

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2018
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.12am

The following members were present:

Clr Patricia White
Sebastien Riou – representing Gareth Ward MP
Hannah Schofield
Molly Brain – Shoalhaven High School
Charlotte Walker – Shoalhaven High School
Lachlan Willis – Shoalhaven High School
Joshua Fisher – Shoalhaven High School
Joel Cable – Ulladulla High School
Billy Forbes – Ulladulla High School
Ruby Frank – Ulladulla High School
James Doosey – St Johns High School
Adam Elliott – St Johns High School
Jiah King – St Johns High School
Tanzania Dali – Bomaderry High School
Bridee Lewis – Bomaderry High School
Cedar Podmore – Bomaderry High School

Others present:
Donna Corbyn – Community Development Officer
Scott Wells – Manager, Traffic and Transport
Theo Prakash – Traffic Investigation Officer
Jo-anne Coleman – St Johns High School
Kim Waters – Ulladulla High School
Lily Hatcher – Regional Development Australia

Jiah King of St Johns High School was elected as Chairperson for the meeting. Jiah opened the meeting with an Acknowledgment of Country.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Nil.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 01 August 2018 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

PRESENTATIONS

YA18.23 Traffic Options and Pedestrian Safety - John Purcell Way and Hillcrest Avenue

**HPERM Ref:
D18/369237**

A member of Council's Traffic Unit will attend and discuss traffic options and pedestrian safety for the intersection of Hillcrest Avenue and John Purcell Way.

Theo Prakash and Scott Wells attended the meeting and reported on the initial traffic investigation. The Committee were informed that the Traffic Management Unit has attended the site to make observations and will be doing further investigations. Congestion at school peak times around the 38 schools in the Shoalhaven is common.

Staff can conduct surveys and input the survey data into intersection modelling software which is used to indicate how the intersection is performing in relation to standards, and for comparison with other intersections across the Shoalhaven.

Joanne Coleman raised the issue of a lack of footpath. The Committee were advised that wider shared pathways or cycleways have received grant funding which has been matched by Council, and Council has also provided limited funds through a Community Paths Program. Many footpaths are constructed by willing community groups.

Council's Pedestrian Access Management Plan (PAMP) does already identify a future shared path along Hillcrest Avenue, which is a high priority in the existing strategy, however is subject to grant funding approval. The bridge is the major constraint and is a significant cost issue.

Scott encouraged members to report traffic issues or concerns to Council straight away, rather than waiting for a Committee meeting to raise concerns. Donna mentioned the Snap, Send, Solve function. Scott supported using this function which helps staff to identify the issues quickly and easily.

Students were asked to use the existing pedestrian crossing on John Purcell Way rather than crossing at the intersection for their safety and ask their Student Representative Councils or school newsletter to spread the word to use the pedestrian crossing.

Students walking to South Nowra were encouraged to use the existing pedestrian refuge on the eastern leg of the existing roundabout (at the Highway) which is safer than having numerous students crossing at several locations along Hillcrest Avenue.

YA18.14 Pedestrian Safety at North Mollismook

**HPERM Ref:
D18/197509**

The Youth Advisory Committee resolved on 9 May 2018 that Ulladulla High School give a presentation at the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting about pedestrian safety at North Mollismook.

This item was deferred from the Youth Advisory Committee meeting on 1 August 2018.

Clr White noted the issue of Beach Road, North Mollismook and pedestrian access to the beach.

The Committee were advised that:

- Council was aware of the issue and had been trying to identify a funding source;
- The Traffic Investigation Unit are looking at options to maintain two way traffic and parking as well as incorporating a pathway and fencing on the eastern side of the road, to improve

- safety; and
- It is hoped that the design could be completed by March 2019 with the intent to facilitate construction commencing in May/June 2019, to facilitate funding of the path over consecutive financial years.

Note: Scott and Theo left the meeting, the time being 10.45am.

YA18.15 Provision of Lifeguard Services at Burrill Lake**HPERM Ref:
D18/197517**

At the meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee on 9 May 2018 Ulladulla High School agreed to research and present to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting on provision of lifeguard services at Burrill Lake.

This item was deferred from the Youth Advisory Committee meeting on 1 August 2018.

Item deferred to next meeting.

**YA18.23 TRAFFIC OPTIONS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - JOHN
PURCELL WAY AND HILLCREST AVENUE****HPERM REF:
D18/369237**

Item dealt with earlier in the meeting.

REPORTS

**YA18.24 Membership update - nominees of local Members of
Parliament****HPERM Ref:
D18/234876**

The Governance Officer spoke to the report and advised that Gareth Ward, MP had nominated Sebastien Riou to be his representative and that Ann Sudmalis, MP had nominated Paige Blundell to be her representative.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Youth Advisory Committee accepts the report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the nomination of Sebastien Riou as representative for Gareth Ward, MP and Paige Blundell as representative for Ann Sudmalis, MP be noted for information.

CARRIED

YA18.25 Shoalhaven School Waste Reduction Initiative**HPERM Ref:
D18/291589**

Donna Corbyn spoke to the report and advised that the public schools are required to have a Plan.

