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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 5 December 2019 at 12.00pm in Civic Room 2

Present: Cr L Carli, Mayor, City of Melton
Cr K Majdlik, Councillor, City of Melton
L Vasilopoulos, Community Representative
L Campbell, Community Representative
L Chitts, Community Representative
L Jenner, Community Representative
K Tori, Chief Executive Officer, City of Melton
C Cramer, Manager Community Care
A Munro, Acting Coordinator Community Participation, City of Melton
S Vurdu, Access and Support Officer, City of Melton
M Venne-Rowe, Social Planning Officer, City of Melton
P Forbes, Industry & Development Officer, City of Melton
B Marshall, Coordinator Economic Development & Tourism, City of Melton

Chairperson: Cr L Carli

1. Apologies

S Reed, Service Provider Representative
M Hutchinson, Coordinator Design and Traffic, City of Melton

2. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

The committee noted the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting from 3 October 2019 that were endorsed by Council on 11 November 2019.

4. NDIS update

S Vurdu presented on the Council's Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) transition data to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). The comparison data from the commencement of the transition period from October 2018 to present demonstrated the effectiveness the NDIS Transition Officer role played in supporting clients to transition seamlessly to NDIS.

5. Metropolis Survey Findings

M Venne-Rowe presented on the findings of the annual customer satisfaction (metropolis) survey 2019.

Action:

A Munro to circulate the presentation M Venne-Rowe delivered to the DAC members.

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6. Melton Business Excellence Awards - Access & Inclusion

P Forbes and B Marshall provided an update and an overview in regards to the Melton Business Excellence Awards, focusing predominantly on the Access and Inclusion award judging process.

DAC members provided comments and feedback in which P Forbes and B Marshall noted for consideration.

Action/s:

DAC members to provide any further comments, input or feedback via A Munro by 10 January 2020.

A Munro to agenda item for discussion at the DAC meeting on 6 February 2020.

7. Business Arising**7.1 Access Keys - Libraries**

The Access Key (general visit or group visit) documents for Melton and Caroline Springs Libraries are now available on both Access Ability Australia website and Council's libraries website.

The Access Keys are available in full colour including contextualised photographs and in a large print text only format (formatted for people with low vision or who are blind and use assistive technology to access documentation). The Access Keys are also available in audio or braille directly from Access Ability Australia.

Action/s:

A Munro to circulate the relevant website links to the DAC members.

7.2 International Day of People with Disabilities

A Munro provided an update on the pilot event which is scheduled to take place this evening, 5 December 2019.

The event will provide an opportunity to celebrate international day of people with disabilities at the Frontier Park, Rockbank.

The event will be expecting a number of people with a disability, families and carers, with a range of entertainment and activity options to celebrate the event.

7.3 Disability provisions at Woodgrove - recharge powerpoints

A Munro provided an update following a meeting and a walk through the Woodgrove Shopping Centre with Cr K Majdlik, C Crameri and Kylie Robertson, Centre Manager.

At present, there are two recharge points installed (one near Coles and the other in the food court). A third recharge point has been requested and will be considered for installation in the vicinity of Woolworths. Appropriate signage will be allocated at these points in the near future.



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Other points of discussion included tight spaces to amenities and within some of the stores, appropriate seating options and the consideration of a quiet space for children with disabilities.

Action/s:

DAC members to notify A Munro of any future concerns / issues at Woodgrove Shopping Centre who will liaise with Kylie Robertson.

7.4 AccessAbility Day – 25/11/2019

AccessAbility Week is a Government program in which jobseekers with disability and employers connect for a day. On 25 November 2019, Council hosted four workplace participants in the following departments Events, Operations and Community Care. These participants had the opportunity to experience some of the many functions carried out by Council, and be part of an inclusive workplace culture and team.

Council celebrate diversity and difference in the municipality and wish to reflect a similar diversity in our workplace to make sure people with different abilities and life experience have a chance to exercise their skills, strengths and passions.

Participants forwarded their thanks to the Mayor and Council staff for their involvement in the Access Ability Day Project. The feedback and comments received were very positive.

General Business

Nil

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday 6 February 2020 commencing at 12.00pm at the Melton Civic Centre in Civic Room 2.

8. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 2.17pm.