

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 3 May 2017
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.00 am

The following members were present:

David Marshall - Representative Ms Ann Sudmalis MP
Christabella Herbert-Smith
Imogen Hemsley
Jack Skinner
Patrick Armstrong
Jonty Beavan
Elizabeth Curline
Tamsyn McPhail
Lachlan White
Abbey Jackson
Jordan Mlothoushi
Nathan Harris
Sophie Dobell
Alyson Green

Others Present:
Helen Waterhouse - Community Development Officer

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Cllr Alldrick and Cllr White.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 08 February 2017 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

Election of Chairperson

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Helen Waterhouse be appointed as the Chairperson for Youth Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday 3 May 2017.

CARRIED

REPORTS

YA17.6 Community Strategic Plan

**HPERM Ref:
D17/115072**

Council's Community Strategic Plan is currently under review and the consultation phase has commenced. Further information can be found online. There is also a face to face meeting, at the Nowra Council Administrative Building this evening.

<http://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/> by clicking the get involved link on the Shoalhaven City Council webpage the community can have a say regarding the future for the Shoalhaven. The consultation period finishes next week.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Youth Advisory Committee receive the report for information

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Youth Advisory Committee receive the report for information

CARRIED

YA17.7 Youth Week 2017

**HPERM Ref:
D17/115143**

Program and events included: exploring Youth Week Live Youth Radio - @ 92.7BBFM, LGBTQI Youth Run Trivia Night, Gen Connect – Intergenerational Tech Trouble Shooting Program Launch, Shoalhaven Koori Boy's to Men's Business Group Project Launch, Cup Cake Day Decorating Competition & Fundraiser, Indoor Basketball Competition & BBQ, SPEAK SHARE CHANGE Youth Forum, In Conversation Worksop –'Kids Today', Shack Open Day and Information Session and the Incredible Adventure Youth Race. More than 200 young people and community members participated in Youth Week 2017 across the Shoalhaven.

Sophie Dobell attended the Youth Forum and advised that during the day there was attendance of approximately 25 people, split into six(6) different groups discussing and troubleshooting topical issues. The forum was run during school hours and proved difficult for some students to attend.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Youth Advisory Committee accept the report on Youth Week 2017 Shoalhaven for information

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Youth Advisory Committee accept the report on Youth Week 2017 Shoalhaven for information.

CARRIED

YA17.8 Shoalhaven City Council International Youth Awards

**HPERM Ref:
D17/115225**

Helen Waterhouse advised that there had been a few changes since this report was written.

The awards aim to recognise local youth aged 12 – 24 years - whose endeavours support and motivate other residents, enrich lives, volunteer for others and encourage the wellbeing of the Shoalhaven community. It recognises and rewards the outstanding young people in our community, whilst cultivating their increased contributions.

The various awards were discussed.

Youth Advisory Committee members play a significant role in the awards and will need to nominate some committee members to help plan, coordinate and deliver the awards. Tasks include planning, promotion, MC's, ushers, decorations - set up and pull down, entertainment etc. Please nominate your interest to be involved by providing your contact details to council's Youth Development Officer, Donna Corbyn via phone 4429 3418 or email donna.corbyn@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Last year the Shoalhaven City Council International Youth Awards were held in November, this year initially it was scheduled for August, however, due to staff resources it may not be possible for August. Donna Corbyn will return to work at a later date. These events generally take 18 weeks to organise and there is only approximately 14. This is an extremely tight turn around for the event.

Helen Waterhouse advised that she would need to check the financial implications with Donna Corbyn on her return.

The event was previously held at the Bomaderry Bowling Club, it was a cocktail (mocktail) event that commenced approximately 6.30pm and was finished by approximately 8.30-9.00pm on a Friday night. The decorations were put in place during the day and removed at the conclusion of the event. Helen Waterhouse presented the previously used logo which could possibly be revamped and reused. Helen also showed examples of the PowerPoint slides used on the night to announce the winners and the prize. Helen read the information that was on the Shoalhaven City Council webpage and media releases that were used last year.

A planning date and time would need to be arranged and all delegations could be achieved in the one meeting. Consideration would be given to those students that travel e.g. suggestions were Webchat, Facebook or google hangouts.

Due to the change of date, another venue may have to be considered.

Helen Waterhouse will Keep committee informed.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That Youth Advisory Committee support Shoalhaven City Council's Youth Advisory Committee's International Youth Day Awards.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee;

1. Support the Shoalhaven City Council's Youth Advisory Committee's International Youth Day Awards.
2. The Shoalhaven City Council's Youth Advisory Committee's International Youth Day Awards be held in October 2017 due to time constraints and Youth Advisory Committee availability.

CARRIED

YA17.9 Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day

**HPERM Ref:
D17/115289**

Organisations and schools can make applications to be considered for support up to \$1000 from the Youth Advisory Committee budget.

Ulladulla High School applied for funding for Anti-Bullying Strategies at Ulladulla High.

The Students were encouraged to discuss any Student Representative Council targeted programs.

The Youth Advisory Committee Planning Day also includes a guest speaker, lunch, discussion around the future direction, the community strategic plan and funding allocations as well as brainstorming opportunities.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

Youth Advisory Committee set a date the Youth Advisory Committee 2017-2018 Planning Day.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee 2017-2018 Planning Day be scheduled for Wednesday 14 June 2017 from 10.00am - 3.00pm.

