
MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 MAY 2016 IN THE JERVIS BAY ROOM 1 & 3, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 10.06 AM

The following members were present:

Clr White
Jayden Norsworthy
Stuart Wright
Elise Burge
Taylah Anderson
Tane Clarke
Brodie Hobden
Kaleb Fleming
Riley Papworth
Rachael Knight-Devkowski
Libbi Ebsworth
Remy Lees
Erin McKay
Lauren Allen
Suzie Glenday
Beatrix Brady

Others present:

Donna Corbyn – Youth Development Officer
Alan Blackshaw – Community Development Coordinator
Kaye Rhodes –
Prisca Chimiti -
Amanda Rachael – Uganda African Choir Student

Donna Corbyn opened the meeting and gave a brief overview of the Committee.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Clr Gash, Janet Atkins, Greg Hand

1. Election of Chairperson

Note: A Chairperson is to be elected for each meeting.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that Rachel Knight-Devkowski be appointed as the Chairperson for the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 4 May 2016.

CARRIED

Note: The members of the Youth Advisory Committee introduced themselves.

2. Acknowledgement to country

Rachel Knight-Devkowski gave the Acknowledgment to Country.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Note: There was no quorum for the meeting of the Committee held on 3 February 2016. Those present held a discussion and notes were taken and distributed to members for information.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 11 November 2015 be confirmed.

Business arising from the previous minutes

Donna Corbyn reminded the members of the Committee that, Mikayla Barnes is trying to arrange a successful Zone Student Representative Council, it was advised she is still trying to get the word out and get more people involved, however her idea is progressing. There have been two meetings held so far. Mikayla Barnes has made offers to other schools attend in attempt to reach out her vision.

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

4. Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day

File 1506E

Donna Corbyn confirmed that the budget for the Youth Advisory Committee has not been expended for this financial year. The importance of allocating the funds was highlighted to the Committee, as a way to achieve the goals of the Committee.

The Planning Day (8 June 2016) is to plan how the budget will be used throughout the upcoming year. Donna Corbyn explained she is sending requests through the Planning and Business Sectors and Shoalhaven Schools for events requiring funding for the Youth Advisory Committee to review on the Planning Day and a report be submitted back to the Youth Advisory Committee to outline the choices and preferences for the funding.

Applications for funding have be sought from relevant groups and organisations. Donna will present the applications to the Planning Day for consideration. There will be a guest speaker arranged for the Planning Day which will finish in time for buses and for students to return to school. The planning Day will cover funds for next financial year 2016/2017. The new budget will be in force 1 July 2016.

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that:

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- a) The Youth Advisory Committee 2016-2017 Planning Day be scheduled for Wednesday 8 June 2016
 - b) The agenda be as follows:

10.00am - 10.30am	-	Morning Tea & Meet & Greet
10.30am - 12.00pm	-	Training and or Guest Speaker (TBA)
12.00pm - 12.30pm	-	Lunch Provided
12.30pm - 2.30pm	-	Review YAC Aims and Objectives Future Direction Community Strategic Plan Funding Allocations Planning - Discussion and Brainstorming
2.30pm - 3.00pm	-	Debrief - Question & Answer time

CARRIED

5. Additional Item – International Youth Awards

Kay Rhodes presented information on the International Youth Awards. The United Nations decided that 12 August would be known as International Youth Day. The awards are for everyday heroes; young people doing things in the community and making a difference.

There will be an awards night dinner and a guest speaker arranged (possibly the Youth Australian of the Year 2015 - Drisana Levitzke-Gray and also entertainment over dinner. Currently Kay Rhodes is looking for one other person.

A working group will be formed to help with the planning as well as an MC and Ushers. If there is anyone wanting to get involved please pass names and contact details to Donna and Kaye Rhodes. Kaye passed around contact sheet to those present. Persons who are not in attendance at the meetings can also volunteer for the working group. Kaye requested those present to mention this at the next Student Representative Committee meeting (we are seeking approximately 12).

There is expected to be a total 150-200 people (maximum) in attendance. The working group for the awards night will create a table menu and table place settings. Ushers would be showing people to their seats.

It is a drug and alcohol free dinner and awards ceremony.

The nomination forms are available through Kaye and the age limit for nominees is 12-24 and nominations can be made by all members of the community.

The judges will be Alan Blackshaw, Clr White and Donna Corbyn.

