

2.3 VISIT TO CANBERRA FOR HEADSPACE

Responsible Director: Julie Salomon

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notes and retrospectively endorses the travel to Canberra by the Mayor and the Director Community and Development Services, on Wednesday 14 February, 2018.

INTRODUCTION

This report seeks the Council's retrospective endorsement of the visit to Canberra by the Mayor and the Director Community and Development Services to discuss Headspace funding for Monash with the Chief of Staff of the Minister for Health.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

Officers received advice, at short notice, that there was an opportunity for the Council to submit its case for Federal funding for a Headspace service in the municipality, with the Minister for Health and Ageing's Mental Health Adviser, in Canberra.

It was determined that this was an important opportunity that needed to be taken, given the demonstrated need for such a service in Monash.

Accordingly, the Mayor, accompanied by the Director Community Development and Services, flew to Canberra to meet Dr Michael Gardner, the Minister's Mental Health Advisor.

Ms Melissa Liberatore, a Monash youth representative and ex-chair of the Monash Young Persons Reference Group was also in attendance. Ms Liberatore was already in Canberra at the time of the meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Costs of \$1,557.42 for travel were incurred, and have been met from within the existing Budget.