

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 17 August 2022
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10:00AM

The following members were present:

Mr Lachlan Congram – Country Universities Centre – Southern - Chairperson
Clr Moo D'Ath (remotely)
Clr Paul Ell – left meeting at 11:36am
Clr John Wells (remotely)
Clr Tonia Gray (remotely) – left meeting at 11:04am
Ms Sophie Phillips representing Ms Fiona Phillips - MP
Ms Veronica Burt-Leonard (remotely)
Craig Sutton - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Sophie Weller - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Georgia Coleman - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Serena McDonald - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Jessica Hart – Shoalhaven High School
Jorja Henderson – Shoalhaven High School
Hazel Marr – Nowra Youth Centre
Lily Wright – UOW Shoalhaven (remotely)
Nathan Andrews – Vincentia High School (remotely)
Destiny Pavitt – Vincentia High School (remotely)
Erin Clohessy - Vincentia High School (remotely)
Lisa Gilbert - Vincentia High School (remotely)
Ebony Wellman – Ulladulla High School (remotely)
Karina Maya – Ulladulla High School (remotely)
Manu Maya – Ulladulla High School (remotely)

Others Present:

Carly McWalters – Team Leader – Community Capacity Building
Jessica Richardson - Community Capacity Builder
Monica Kincade - Community Capacity Builder

The Chairperson gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

An apology was received from Clr Patricia White.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (Georgia Coleman/Serena McDonald)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 18 May 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declarations of Interest

Nil.

PRESENTATIONS

YA22.17 Open Round Table Discussion - Employment and Transport Challenges and Opportunities for Young People in the Shoalhaven

**HPERM Ref:
D22/315448**

There was discussion between YAC members, arising from the following Prompt Questions:

1. Introduce yourself and let us know how you arrived where you are today? I.e. Bus, car with parents, cycle, walk etc.
2. Are you currently working, studying and/or volunteering? Please briefly detail
3. Have you encountered any challenges in getting to and from your work, school, recreational activities etc?
4. What have you found easy/ helpful about getting to and from your work, school, recreational activities etc?
5. Have you encountered any challenges in engaging in employment, training or volunteering opportunities?
6. What have you found easy/ helpful about engaging in employment, training or volunteering opportunities?
7. Is what you hear from your friends/ peers similar to what you have said already?
8. Is there anything else you would like to share with the group today?

The main issues that arose from this discussion were:

- Lack of public transport throughout the Shoalhaven district, particularly wheelchair-friendly public transport.
- Reliance on private transport for youth to travel to school and places of employment.
- Challenges around obtaining employment in different locations due to limited transport options and limited vacancies in some of the smaller villages within the Shoalhaven.

YA22.18 Transport for New South Wales Presentation**HPERM Ref:
D22/315380**

Transport for NSW Communities & Place Project Team gave a presentation on the 16 Regional Cities Services Improvement Program and the broader Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Transport Plan.

- The aim of the 16 Regional Cities Program is to provide better bus connections for residents in regional areas for work, school, health, social and recreational activities.
- There will be over 250 additional weekly services throughout the Shoalhaven.
- The new services are scheduled to commence from Monday 29 August.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes. Related links to today's presentation are shown below:

<https://future.transport.nsw.gov.au/plans/illawarra-shoalhaven-regional-transport-plan>

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/bus-feedback>

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/about-us/contact/complaints-and-feedback>

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/zero-emission-buses>

<https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/system/files/media/documents/2021/zero-emission-bus-transition-strategy.pdf>

<https://www.energysaver.nsw.gov.au/reducing-emissions-nsw/electric-vehicles/electric-vehicle-fast-charging-master-plan>

YA22.20 Action Table Update - August 2022**HPERM Ref:
D22/331723****Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)**

That the Youth Advisory Committee accept and receive the Update on Actions report for information.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Consider the Action - Nomination of Chairperson for the Next Meeting as complete and remove this action from the Action Table.
2. Accept and receive the Update on Actions report for information.

CARRIED

YA22.19 Shoalhaven Community Investment Committee Presentation**HPERM Ref:
D22/315429**

Brooke Gould representing the Shoalhaven Community Investment Committee provided a presentation to the YAC to explore collaborative and sustainable solutions to youth unemployment.

The presentation included a description of the committee's purpose, an outline of the Youth Employment Action Plan and an opportunity for engagement with the YAC on identifying youth focused responses to meeting needs and gaps in the service area.

The following issues were discussed:

- The biggest challenge for youth in obtaining employment is the limited transport options

available, as well as having to fit work around school hours and other commitments.

- Limited vacancies for work opportunities, especially in small villages across the Shoalhaven.
- Easy access to information on employment rights for young people separate from the place of work would be beneficial. This could be incorporated into careers information at school for the current situation rather than focussing on future career information.
- Links on school websites to external websites for employment rights and opportunities would be helpful for students.

A copy of the presentation is attached to these Minutes, as well as information regarding the Hire List to register for employment.

Note: Cllr Tonia Gray left meeting at 11:04am.

REPORTS

YA22.20 Action Table Update - August 2022

**HPERM REF:
D22/331723**

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA22.21 YAC Leadership Workshop

**HPERM Ref:
D22/315453**

RESOLVED (By consent)

The Community Capacity Building Team advised that the proposed date for the YAC leadership workshop is Sunday, 2 October, based on the survey results from the previous informal meeting.

After further discussion the new proposed date is Wednesday, 12 October.

CARRIED

Note: Cllr Paul Ell left meeting at 11:36am.

YA22.22 Election of Chairperson for Next Meeting

**HPERM Ref:
D22/341394**

RESOLVED (By consent)

It was resolved that a student representative from St John the Evangelist Catholic High School will chair the next meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16 November 2022.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11:49am.

Lachlan Congram
CHAIRPERSON