Kim Waters of Ulladulla High School advised that Ulladulla High School has a Student Environment Council and recycling initiatives.

Kim suggested an online collaboration working group rather than a face to face meeting. Donna suggested maybe one or two face to face meetings to decide how to present the material. Joanne Coleman of St Johns High School suggested setting up a Google classroom.

Clr White noted that Council have a number of initiatives for waste reduction and suggested that

the Youth Advisory Committee attends a half day waste tour run by Council. Donna suggested that the second meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee in 2019 be an environmental meeting.

Clr White noted that Albury Council sends nine trucks of landfill a day to Ipswich and Sydney sends nine trains a day to the Veiola facility near Goulburn. Clr White noted that local government is charged a waste levy by the State Government. Council pays metropolitan rates. Clr White also noted that the forecast is that waste will increase, meaning increased cost to Council for waste.

James Doosey reported that he had attended the Johnnies Action Group (JAG) meeting on 1 August 2018 and tabled a summary of initiatives (attached).

Shoalhaven High School students reported that the School is cutting use of plastic straws.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Members nominate to participate in a working group of interested members to collect information about waste reduction initiatives that are being undertaken at schools in the Shoalhaven LGA.
2. Nomination of two representatives from each High School in the Shoalhaven who are represented on the Youth Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

That:

1. The Youth Advisory Committee participate in a Council waste tour in 2019, and authorise expenditure from the Youth Advisory Committee budget of an amount up to \$1,000, if necessary;
2. The Youth Advisory Committee dedicate the second meeting of 2019, to be held in term two, to discuss environmental initiatives across Shoalhaven schools;
3. Council writes a letter to the NSW Minister for the Environment to enquire why Shoalhaven City Council is charged metropolitan rates for tipping instead of regional rates.
4. The Youth Advisory Committee nominated members Ruby Frank of Ulladulla High School, James Doosey of St Johns High School, Bridee Lewis of Bomaderry High School, Sebastien Riou of Nowra Anglican College and Lachlan Willis of Shoalhaven High School investigate what is already happening within their schools, consider the option of forming a Working Group and send information to donna.corbyn@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA18.26 Student Safety – Shoalhaven High School – Bush Track

**HPERM Ref:
D18/287713**

At the meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee on 1 August 2018 Shoalhaven High School students raised the issue of the safety of students using a bush track behind the School. The Committee agreed to add this item to the agenda for this meeting.

Joshua Fisher clarified that this issue was raised by St Johns students and noted that the issue is that the track is being used as a shortcut by students and some Committee members had concerns about safety of students because of potentially dangerous people and wildlife.

Clr White advised members that it is necessary to clarify whether the land is Department of Education land or Council owned land. Clr White suggested that the Student Representative Council speak to the Deputy Principal or Principal to find out and ask the Department of Education

to address the safety issues.

Action: Donna investigates with Property Unit of Council who owns the parcel of land at the back of Shoalhaven High School.

YA18.27 Additional Item - Regional Development Australia

Lily Hatcher, representing Regional Development Australia, gave a report on the Shoalhaven Youth Volunteering Initiatives (attached) and advised that the final program is to be completed at the end of December. Lily also tabled a flyer on the Regional Employment Trials (attached).

YA18.28 Additional Item - Updates on Facilities for Young People

Clr White noted that there an audit of the Ulladulla Skatepark confirmed that the facility will be at the end of its working life at the end of 2023 and \$200,000 was allocated towards a concept and detail design for a regional skate park. Further details could be found in the business papers for the Strategy & Assets meeting of 16 October 2018:

https://shoalhaven.infocouncil.biz/Open/2018/10/SA_20181016_MIN_9879.PDF

Clr White also noted that funds are being sought for a Masterplan to improve the Ulladulla Lighthouse area. The Masterplan would include a proposal to install safety fencing and a viewing platform.

Clr White commented further that the Indoor Sports Centre at Bomaderry is nearing completion and an upgrade to the Bay & Basin Leisure Centre is planned.

YA18.29 Additional Item - Basketball Facilities in Nowra

Joshua Fisher asked about free basketball facilities for Nowra, similar to Mollymook. Community funded \$55,000. Parramatta Park at East Nowra. Youth Centre basketball courts opposite Police Station. Donna suggested investigating costs of upgrading existing facilities.

Clr White suggested that students research possible locations for a new facility as well as potential costs and issues.

Lily Hatcher suggested that students use the space more often before fixing to ensure that the funds are well used.

Action: Donna Corbyn to investigate the standard basketball hoop height and whether the replacement of backboard and hoop at Parramatta Park is on a Works plan or included in a budget and report back to next meeting to consider using funds from the Youth Advisory Committee budget.

YA18.30 Additional Item - Various Issues

Molly Brain raised a drainage issue on Shoalhaven Street Nowra, near the Hospital. Molly reported that water sits on tyres, up to the door of car. Donna suggested to use the Snap, Send, Solve app to notify Council.

James Doosey raised the issue of people doing burnouts on the Gerry Bailey reserve at Shoalhaven Heads near the proposed BMX track. Donna suggested to take it to the community forum.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 12pm.

Jiah King
CHAIRPERSON