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### ROAD2ZERO STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

held on 21 November 2019 at 10.30am in Civic Room 1, Melton Civic Centre

**Present:** Cr Lara Carli, Mayor, Melton City Council  
Cr Sophie Ramsey, Councillor, Melton City Council  
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council  
Jayde McBurnie, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council  
Jessica McArdle, Acting Road and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council  
Tom Lay, Senior Traffic and Transport Engineer, Melton City Council  
Chris Stuhldreier, Sergeant, Victoria Police  
Alan Nguyen, Area Coordinator, Fit to Drive Foundation

**Chairperson:** Cr Lara Carli, Mayor, Melton City Council

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**1. Welcome**

Cr Carli welcomed all members present and acknowledged the Traditional Owners.

**2. Apologies**

Kate McCluskey, Acting Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing, Melton City Council  
Kerry Walton, Traffic and Transport Coordinator, Melton City Council  
Jamaica Barrientos, Senior Youth Project Officer, Melton City Council  
Leanne Abdullah, Community Road Safety Coordinator, VicRoads  
Amanda Venda, Community Road Safety Coordinator, VicRoads  
Kim Leech, L2P Project Officer Melton/Moorabool, Djerriwarrh Community and Education Services  
Karen Robinson, North West Metro Regional Coordinator, Road Trauma Support Services Victoria  
George Greaves, Member of Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS) and Community Representative  
Sam Chebib, Senior Development Manager, Lend Lease  
Nathaneal Poljak, Health Promotion Nurse, Kurunjang and Melton Secondary Colleges  
Liz Pace, Community Representative

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

Nil.

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

**Noted**

Minutes of the Road2Zero Steering Committee meeting held on 4 September 2019 were adopted by Council at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 14 October 2019.

**5. Business Arising****5.1 Hopkins Road/Boundary Road intersection**

T Lay informed the Committee that VicRoads is currently considering a number of options for the Hopkins Road/Boundary Road intersection. These include:

- banning the through and right turn movements
- signalling the intersection, however this requires land acquisition.

Members raised the following concerns about the proposed options:

- whether or not drivers would obey the ban
- if drivers do obey the ban, members agreed that drivers are likely to then complete a U-turn further down the road, which is considered even more dangerous
- lowered speed limits down to 60km/h have limited fatalities at this intersection, however population growth will continue to add traffic.

It was noted that VicRoads have assessed the flow of traffic at the intersection during morning peak. Results are yet to be confirmed.

T Lay noted he had proposed a roundabout as an immediate response.

Committee raised whether this intersection could be funded through the Black Spot program.

T Lay to investigate.

**Action**

T Lay to continue liaising with VicRoads regarding the plan for Hopkins Rd/Boundary Rd intersection and Black Spot program, and provide updates to the Committee where relevant.

**5.2 Street lighting concerns**

Cr Carli reported that no response has been received from Powercor in relation to Council's letter regarding street lighting commissioning. Westwood Drive currently has portable lights at the intersection.

Members reported that lights in Abey Road (Melton South) and Hume Drive (Taylors Hill) are also currently not operational.

T Lay provided the following information:

- Westwood Drive - The Powercor audit has been booked for the end of November. If it passes the audit, then presumably the lights will be turned on by the end of the year
- Hume Drive – the lights were energised by Powercor in October 2019
- Abey Road – the lights were energised by Powercor in 2018.

**Action**

T Lay to contact Powercor regarding non-operational lights at Hume Drive and Abey Road.

**6. General Business****6.1 Recent Council actions****6.1.1 Child restraint fittings**

J McArdle reported that Council have recently held four child restraint fitting sessions at the following events:

- Diggers Rest Pet Show on 13 October 2019 (12 restraints fitted)
- Children's Week event on 22 October 2019 (17 restraints fitted)



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- Safer City Day on 26 October 2019 (22 restraints fitted)
- Operation Safe Plate on 16 November 2019 (17 restraints fitted).

C Stuhldreier stated that police officers are observing low compliance and understanding of child restraints, especially with newly arrived communities. C Stuhldreier suggested putting together an educational package explaining the importance of child restraints. The educational video could be put on Council's website and Facebook.

J McBurnie noted that Council are considering prioritising free child restraint fittings for those most at need.

### Action

J McArdle and J McBurnie to further discuss with management the prioritisation of free child restraint fittings to residents most at need.

#### 6.1.2 Safer City Day

J McArdle reported that the Safer City Day event was held on Saturday 26 October 2019 and took a different form to previous years, due to reduced space provided by CS Square Shopping Centre. Activities included attendance by emergency services (SES, CFA, Victoria Police) and Neighbourhood Watch, face painting, pot planting, live music, free child restraint fittings and merchandise giveaways. Council officers also undertook community consultation to inform the new Road and Community Safety Plan.

Cr Carli suggested that Taylors Hill Village may be a suitable location for future events.

### Action

J McArdle to note Taylors Hill Village as a potential location for future Safer City Day events.

#### 6.1.3 Djerriwarrh Festival

J McArdle reported that Melton City Council had a road safety stall alongside Victoria Police and Neighbourhood Watch at Djerriwarrh Festival on Saturday 9 November 2019. Further community consultation for the new Road and Community Safety Plan occurred.

