

Please note: Due to a lack of quorum this meeting was not convened

**SHOALHAVEN CITY COUNCIL**

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

to be held on Wednesday 3 February, 2016  
Commencing at 10.00am

28 January, 2016

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee to be held on **Wednesday 3 February, 2016** commencing at **10.00am** in the City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra, in the Council Chambers for consideration of the following business. **If you are unable to attend the meeting please contact the Governance Unit on 4429 3316 to submit your apology.**

Yours faithfully

R D Pigg  
**General Manager**

**BUSINESS OF MEETING**

1. Election of Chairperson
2. Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
5. Declaration of Interest
6. Addendum Reports
7. General Business  
    Youth Week 2016

**MEMBERSHIP - Quorum – 6**

Mayor – Clr Gash  
All Councillors  
General Manager or nominee Craig Milburn  
Jack Fishpool (Gareth Ward MP)  
Breanna Macey (Ann Sudmalis MP)  
Jacob Williams (Shelley Hancock MP)  
Shannen Karger  
Dean Naylor-Clark  
Scott Castelnoble  
Jonah Allen  
Kimberley Peat  
Chris Farley  
Nowra Christian School  
Shoalhaven High School  
Vincentia High School

St Johns the Evangelist  
Shoalhaven Anglican College  
Shoalhaven Anglican School  
Bomaderry High School  
Nowra High School  
Nowra Anglican College  
**Youth Services representatives**  
Rep - Shoalhaven Business Chamber  
Kyriana Van Den Belt– NSW Police  
Sharon O'Brien –Youth Services  
Coordinator – Community Centres  
Representatives Airforce Cadets  
Claire Short – Regional Development Aust.  
**Advisor** – Greg Hand, Dept of Education & Communities

Cell Phones: Council's Code of Meeting Practice states that "All cell phones are to be turned off for the duration of the meeting".

Note: The attention of Councillors is drawn to Section 451 of the Local Government Act and Regulations and Code of Conduct regarding the requirements to declare pecuniary and non-pecuniary Interest in matters before Council.

## **Youth Advisory Committee Aims are:-**

Shoalhaven City Council has a Youth Advisory Committee whose objective is to represent the interests and views of young people to Council and the Community.

- To provide an opportunity for youth to discuss issues of concern to young people.
- To provide a mechanism for youth to make representations to organisations and various spheres of Government requesting appropriate action to improve the facilities and services available to young people.
- To give young people experience in Local Government and community affairs.
- To create greater awareness and appreciation within the general community of the needs and talents of young people.
- To provide a mechanism for young people to address youth issues themselves.

## **Purpose and delegated authority**

To represent the interests and views of young people to Council and the Community in accordance with the delegation set out below:

- To advise and recommend to Council staff on matters of an operational nature and implement policy relating to the interests and views of young people and/or within adopted budgets;
- To recommend to Council on policy matters and other matters not able to be delegated by Council;
- To provide recommendations to Council on Strategic and Financial directions relating to Youth in the Shoalhaven;
- To commit expenditure up to the limits determined by Council, including grant funding.

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**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
11 NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE JERVIS BAY ROOM 1 & 3, CITY ADMINISTRATIVE  
CENTRE, BRIDGE ROAD, NOWRA COMMENCING AT 10.03AM**

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The following members were present:

Mikayla Barnes  
Bradley Pratt  
Tane Clarke  
Elizabeth Thornton  
Ari Kimber  
Peter Walsh  
Jaiya Aryal

Others present:

Liliana Hutchinson – Community Safety Officer/Acting Youth Development Officer  
Mary Flaskas – Safe Schools  
Rhonda Parker – Community Gateway

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Carmel Krogh, Greg Hand, Gail Bate, Nowra Christian School, Janet Atkins – Nowra Youth Centre.

1. Election of Chairperson

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

MOTION:

Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that Bradley Pratt be appointed as the Chairperson for the Youth Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 November 2015.

CARRIED

2. Acknowledgement to country

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Bradley Pratt gave the Acknowledgment to Country.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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MOTION:

Moved: Mikayla Barnes / Second: Tane Clarke

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 9 September 2015 be confirmed.

CARRIED

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4. Additional Item – Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

Item 8 – East Nowra Pride.

This is an initiative to beautify the shops at East Nowra and bring the community together. The aim is to revive the shops and revive the suburb. Contact Lili if you have any further ideas or wish to get involved.

Item 11 – International Youth Day Awards 2016

Please contact Lili if you have any further ideas or wish to get involved.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

5. Nowra Youth Centre – Janet Atkins

This presentation will be deferred to the next meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee.

6. Community Gateway – Rhonda Parker

Community Gateway has been operating for 30 years traditionally with the elderly and people with disabilities and Case Managers were assigned to source and manage various services. Positions at Community Gateway include, Direct Care Services and Community Engagement and Project Development Staff.

The Hub in Nowra is on the corner of Berry Street and Plunkett Street. The official launch day will be Friday 20 November 2015. The Hub will eventually be open weekends and nights this will further assist in making connections with the youth. Community Gateway welcomes your feedback and Rhonda would love for the youth to be involved. There is hope to run activities in the school holidays for e.g. mural groups, the organisation will let schools know prior to school holidays so that the students are aware. Community members have painted tiles which will be used to decorate the exterior walls. The internal brick walls are being used for artists to spray paint.

