

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2022
Location: Jervis Bay Meeting Room, Level 3, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10:09am

The following members were present:

Ms Veronica Burt-Leonard – Chairperson (Community Representative)
Clr Patricia White
Clr Tonia Gray – (Remotely)
Ms Lily Wright – UOW Shoalhaven Campus
Lachlan Congram – Country Universities Centre (Southern Shoalhaven)
Ms Hazel Marr – Nowra Youth Centre
St Johns Evangelist Catholic High School – Serena McDonald, Georgia Coleman, Cameron Nelson, Craig Sutton
Vincentia High School – Saphira Webber, Bridget Raftery, Jaymee-Lee Joines, Jenna Langenegger (Remotely)
Bomaderry Public School – Ellie Hida (Observer)
Bomaderry High School - Madilyne Pride (Remotely)
Ulladulla High School – Ebony Wellman, Chloe Jeffers (Remotely)

Others present:

Michael Paine – Manager Community Connections
Kim White - LEMO
Andrea Forsyth – Community Recovery Officer
Carly McWalters – Team Leader – Community Capacity Building
Peter Swanson – Team Lead Land Management
Darren O’Connell – Energy Management Coordinator
Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder
Kirsty Vezinias – Community Capacity Building – Student
Nowra Youth Centre - Janet Atkins
Nathaniel Woodcock – Community Representative (Pending Council Resolution)

The Chairperson acknowledged the traditional owners and custodians of the land and paid respect to Elders past and present and welcomed everyone present.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Clr Moo D’Ath and Kirana Van De Belt and Shoalhaven High School

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

YA22.9 Sustainability Presentation

**HPERM Ref:
D22/163583**

Shoalhaven City Council's Energy Management Coordinator - Darren O'Connell and Lead Land Management Peter Swanson provided a presentation to the YAC regarding Council's work on Environmental Sustainability, Bushcare and Land Management in the Shoalhaven. This presentation was requested by the YAC in response to the identification that responding to Climate Change and creating sustainable environments are a priority concern for young people in the Shoalhaven.

Copies of the presentations will be provided to members along with the minutes.

YA22.11 Disaster Management and Recovery Presentation

**HPERM Ref:
D22/194304**

Shoalhaven City Council's Local Emergency Management Officer - Kim White and Community Recovery Officer - Andrea Forsyth, provided a presentation to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) regarding Council's Emergency Management processes and work in Community Recovery following the recent natural disasters and building resilience in the Shoalhaven. This presentation was requested by the YAC in response to the identification that responding to Climate Change and creating sustainable environments are a priority concern for young people in the Shoalhaven.

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YA22.12 Action Table Update - May 2022

**HPERM Ref:
D22/178648**

In relation to this report the following notes were made:

- YA21.6 – Presentations have been received today; this item is now considered complete.
- Welcomed Community Service provider representatives to the meeting.
- Following the EOI for community representatives, Council received 1 nomination from Nathaniel Woodcock who is present today. See Additional Item YA22.13
- There are still four (4) vacant community member positions, it was discussed that the EOI remain open until the vacant positions are filled. See YA22.14.
- The Community Connections Team are working with the Nowra Youth Centre to develop the MOU.

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Accept and receive the Update on Actions report for information.

2. Acknowledge the following actions as completed and be removed from the action table:
 - a. YA21.6 – Planning Day – Climate Change & Environment – Sustainability Report request – Bushfire Initiatives Presentation request – Working Group Formation
 - b. YA22.8 – Nomination of Chair for Next Meeting
 - c. YA22.6 – Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference – Adoption – Organisation representative invitation – Community vacancies – Expression of Interest
 - d. YA22.5 - Nowra Youth Centre Bus - Running Costs - Funds voted - Consider further funding 2023 - Memorandum of Understanding

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YA22.13 Additional Item - Community Membership Nomination Nathaniel Woodcock

Following a round of EOI, Council received 1 community membership nomination from Nathaniel Woodcock. It was recommended by the Youth Advisory Committee that Nathaniel be welcomed as a member.

RECOMMENDATION (By consent)

That Council appoint Mr Nathaniel Woodcock as a Community Member on the Youth Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

YA22.14 Additional Item - Continuation - EOI for Vacant Community Member Positions

During discussion on the Action Table, it was noted that there are still four (4) remaining community member positions that are still vacant. It was suggested that the EOI as resolved by Council (MIN22.247) regarding the vacant positions remain open until the Community Membership positions are filled.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the EOI (See MIN22.247) for the four (4) remaining Community Member positions remain open until the positions are filled.

CARRIED

YA22.10 Open Round Table Discussion - Climate Change and Sustainability Concerns for Young People in the Shoalhaven**HPERM Ref:
D22/178735**

Note: This item will be addressed informally via the Community Connections Team. A link will be provided, and an informal discussion will be arranged prior to the next meeting.

YA22.11 DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND RECOVERY PRESENTATION**HPERM REF:
D22/194304**

Note: This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

REPORTS

YA22.12 ACTION TABLE UPDATE - MAY 2022**HPERM REF:
D22/178648**

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GENERAL BUSINESS

YA22.16 NSW Environment's Youth Advisory Committee - Invitation

NSW Environment's Youth Advisory Committee extended open invitations to the members of the Shoalhaven City Council's Youth Advisory Committee. For any members present who are interested, please contact Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder for further information.

YA22.15 Additional Item - Nomination of Chairperson for the next meeting

It was advised that the next meeting's Chairperson be a student representative from St Johns Evangelist Catholic High School.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Chairperson for the next meeting be Lachlan Congram - Student Representative from St Johns Evangelist Catholic High School.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11.57am.

Ms Veronica Burt-Leonard
CHAIRPERSON