#### 6.1.4 Operation Safe Plate

J McArdle reported that the event was held on Saturday 16 November 2019 at Bunnings Melton. Approximately 70 cars were fitted with anti-theft number plate screws, with assistance from Melton Men's Group, RSL and Melton Valley Rotary Club. Child restraints were also fitted free of charge.

#### 6.1.5 Newly Arrived Immigrants Road Safety Awareness Program

J McArdle reported that the Newly Arrived Immigrants Road Safety Awareness Program (facilitated by the North West Migrant Resource Centre) ran five sessions from 12 September until 10 October 2019. The graduation evening was held on 30 October with approximately 20 participants graduating from the program.

#### 6.2 Road and Community Safety Plan development

J McBurnie stated that the Road and Community Safety Plan is currently in development. The Plan will be presented to Road2Zero and Community Safety Advisory Committees in a

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joint meeting early in 2020.

**6.3 Community Road Safety Forum**

J McArdle offered an opportunity for feedback and ideas for the 2020 Community Road Safety Forum.

S Ramsey stated the Community Road Safety Forum is an excellent event. She would like to see forums held at both Caroline Springs and Melton, as an annual event alternating between locations or two separate events per year. S Ramsey noted that the event may be too long in duration and would like the essence of the event to remain however a greater focus to be on key take-home messages.

Members suggested alternating speakers and including younger speakers to ensure variety, to maintain interest and provide a more powerful message to the audience.

A Nguyen stated that he could potentially identify young speakers through the Fit2Drive Foundation.

**Action**

J McArdle to note considerations for planning the 2020 Community Road Safety Forum.

**6.4 Rider Aware stickers**

J McArdle reported that Rider Aware stickers were received from Kristine Mitchell, Rider Aware. The stickers are designed to make drivers aware of motorcyclists on the road and look twice before changing lanes. The stickers can be placed on side door mirrors and the rear window.

Members noted the potential benefit of the side door mirror stickers.

**Action**

J McArdle to contact Rider Aware to investigate price of small stickers for side door mirrors.

J McArdle to investigate Council policy regarding stickers on Council vehicles and to investigate whether the stickers could be trialed on Council pool cars as a road safety message.

**6.5 Reports****6.5.1 Youth Services**

Nil.

**6.5.2 Victoria Police**

C Stuhldreier reported the current City of Melton road statistics for the year to date. There was no change in fatal collisions compared with last year. Serious injury collisions have reduced by 15.4 per cent. Other injury collisions have increased by 25.2 per cent compared with the previous year. Vehicle impounds have increased to 420 from 224 (87.5 per cent increase), likely due to a legislation change and increased power to impound vehicles.

C Stuhldreier noted an upcoming busy period for Victoria Police with Operation Roadwise commencing on 13 December 2019 until 6 January 2020 with increased police presence including drug and alcohol testing over the holiday period.

**6.5.3 VicRoads**

Nil.



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### 6.5.4 Community Safety Advisory Committee

J McBurnie shared that Victoria Police led a discussion at the Community Safety Advisory Committee about hoon-driving behavior.

J McBurnie noted the previous joint operation by Council and Victoria Police to target driving and parking offences near schools.

### 6.5.5 Traffic and Transport

T Lay shared the following updates:

- High Street / Norton Drive intersection – VicRoads did not provide funding for 2019-2020. VicRoads to re-submit application for funding in 2020-2021 for a signalised intersection.
- Melton Highway / Leakes Road intersection – VicRoads to submit application for funding in 2020-2021 for a signalised intersection.

### 6.5.6 Victims of Road Trauma Support (VORTS)

Nil.

### 6.5.7 L2P (Learner Driver Program)

K Leech was an apology however provided the following report tabled by J McArdle:

- Three new mentors are being trained for the Melton/Moorabool program. One new mentor is a graduate of the program. There are now 40 mentors on the list in total.
- Promotional video was shown at Daughters of the West sessions.
- Quarterly Statistics from 1 October 2019 - 33 learners on the road, three licences, 466 drive hours and 33 active mentors. There are 25 learners on the waitlist. Referrals for Melton program come in daily.
- The L2P program is now branded as TAC L2P. Vehicles and media information will be branded accordingly over the next six months. L2P now falls under Department of Transport, not VicRoads.
- Still working towards replacing old L2P vehicle in Melton.
- Kim is planning a professional development session in December or January on the new My Learners App for mentors.

### 6.5.8 School Programs

A Nguyen shared the Fit2Drive workshop bookings that have been completed within the 2019-2020 period with 264 students attending to date. There have been challenges engaging schools due to a full curriculum and the time commitment of the program (1/2 day). Marketing campaigns have begun with schools to promote bookings for 2020.

A Nguyen reported that the Student Voices Road Safety Forum is set to occur on 27 November 2019. This is a collaborative workshop where student leaders from around the region are connected and provided the opportunity to workshop a road safety initiative and present it to an expert panel.

A Nguyen reported that Staughton College has been the only booking so far for the Looking After Our Mates program in the 2019–2020 period. In the previous year (2018–2019), there were four bookings in Melton and a total of 181 students reached by the program. 2020 marketing campaigns for the program will be released either later this year or early next year.

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**7. Other Business**

Nil.

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be confirmed.

**9. Close of Business**

The meeting closed at 12:07pm.