

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 8 February 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.00 am

The following members were present:

Clr Mitchell Pakes
Clr Patricia White
Clr Levett – arrived 10.12am
David Marshall – Representative Ms Ann Sudmalis - MP
Jonty Beavan – Nowra Christian School
Tamsyn McPhail – Nowra Christian School
Elizabeth Curline – Nowra Christian School
Lachlan White – Nowra Christian School
Andrea Charalambous – Shoalhaven High School
Abbey Jackson – Shoalhaven High School
Alyson Green – Shoalhaven High School
Mikayla Barners – Nowra High School
Doug DeCean – 330 Squadron Air Force Cadets

Others present:
Helen Waterhouse
Donna Corbyn

Note: Donna Corbyn did the acknowledgement to Country.
Note: The members introduced themselves.
Note: Donna Corbyn provided background information on the Youth Advisory Committee.
Note: Clr Levett arrived, the time being 10.12am.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Vincentia High School, Ulladulla High School, Clr Findley.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Clr Pakes / Clr White)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 16 November 2016 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

PRESENTATIONS

YA17.1 Inclusive Playspace - Livvi's Place, Mollymook

HPERM Ref:
D17/24514

Helen Waterhouse provided a presentation on the Inclusive Play Space – Livvi's Place, Mollymook.

The estimated date of completion is unknown, however, it is hoped to have it completed by September / October this year.

The last estimate was above \$900,000. This is a fully funded project and is supported by Council.

It will not be locked at night and is available for access 24/7 (however not lit at night either). We are hoping and aiming that the communities involvement and passive surveillance from the community will oversee the Play Space. It was also advised that the liberty swings (wheelchair accessible swing) sides will remain, however, the two ends will be removed so a key will not be required to access the swing.

There is also a sculpture competition running and the "people's choice" winner's sculpture will be displayed in the park.

RESOLVED (Abbey Jackson / Elizabeth Curline)

At the Youth Advisory Committee planning day, the Committee consider allocating \$1000 - \$2000 from the youth advisory committee budget for a launch an all-inclusive event at Livvi's place Mollymook

CARRIED

YA17.2 Community Strategic Plan

HPERM Ref:
D17/24496

Shoalhaven City Council are currently reviewing the Community Strategic Plan. The Community Strategic Plan is a long term document that is updated every four years with each Council that is elected. When the Draft Community Strategic Plan is placed on public exhibition Donna Corbyn will send a link to the Youth Advisory Committee in an email as well as posting the link and information on the Youth Advisory Committee Facebook page.

Donna Corbyn also advised the Committee that she is happy to meet informally and workshop the draft plan with the Committee for comments and feedback and may possibly get staff from the Executive Strategy Department to attend.

This was to be reported to the Youth Advisory Committee at this meeting however the document is not ready in its draft format in full.

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA17.3 Discuss Youth Week

HPERM Ref:
D17/24477

Youth Week is celebrated nationally between March and April and acknowledges young people's valuable contributions to their community and the vision for the future. The funding for Youth Week is funded from the Federal Government to the State Government and the State Government issues the funding. As of next year the Federal Government will no longer be funding Youth Week. Councils match dollar for dollar the funding allocated and Shoalhaven City Council generally allocated four times the amount provided by the State Government. Donna Corbyn has been sending information across the Shoalhaven to seek interest in the community to run local activities. So far some activities have been arranged at the following locations:

Ulladulla Youth Centre

Nowra Library

Bay and Basin

Headspace – holding a Trivia event

The Nowra Arts Centre – The major event that Donna Corbyn has started planning for is the Regional Youth Forum. Young people from Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama and the Shoalhaven will link up at the same time, on the same day, which is scheduled for 5 April 2017, and discuss issues that the Youth find important. Donna Corbyn will be writing to the schools to invite attendees and to provide further information.

Correction Services will also be running a separate Youth Forum that will focus on Youth Mental Illness; this will not have the ability to be linked with ours.

Donna is trying to engage a high profile public speaker.

YA17.4 Disability Inclusion Action Plan

**HPERM Ref:
D17/24489**

The Inclusive Play Space will work well in conjunction with the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP). The Disability Inclusion Action Plan aims to make our areas more inclusive for all people of all abilities. It is going out to Public Exhibition very soon. The data from the community consultants that took place to inform the draft DIAP shows that the community want beach access for all. Council made some enquiries internally on what would be the best solution for the Shoalhaven and beach wheelchairs were understood to be the best option. Council has been successful with gaining funding and have installed beach wheelchairs at all patrolled beaches and some Holiday Haven Tourist Parks in the Shoalhaven. Access to Palm Beach was highly desired by the community and the business owners at Greville's Corner Store have been a part of a partnership and have a beach wheelchair available now. The media coverage surrounding this has been great and will be good to keep promoting through the Youth Advisory Committee.

Clr Pakes congratulated Donna Corbyn for efforts and work through the successful funding.

The beach wheelchairs allow access to the water to a certain level.

The beach wheelchairs are not a new idea and have been done on other areas but the Shoalhaven project has been so successful due to strong substantial Council and community support.

Shoalhaven City Council will apply for a National Award highlighting from the time Council were notified of the successful funding up to the first use of a beach wheelchair in the LGA was under 5 weeks.

It was advised that at Mollymook Beach there are 37 members of the Nowra/Culburra Surf Club on a rotating roster who volunteer as contacts to make sure the beach wheelchairs at this site are available for maximum use.

YA17.5 Importance of the Youth Advisory Committee, Zone SRC, BBQ Pack Give Aways

Clr White reiterated to the Youth Advisory Committee, the importance of the Committee and their feedback and views, expressing this feedback can lead to improvements in the City; for example The recent fencing at Ison Park that was completed started out as a recommendation to Council from the Youth Advisory Committee.

Mikayla Barnes informed the new members in attendance at the Committee meeting about the Zone SRC, of which she is the coordinator. Zone SRC is all schools in the Shoalhaven SRC Representatives coming together and talking about what they do in their SRC and the community. Mikayla will be starting up the meetings again in 2017. Mikayla is also looking at having a Planning Day in the next few weeks. Mikayla encourages members to pass on email addresses of SRC

representatives and bring along people from the SRC or even a representative from the school to gain more ideas.

Donna Corbyn handed out an application form to win a BBQ pack (\$100 RRP x20 available), for Council supported Neighbour Day celebrations. Please fill in the form to enter into the competition.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11.06 am.

Clr White
CHAIRPERSON