

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 17 May 2023
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10:25am

The following members were present:

Ms Hazel Marr – Nowra Youth Centre - Chairperson
Clr John Kotlash (Remotely)
Clr Patricia White - Left meeting at 11:20am
Mr Nathaniel Woodcock (Remotely)
Ms Ellie Hida – Bomaderry High School
Mr Emile Dupont-Louis – Ulladulla High School – Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Kiera Drewitt - Ulladulla High School — Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Ellie Fitzpatrick – Ulladulla High School - Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Chloe Jeffers – Ulladulla High School - Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Ameilia Roklitzer - Ulladulla High School – Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Mia Garrahy - Ulladulla High School - Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Claire Ridley – Ulladulla High School - Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Ms Grace Hewitt-Hull - Ulladulla High School – Joined meeting remotely at 10:25am
Mr Atlee Manners - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Ms Cristina Alvarez - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School
Ms Kiki Macas - St John the Evangelist Catholic High School

Others present:

Mr Michael Paine – Manager – Community Connections
Ms Carly McWalters – Lead - Community Capacity Building
Ms Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder
Ms Holly Corbett –Community Capacity - Student Placement
Ms Bella Dewsbury-Love Sonder Youth Representatives – Joined meeting at 10:31am
Ms Gabbi Walker - Sonder Youth Representatives – Joined meeting at 10:31am
Mr Adam Clear – Observer (Remotely)

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Janet Atkins, Lily Wright, Jane Lewis and Sue Rosskelly (Shoalhaven High School)

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 1 March 2023 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

YA23.8 Open Discussion – Youth Priorities 2023

**HPERM Ref:
D23/153091**

The Community Wellbeing Grant will be opening soon, and a part of this grant program is to prioritise projects and activities for young people. Council staff prompted a discussion with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members to offer ideas for ideal projects to be funded through this grant program given the priority areas set out by the YAC in 2022.

Council staff prompted discussion with the following questions:

1. Introduce yourself; your name and who you are representing.
2. Select one of the priority areas identified below and put forward an idea for a project that young people would like to see in the Shoalhaven that responds to this priority area:
 - a) Health and Wellbeing support, in particular Mental Health support
 - b) Education, Training and Employment Opportunities, in particular improving education systems and pathways
 - c) Belonging and Connection to Community, in particular acceptance and respect
 - d) Climate Change and Sustainability
 - e) Public Transport

Please note, information provided today by the YAC will be utilised for information gathering purposes only. The Community Capacity Building Team will consider the types of activities put forward by the YAC when reviewing applications received under the Community Wellbeing Grant. Where applications meet the eligibility criteria set out by the grant program and align with the activity types put forward by the YAC, these applications will be considered as priority. This is dependent on applications received to the grant program and therefore the activity areas identified above are not guaranteed to be funded at this time.

Feedback received included:

- Issue: Public Transport
 - Idea: App/ Support for understanding bus timetables (using apps such as Opal Travel or Trip View)
- Issue: Education and Training
 - Idea: support with job applications
- Issue: Education and Training
 - Idea: better staff ratio or teachers aid support for students in class
- Issue: Public Transport
 - Idea: Scavenger Hunt to get to know your local transport route, access prizes via public transport
- Issue: Mental Health
 - Idea: Forum for teenagers and their parents to come together and discuss and receive information to break down stigma and recognise early signs
- Issue: Mental Health
 - Idea: Better and varied access to mental health support and information
- Issue: Public Transport
 - Idea: After school bus service, for youth only, to take them to extracurricular activities, this could also be useful on the weekend as well

YA23.9 Presentation – Sonder Youth – Changemakers and YAC Program 2023

HPERM Ref: D23/153135

Council staff are partnering with Sonder Youth Changemakers Program to offer Youth Advisory Committee members the opportunity to take action and deliver youth led projects.

The aim of the Changemakers Program through Sonder Youth is to give young people the opportunity to put forward their ideas for positive change and turn them into action. This program is designed by young people for young people. The program is a five-month leadership, social entrepreneurship and project management immersion experience.

Staff from Sonder Youth presented to the Youth Advisory Committee on the format of the programs and provided information on how to apply.

The following video was played to introduce the Youth Advisory Committee to the Youth Changemakers Program:

[Change Makers by Sonder Youth](#)

The YAC participants were taken through an activity to identify priority areas for change in the community which could inspire future Changemakers projects, these included:

- Anti-vaping programs
- Mental Health support and access
- Road maintenance support
- Environmental programs, including collecting rubbish

YAC Members were then provided with an information pack and sign-up form to join the YAC Changemakers program in Term 2 and 3. This will likely occur on Wednesdays at 4pm to 6pm.

Please see attachments for application form to sign up.

REPORTS

YA23.10 Updated Action Table Report – May 2023

HPERM Ref: D23/153051

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 accept and receive the Update on Actions report for information.

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Council staff provided YAC participants with the Mission Australia Youth Survey 2023 to complete, more information here: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7242884/Youth-Survey-2023>
- Council staff provided YAC participants with the PlaceScore – Livability Survey to complete, more information here: <https://survey.placescore.org/s3/lc23-do-nsw-shoalhaven>
- Council staff thanks YAC members, namely representatives from Ulladulla High School for supporting the Youth Week Event – Night is Young Festival in Ulladulla
- Nominate Chairperson for the final two meetings of 2023

The Committee proceeded to nominate a chairperson for the last two Youth Advisory Committee meetings of 2023.

2 August 2023 – Ms Ellie Hida - Bomaderry High School

15 November 2023 – Representative - Ulladulla High School

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 11:25am.

Ms Hazel Marr
CHAIRPERSON