There will be good prizes available too. We have Good Guys vouchers to spend to purchase the prizes, however we cannot purchase anything electrical, otherwise they have to be tagged and tested. Fitbits were a popular choice suggested, other choices were slinky apple corers. The vouchers do expire in December and can only be used in Warrawong. The Committee suggested that perhaps the vouchers can be used as prize and spent by the winners online. If anyone has any ideas for awards and/or speakers please email Donna Corbyn.

6. Youth Advisory Committee Unspent Funds 2015 - 2016 Financial Year File 1506E

MOTION:

Moved: Jacob Williams / Second: Tane Clarke

RESOLVED that under delegated authority the Youth Advisory Committee commit any unspent funds in the Youth Advisory Committee budget at the end of the 2015/2016 financial year to be allocated equally to Regional Development Australia to support the South Coast Youth Leadership Conference, formally Gilmore Youth Leadership Forum and to the International Youth Awards in August.

CARRIED

7. Additional Item – Youth Week 2016

Donna Corbyn advised the Committee that Youth Week was successful and there were 1000's in attendance. Some events included the Bay and Basin Youth Community Awards, the free Young Coasties Festival at Culburra Beach, and the free 3D Printing Workshop & Competition in the Nowra Library.

8. Presentation – Jacob Williams

Jacob Williams was the School Captain of Ulladulla High School last year. He has attended Youth Parliament twice and advised the Committee that it was well worth sending representatives along. Jacob Williams was lucky enough to be funded through \$400 that was set aside from the Youth Advisory Committee planning day. Jacob is also the Deputy Vice Chairperson for Sussex Inlet Community Forum.

He recommended the Youth Parliament highly as you get to work with and meet high end students with same passion. It has boosted his leadership, interpersonal and public speaking skills. Youth parliament leads to other things. It all started here in the Youth Advisory Committee for Jacob. The YMCA NSW run the Youth parliament. You can get involved through FaceBook and their website if you type in google search. If you apply direct you are guaranteed position. Bear in mind the State MP can only nominate one person.

Jacob thought it was fantastic as there are constructive arguments as it is dealing with the policies only.

Jacob is undertaking work experience in the Green Army Monday and Tuesday and on Wednesdays he is here at Council in the Environmental planning section and Thursday and Fridays he is working for MP Ann Sudamalis.

He is taking a gap year from university to make money and gain experience.

Jacob really wants other schools to get involved in the Youth Advisory Committee as it is a Committee lucky enough to have delegated authority and the Committee have a say what happens with the community where you can continue to add ideas for the community to benefit from.

Jacob re-enforced that the Green Army is not Work for the Dole. There are projects coming up all the time. If you are interested, look at project names and the areas on the organisational websites. To anyone interested Jacob can send through further information. Through the Green Army work experience Jacob is also gaining training and accredited units towards a TAFE Certificate. You are working with likeminded

participants and because they have to apply they want to do them. The project Jacob is working on is alongside Charlie Weire (the Founder Of RiverWatch) stabilising the Shoalhaven River and keeping it healthy to stop erosion with the mangroves.

Jacob said the morals and values he holds are those of the defence, as well as self-respect valuing the community and this comes from his role as a sergeant air force cadets. Jacob believes listening and understanding is key to being key to great leader. Jacobs emphasised to get involved in things.

GENERAL BUSINESS

9. Additional Item – Importance of the Youth Advisory Committee

Clr White emphasised the importance of the Youth Advisory Committee. The minutes of this meeting are seen by the Councillors and the Mayor and gives them an insight to what young people want in their community. In 2030 there is expected to be another 30-40,000 people living in the Shoalhaven.

Council is planning for the future in regards to infrastructure over the Shoalhaven region. The Councillors want to know what you think from potholes on a road to what the city should look like in the future.

Sometimes other departments of Council will come along to present ideas to Youth Advisory Committee too.

10. Additional Item – Snap Send Solve

Clr White also advised the Committee of the mobile app “Snap Send Solve”. If you download the app and you see a problem you can take a picture and write a message regarding the problem and the app sends it to the Council Maintenance Department. The location of the photograph is automatic and works anywhere in Australia. The app sends the information to the relevant Council.

The response time varies, however, snap send solve considerably faster – approximately a two week turn around.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11.20 am.

Rachel Knight-Devkowski
CHAIRPERSON