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DISABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 5 August 2021 at 12.00pm via Zoom

Present:

Mayor Cr K Majdlik	Councillor
Cr L Carli	Councillor
Cr S Ramsey	Councillor
L Shannon	Council Officer - Acting CEO
C Cramer	Council officer – Manager Community Care
A Tan	Council officer – Housing Services Coordinator
N Migani-Roberts	Council officer – Advocacy and Inclusion Officer
M Hutchinson	Council officer – Design and Infrastructure Coordinator
R Viojo	Council officer - Carer and Volunteer Connections Officer
A Munro	Council officer - Wellness and Engagement Coordinator
T Thorsen	Council officer - Social Connections Team Leader
S McManus	Council officer – Manager Engagement & Advocacy
C Sita	Council officer – Coordinator Economic Development & Tourism
L Vasilopoulos	Community representative
L Campbell	Community representative
Y Arnell	Community representative
M Kipa	Community representative

Chairperson: Mayor Cr K Majdlik

Minutes: N Migani-Roberts

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and proceeded with the Acknowledgment of Country. *'Melton City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.'*



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2. Apologies

K Tori Council officer - Chief Executive Officer
L Jenner Community representative

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion/Noted: Mayor Cr K Majdlik noted the minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting from 5 June 2021 was endorsed by Council.

5. Actions from previous minutes

N.Migani-Roberts provided an update of the actions from previous minutes and confirmed all were completed.

6. Melton Carer Hub, Care Melton Expo and Carers Card Updates

A.Munro attended and provided a presentation on the Melton Carer Hub that will be located at 5 McKenzie St, Melton and highlighted achievements to date and next steps.

Achievements to date:

Conducted meetings and a walk-through on site with representatives from Carers Victoria
Finalising Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Next steps:

Consultation with Carers within municipality on the Melton Carer Hub

Carers Victoria to recruit a staff resource for Melton Carers Hub

Council's Carer & Volunteer Connections Officer to prepare space at McKenzie Street site.

R. Viojo attended and provided an overview of the 2021 Melton Care Expo and presented a location change from Melton Community Hall to Fraser Rise Community Centre. The expo will be held on Thursday 14 October between 10am – 2pm and registrations for exhibitors opening Thursday 26 August 2021. R.Viojo also indicated exploring virtual expo option as an alternative should Covid-19 prohibit a face-to-face expo.

T. Thorsen attended and informed the committee that Council is a registered participant in the Victoria State Government Carer Card Program. The Victorian Carers Card provides discounts and benefits to carers, in recognition of the significant contribution they make to the lives of people they care for and the communities in which they live.

T. Thorsen also stated that a promotion campaign to local businesses and carers has occurred and exploring further discount opportunities in existing and new Council programs.

Action: N. Migani-Roberts to email Presentation to DAC members



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7. Business Excellence Award

S. McManus provided a presentation on the Business Excellence Awards and an overview of the category for the Disability and Inclusion Award. This award is open to businesses across all sectors that have taken action to reduce barriers, enhance participation and ensure information, services and facilities are accessible and inclusive for people with a disability.

The Disability and Inclusion Award received seven applications and are currently being assessed, and Community Care officers will be consulted on the finalists to be recommended.

A general discussion with the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC) representatives and the Economic Development officers that the DAC continues to be the major sponsor for the Disability Inclusion Award moving forward.

It was agreed that Economic and Development department will work with the Community Care service unit and DAC representatives to identify local businesses who demonstrate going above and beyond to be inclusive and accessible within their workplace/programs.

Mayor Cr K Majdlik put forward to move the motion to Council that the DAC will be the ongoing major sponsor for the Disability and Inclusion Award for Council's Business Excellence Awards.

Cr Carli seconded the motion.

Action: N. Migani-Roberts to email presentation to DAC members

Recommendation: The Disability Advisory Committee will be the ongoing major sponsor for the Disability and Inclusion Award for Council's Business Excellence Awards.

8. Advocacy and Inclusion Officer Update

N.Migani-Roberts provided an overview and examples of the newly developed Melton City Councils events social stories, chill out zones and accessibility checklists.

N.Migani-Roberts also shared the redeveloped Access Keys for the Melton and Caroline Springs Library and Learning Hub's. The Access Keys will be available 13 August 2021 on both Melton Council website and social media pages.

9. Business Arising

Nil

10. General Business

Nil

11. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be held on 7 October 2021