CARRIED

Note: After the meeting, staff re-evaluated this date and it was decided that the date would be rescheduled to Tuesday 20 June 2017 from 10.00am - 2.30pm.

YA17.10 Youth Week Funding to cease

**HPERM Ref:
D17/115648**

Donna Corbyn generally coordinates the Youth Week events. Shoalhaven City Council matches the State Funding Grant amounts, however these grants have now ceased. Youth Action is calling on the community to advocate for the return of the funding for Youth Week.

Recommendation

That Youth Advisory Committee recommend that Council write to our Federal and State MP's asking them to advocate for funding to continue for Youth Week.

RESOLVED (By consent)

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CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA17.11 Additional Item - Possibility ParkRun Shoalhaven - Burrill Lake to Lake Tabourie Bike Running Track

Jack Skinner advised that he had heard that a bike/running track was proposed to be implemented. ParkRun was discussed at a previous meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee. There is no appropriate track that could be used in the Shoalhaven that is a continuous pathway not broken by a road or crossing and flat.

This would be a great opportunity to have a community ParkRun event as it is considered the correct distance and almost flat. The Start and End of the track is generally near parking and toilets. It was suggested that these requests could be considered in the design and incorporated so that the track could eventually be used to conduct ParkRun in the Shoalhaven.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Council staff investigate and report back on where the bike/running track is proposed to be implemented between Burrill Lake and Lake Tabourie and make necessary recommendations so that ParkRun could be conducted in the Shoalhaven..

CARRIED

YA17.12 Additional Item - Transitioning School Students to University - Request for Extensive Programs

Jordan Mlothoushi advised that many students are thinking about choosing their electives for next year and are wanting to choose and subjects that align with their chosen university degree. It was suggested that universities could run more programs that would provide a better understanding of what is available prior to this decision. The Winter school run was mentioned as students are actually on campus. Another example was the Wollongong Early Learning Space for mothers, babies and young children, it is believed that the children will feel safe and comfortable at university as it is familiar and somewhere they have been coming for years.

Helen Waterhouse also explained that it is important that the universities know what students want and provided an example of a class dropping off here at the Shoalhaven University Campus due to lack of numbers.

Students need to first know what is available before they can advocate to keep classes.

Elizabeth Curline advised that the Nowra Christian School would be attending the Illawarra Careers Expo day at the University of Wollongong held Tuesday, 9 May 2017. This is an event held during the day.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Council staff write to the Universities to encourage extensive programs which allow insight to what is on offer at the universities..

CARRIED

YA17.13 Additional Item - Ulladulla Cross Country Bike Track - Request Maintenance - Overgrowth and Worn Down

It was requested that Council provide more support to the Ulladulla area cross country bike track at Kings point behind the Leisure Centre. It is commonly used and believed if the bike tracks are better maintained it will encourage more people to be active. It is becoming worn down and over grown.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That Council provide more maintenance support to the Ulladulla cross country bike track at Kings Point behind the Ulladulla Leisure Centre which is becoming overgrown and worn down.

CARRIED

Note: Council staff have advised that this is not Council land, it is Crown and Aboriginal Land Council land.

YA17.14 Additional Item - Ulladulla Leisure Centre - Outdoor 50m Pool - Request for Cover

Jack Skinner explained that he swims at the Ulladulla Leisure Centre all year round; however he explained that the 50m outdoor pool can only be used during the summer as there is no cover over it during the winter so it is too cold. There is about 25-30 people training each morning. The swimmers are swimming at a national level and trained by Doug Frost (Ian Thorpe's old coach). Competition pools are 50m but the swimmers are training in the 25m indoor pool. It is believed that a cover would help with the temperature.

Recommendation (By consent)

That a cover for the 50m outdoor pool at the Ulladulla Leisure Centre be used throughout the year.

CARRIED

Staff note: Installation of pool blankets at a cost of approximately \$60,000 is not sufficient to maintain pool temperatures during the cooler months. Pool blankets only provide efficiencies were a pool is heated to temperatures of approximately 25 degrees.

The outdoor 50 metre pool at Ulladulla Leisure Centre is provided with solar heating which can only offer benefit from the months of November to March inclusive.

It is also important to note that the outdoor pool is currently closed from mid-April though until the start of November each year. Increasing swimming season will incur significant operational cost highlighted below.

Investigations have previously been undertaken into the scope of works required for installation of heating systems at Ulladulla Leisure Centre. Initial cost estimates are as follows:

- Capital \$500,000 (Min)
- Annual Operation \$140,000 (additional ongoing expense)
- Blanketing \$60,000
- Total \$700,000

This project is not currently identified in Council's Long Term Financial Plan, or Delivery or Operational Program.

YA17.15 Additional Item - Update - Livv's Space Mollymook All Inclusive Park

Helen Waterhouse advised that the building has commenced for Mollymook All-Inclusive Park - Lil's Space. It is hoped to be completed and available for use in November – December 2017. It was also advised that a previous resolution of the Youth Advisory Committee was to consider allocating funding towards the opening of the park at the Planning Day.

Helen Waterhouse advised that the funding would not have to be for the launch and could just be a donation and the Youth Advisory Committee of 2017 could be recognised on the Sponsorship Board and could go towards plants, bean bags or an unspecified donation to the park.

YA17.16 Additional Item - Basketball Court Mollymook Appreciation to Council

The Youth Advisory Committee thanked Council for the basketball court at Mollymook, it was described as a great resource and asset that is being used frequently.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11.23am.

Helen Waterhouse
CHAIRPERSON