs when people read together. Melton City Libraries proposed a collaborative approach

to the Award proposal, resulting in a partnership with 14 Victorian library services to implement regular shared reading programs by 2020.

The \$25,000 Award will fund training in two shared reading program models: Next Chapter Book Club (US), and Sensory Book Clubs (UK). It will also support the working group to develop a toolkit of resources and community of practice to sustain the program into the future.

## 5. Business Arising

### 5.1 Brotherhood of St Laurence presentation

C Crameri to schedule a representative from the Brotherhood of St Laurence to attend the February 2019 meeting of the DAC to provide an overview on the progress of the NDIS transition across the municipality.

### 5.2 Disability demographics presentation

C Crameri to schedule a presentation by relevant Council staff to attend the February 2019 meeting of the DAC.

### 5.3 QIC feedback regarding traffic lights adjacent to Melton Health

M Hutchinson reported that Council has received a planning application for the extension of Woodgrove Shopping Centre. As part of the application Council will be requiring:

- Provision of a signalised crossing on Barries Road adjacent to Melton Health
- Completion of the bus interchange on High Street

In addition Council will use this opportunity to undertake negotiations for ownership of Barries Road to be transferred to Council.

The planning application process will be managed by relevant Council Departments over an extended period with the DAC provided updates and opportunity to comment at relevant times. *Action completed.*

### 5.4 Woodgrove feedback regarding traffic lights adjacent to Melton Health

DAC members reported that there had been no further action regarding the provision of feedback to Woodgrove management. On the basis of information provided by M Hutchinson, it was determined that at this time there is no further action required by members. *Action completed.*

### 5.5 Age Friendly Cities and Communities Checklist

M Heaney reported that the relevant documentation had been provided to K McCluskey for consideration in the development of Councils Community Infrastructure Framework. *Action completed.*

### 5.6 DAC rostering for CARE Melton Expo Site

Four representatives of the DAC attended the CARE Melton Expo and managed the DAC community consultation exhibitor site. *Action completed.*

### 5.7 Information for DAC site at CARE Melton Expo

W Penna provided the relevant information for the delivery of the community consultation by DAC members. *Action completed.*



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### 6. General Business

#### 6.1 Metro Access Update

##### 6.1.1 CARE Melton Expo Report

W Penna distributed the outcomes from the exhibitor survey and community consultation undertaken by the DAC members. The Expo attracted over 700 visitors during its four hour duration. Exhibitor sites were at capacity with 69 service providers and organisations exhibiting with a further 30 service providers on the exhibitor waitlist.

Feedback received was positive from both exhibitors and visitors with satisfaction levels high for all areas of event delivery.

Visitors indicated they attended the event primarily seeking information on disability and aged care services and the NDIS. Visitors also indicated that they highly value the opportunity to talk face to face with service providers. The consultation undertaken by DAC members not only provided valuable feedback but also raised the profile of the committee.

##### 6.1.2 All Abilities Sports Day

W Penna reported that Council's 'Sports for All' initiative will provide a range of modified sports and activities for all family members during the upcoming January school holiday period. 'Sports for All' will be delivered by Council's Leisure Services team at the Bridge Road Sports Precinct over a two hour period. This is a free community event.

#### 6.2 Melton: A City for All People Update

M Heaney provided an update on the outcomes from Melton: A City for All People Year 1 Action Plan and progress towards Year 2 Action Plan.

Year 1 Action Plan included a total of 50 actions that incorporated disability and/or aged outcomes. Of the 50 actions, 44 have been completed with a further six near completion and to be incorporated into the Year 2 Action Plan. Highlights for the first year of the plan included the construction and opening of the Burnside Community Centre, preparation for the roll-out of the NDIS across the municipality and the successful State Government funding application for \$100,000 to construct a Changing Places Facility at Melton Waves Leisure Centre.

The Year 2 Action Plan has been developed and will be presented to Council for consideration at its Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2018.

#### 6.3 Voting Centre Accessibility

L Campbell raised issues regarding the accessibility of early voting centres for the recent State Government election. W Penna provided further information obtained from the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to support DAC members understanding of the process for selecting and hiring accessible venues for early voting.

This information included the requirement for early voting centres to be:

- a minimum of 500 square metres
- available for a six month lease
- set up so that the VEC is the sole tenant i.e. shared floor space is not suitable given security requirements.

This along with other requirements significantly restricts the acquisition of suitable venues within the municipality. The VEC indicated their commitment to ensuring all Victorians have the opportunity to participate but are aware that not all venues will meet their requirements and also be accessible. With this in mind the VEC actively pursues other options to manage access issues including postal vote and the recently introduced telephone assisted voting.

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**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 7 February 2019 commencing at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2.

**8. Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 1.52pm.