The service has changed and the organisation is responding to that change. The aim is now inclusion; therefore integrating people with disabilities with those with no impairments as well as the young and old.

Resources include an activities room, training / conference room, a small gym which can be used for fitness or rehabilitation (compulsory training sessions with the instructors prior to using unassisted). The café will also hopefully be up and running by the official launch day. Office spaces are available to be utilised for businesses that are just starting out and a lower rent can be arranged to support. All rooms are available for hire.

Advertisements have been by free television, free radio, email, letterbox drop.

It was suggested by the Committee when the Community Gateway are seeking ideas to email the Youth Advisory Committee members or invite some representatives to come along to the next Community Gateway's Committee meeting.

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The Community Gateway also organises a dance during the day at Bomaderry Bowling Club to involve those who cannot get out at night but still enjoys live music and dancing.

# For all upcoming events by the Community Gateway see the attached flyer or visit their website <http://www.communitygateway.net.au/>.

7. Additional Item – Zone SRC

Mikayla Barnes has organised a Zone SRC. The idea came from the Regional SRC (which included towns like Wagga Wagga). It will include representative members throughout the Shoalhaven. Mikayla will be arranging with the help of John Lamont (Nowra Chemicals) speakers and activities. The first meeting is due to be held 25 November 2015. It will take place at the Shoal Hub (Shoalhaven Arts Centre). Mikayla hopes to include year 7, 8 and 9 students so that they are able to learn prior to the seniors leaving the schools. This is in the very beginning stages and once the team is established they will be able to assist each other and work out their focus.

8. Additional Item – Minutes Silence – 11am Remembrance Day

The Youth Advisory Committee participated in a minute of silence for Remembrance Day.

9. Safe Schools – Mary Flaskas

Safe Schools is dedicated to supporting gender diversity, intersex and sexual diversity in Australian Schools. They are the first national coalition of schools bringing together school staff, students and families to create safer more inclusive learning environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people.

Most work is done with the teachers at the schools and they are trained in how to make the environment supportive and to appropriately handle bullying (the idea is to be consistent). The coalition is funded for three years and therefore has one and a half years still remaining (as they are unsure whether they will be granted further funding).

Safe Schools are trying to create a more supportive environment by working with the schools to create gender neutral uniforms, to develop new policies around them and getting those recognised by the P & Cs. Most bullying is experienced within schools. Safe Schools are working with Headspace and Lili on an awareness day 17 February 2016 at the Shoalhaven Arts Centre. Schools and Community Groups will be invited and any ideas from Youth Week can be showcased.

Gay-Straight Alliances are effective once established as well as LGBTI Support Groups to raise awareness and support. Wear It Purple Day, general exposure to change perspective and changing the gender normality along with the public declaration from the school can be a huge confidence boost and gives the ability to the individuals to express their true selves.

Safe Schools are working with primary schools and children as young as four.

It was expressed that Nowra High School was extremely accepting of their students and the students were very accepting of each other.

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Mary Flaskas tabled brochures and information in relation to this free service. They can be found online:

<http://www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au/resources/>

<http://www.twenty10.org.au/resources>

<https://qlife.org.au/about-q-life/#feedback>

10. Additional Item – Youth Centre

# Lili tabled information on the Youthie and reminded the Committee that Thursday, Friday and Saturday are drop in sessions.

11. Additional Item – Yots (Youth Off The Streets)

Mikayla, Bradley and Tane along with Janet Atkins (Nowra Youth Centre) have organised a fundraiser day for YOTS (Youth off the Streets) on Friday 12 February 2016. There will be a local band, sausage sizzle and activities. The Committee will be kept updated on this day.

12. Additional Item – Upcoming Events and Budget

The Hunger Banquet by Oxfam is a memorable, interactive event that brings hunger and poverty issues to life. Lili suggested that a soup kitchen be held afterwards to then supply for those we are trying to help.

There will be a talk night which will involve the students and wider community to raise awareness for homelessness.

Note: Jaiya Aryal left the meeting – 11.31am

**CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

13. AIME (Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience) File 10210E

MOTION: Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the Youth Advisory Committee receive report for information.

CARRIED

14. South Coast Youth Leadership Forum (SCYLF) File 10210e

MOTION: Moved: Consent

RESOLVED that the Youth Advisory Committee receive report South Coast Youth Leadership Forum (SCYLF) for information.

CARRIED

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## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 15. Additional Item – Emergency App

# There is an emergency plus app available for smart phones. The app uses *GPS functionality* built into smart phones to help a triple zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to *mobilise emergency services*.

### 16. Neighbour Day 2016

Neighbour Day attempts to promote and improve community safety. The idea is if you know your neighbours that the crime level will decrease and there will be a sense of safety in the community. Further information will be circulated as available.

### 17. Youth Contact Database Development

Sometimes when Lili sends information on upcoming events for the youth to the schools it will miss out on appearing in the newsletters. The SRC Zone will help with getting information out to peers once off the ground level. The Committee also suggested Lili attending assemblies.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11.40 am.