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COMMUNITY SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 18 December 2019 at 1:30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre

Present: Cr Lara Carli, Mayor, Melton City Council
Kate McCluskey, Acting Coordinator Social Planning and Wellbeing, Melton City Council
Andrew Mason, Coordinator City Amenity and Compliance, Melton City Council
Peter Doyle, Coordinator Emergency Management, Melton City Council
Jayde McBurnie, Team Leader Health Promotion and Planning, Melton City Council
Adrian Cope, Senior Open Space Planner, Melton City Council
Jessica McArdle, Acting Road and Community Safety Officer, Melton City Council
Zorka Dunstan, Local Area Commander, Victoria Police
Trinity Gathercole, Health Promotion Officer, Djerriwarrh Health Services

Chairperson: Cr Lara Carli, Mayor, Melton City Council

1. Welcome

Cr Carli welcomed all members present.

2. Apologies

Cr Steve Abboushi, Deputy Mayor, Melton City Council
Matthew Wilson, Manager Community Planning, Melton City Council
Michelle Venne-Rowe, Social Planning Officer, Melton City Council
Elif Mahmut, Youth Outreach and Development Officer, Melton City Council
Jo Mutsaerts, Leading Senior Constable, Victoria Police
Benjamin Taylor, Coordinator Health Promotion, Djerriwarrh Health Services
Robert Blackley, Catholic Regional College

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil.

4. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

Noted

Minutes of the Community Safety Advisory Committee meeting held on 16 September 2019 were adopted by Council at the Ordinary meeting of Council held on 14 October 2019.

5. Business Arising

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5.1 Rees Road skate park

A Cope reported that the resident had been advised that the Rees Road skate park is not Council property and to call Police should issues continue.

5.2 Delayed commissioning of street and traffic lights

J McArdle reported on concerns of street lighting delays as discussed at Road2Zero Steering Committee meeting held on 21 November 2019. Cr Carli reported that lights at Westwood Drive and Hume Drive are now on, however Abey road lights are still not operational. Cr Carli also reported that a barrier has been installed on Westwood Drive to separate the pedestrian path and road.

6. General Business**6.1 Neighbourhood Watch**

J McBurnie noted that this item was now deferred to the next meeting.

Z Dunstan stated that there is limited support and resources for Neighbourhood Watch. Victoria Police aims to build a relationship between Police and Neighbourhood Watch to facilitate community support.

Cr Carli reported Taylors Hill/Hillside Safety Group have expressed interest in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch group as they already carry out similar tasks and feel it will encourage more members to become involved.

Action

J McBurnie to invite Ash Cations of Neighbourhood Watch to attend March 2020 meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Watch presence and actions.

6.2 Safe City, Proud Communities Plan

J McBurnie reported that the Safe City, Proud Communities Plan is currently in development and the Committee will be invited to a session to review the plan in the new year.

J McBurnie stated that themes within the plan included individual knowledge building, building community capacity, bringing together work across council and increasing a sense of belonging for residents.

6.3 Road2Zero

J McBurnie reported that there was nothing additional to report from the Road2Zero meeting, but that she would circulate Road2Zero meeting minutes to the Committee.

Action

J McBurnie to circulate Road2Zero meeting minutes to the Committee.

6.4 Community Safety Concerns**6.4.1 Public lighting**

A Cope reported receiving community requests for lighting in parks with community expectation that lighting will resolve any safety issues. A Cope shared that more requests are received during winter, due to limited daylight hours and noted the development of a lighting plan that will outline a program of works. The plan should be completed by the end of 2020.

Cr Carli reported Hillside Recreation Reserve would benefit from lights.



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6.4.2 Eynesbury Fire Management

P Doyle noted that a Fire Management Committee meeting will be held in Eynesbury on the evening of 19 December 2019. Discussion is expected to include concerns about Eynesbury Road with a community suggestion for a gate to prevent people coming in or going out during a fire, and the location of a refuge.

Z Dunstan noted that Emergency Services would be responsible for traffic management in a fire event. A Cope suggested the polo field might be a better location for a refuge than the golf course. P Doyle responded that a refuge site has not been confirmed however is likely to be at the Homestead.

Action

P Doyle to report Fire Management Committee meeting outcomes to the Committee

6.4.3 School traffic

A Mason reported the school break means things are slowing down for compliance.

Cr Carli noted issues with traffic near Parkwood Green Primary School, Hillside. Drivers are parking on roundabouts. The recently introduced pick-up and drop-off zones appear to be working. A Mason stated that identified parking precincts for each of the schools outline car parks within 400m of the school.

Additional concerns in the area include parking near the community hub, blocking residents' driveways, blocking disabled bays and concerns over safety of pedestrians.

A Mason reported that compliance intend to persist with schools, and educate primarily through infringements.

7. Member Reports

7.1 Western Region Crime Prevention Reference Group

This member report was noted as not current and members agreed it should be removed from the standing agenda.

Action

J McBurnie to remove from member reports list.

7.2 High risk working groups

This member report was noted as not current and members agreed it should be removed from the standing agenda.

Action

J McBurnie to remove from member reports list.

7.3 Community Safety Network project

Z Dunstan provided an update on the Community Safety Network project, noting that the project has been successful, and is now complete.

Due to completion of the project, this member report was noted as no longer current and members agreed it should be removed from the standing agenda.

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Action

J McBurnie to remove from member reports list.

7.4 Council reports

Nil.

8. Other Business

Z Dunstan reported on the Department of Justice and Community Safety's crime prevention project. Kurunjang was identified as the focus site for investment with place-based approaches to encourage safer places via a community strengthening approach. The project will inform the state strategy for community safety and crime prevention.

K McCluskey shared that community consultation occurred on Monday 16 December 2019 with over 100 community members in attendance. There were discussions around issues and priorities for the area. Numerous community members showed strong interest in continuing on with engagement. High school children will also be involved in discussions. K McCluskey reported that Council are supporting as a stakeholder, and may support the implementation and sustainability of projects that come from this work.

Action

J McBurnie to add Department of Justice and Community Safety - Kurunjang Community Strengthening Project to member reports list.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 1.30pm in Civic Room 2, Melton Civic Centre.

10. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 2:13pm.