

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 2 August 2023
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.12am

The following members were present:

Ellie Hida – Chairperson - Bomaderry High School
Clr John Kotlash (Remotely)
Clr Evan Christen
Clr Patricia White
Clr Tonia Gray (Remotely)
Nathaniel Woodcock (Remotely) – Community Youth Representative
Nelani Botha (Remotely) – Community Youth Representative
Emile Dupont (Remotely – Ulladulla High School
Aidan Cook – St. Johns the Evangelist Catholic High School
Atlee Manners - St. Johns the Evangelist Catholic High School
Amelia Roklitzer (Remotely) – Ulladulla High School
Keria Drewitt (Remotely) – Ulladulla High School
Sarah Tasic – Department of Planning and Environment
Peta Collins – Department of Planning and Environment
Felicity Lochhead – Illawarra Shoalhaven Joint Organisation
Grace Mahn (Remotely) – Greater Cities Commission (arrived at 10.20am)
Claudia Rosario (Remotely) – Greater Cities Commission (arrived at 10.21am)
Phoebe Schmacher (Remotely) – Greater Cities Commission (arrived at 10.27am)
Jackson Cocks (Remotely) – Greater Cities Commission (arrived at 10.43am)

Others present:

Carly McWalters - Manager - Community Connections (Acting)
Jessica Richardson – Lead – Community Capacity Building (Acting)
Amelia Ratcliff – Coast & Estuaries Officer (Left at 10.49am)
Nigel Smith – Lead – Coastal Management (Left at 10.49am)

The meeting was opened by nominated Chairperson, Ellie Hida, with an acknowledgement of Country.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies received by Adam-John Clear.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 17 May 2023 be

confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

YA23.12 Overview - Coastal Management Programs - Youth Involvement

HPERM Ref:
D23/219643

Amelia Ratcliff - Coast & Estuaries Officer, and Nigel Smith – Lead Coastal Management, presented an overview of the process of the Coastal Management Program (CMP) and how members of the Youth Advisory Committee can be involved in community consultation to help shape the management of actions in the CMP's.

As discussed in the meeting, the Team currently has four Coastal Management Programs which are open for public comment or have upcoming engagement opportunities, and the Team would like to inform and encourage the Youth Advisory Committee representatives to be involved.

Lower Shoalhaven River CMP

- Stage 3 community workshops and drop-in sessions are scheduled for 25 and 26 July 2023. The aim of these workshops is to engage with the local community and help build upon identified issues, concerns and opportunities for the Lower Shoalhaven River based on technical studies undertaken in Stage 2 of the CMP process. You can register before 23 July by clicking this link.
- To keep up to date, visit the Get Involved page:
<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/lower-shoalhaven-river-cmp>

Sussex Inlet, St Georges Basin, Swan Lake and Berrara Creek CMP

- Community engagement for Stage 3 list of potential management actions is now live and closes on 31 July 2023. Council is asking for the community to provide feedback and suggestions on the proposed management actions.
- To keep up to date, visit the Get Involved page:
<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/sussexinlet-stgeorgesbasin-berrara-swanlake-cmp>

Lake Conjola CMP

- Community engagement for Stage 3 list of potential management actions is now live and closes on 13 August 2023. Council is asking for the community to provide feedback and suggestions on the proposed management actions.
- To keep up to date, visit the Get Involved page:
<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/lake-conjola-cmp>

The Open Coast and Jervis Bay Draft CMP is currently being prepared and is due to go out on public exhibition in September 2023.

- To keep up to date, visit the Get Involved page:
<https://getinvolved.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au/open-coast-and-jervis-bay-cmp>

Amelia and Nigel conducted an activity around coastal management and issues facing the Shoalhaven's coastline with the Youth Advisory Committee.

Copies of the responses of the activity have been included in the minutes.

If members have any questions or feedback please contact the team at

coastal.management@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

**YA23.11 NSW Department of Planning and Environment Round
Table - Land-Use Planning for the future of the Illawarra-
Shoalhaven**

**HPERM Ref:
D23/259554**

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE), in partnership with the CSIRO are currently conducting workshops in the Illawarra Shoalhaven region to understand preferences for land-use planning that considers future growth and housing needs in the context of risks associated with natural disasters in the region. In this roundtable the Department provided some context for the work and then discuss land-use planning and disaster risk reduction options and pathways that have been proposed to get the region to a disaster resilient future. The Department in collaboration with the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) explored potential impacts and implications from a youth perspective of some of the options proposed which are at the intersection of climate adaptation, disaster resilience, land uses and housing.

Peta Collins, from DPE introduced the presentation and spoke on the focus of Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) on future planning around the Shoalhaven.

Nathaniel Woodcock queried the DPE plans to address the divide between lower and higher income households, houses being built that are unaffordable and increased traffic.

Sarah Tasic responded that Council may have a better response however all levels of Government recognise the housing crisis.

Carly McWalters suggested inviting the Strategic Planning team to a YAC meeting to speak on the Strategic Affordable Housing Plan.

Clr Tonia Gray addressed the meeting about the focus areas of this presentation aligning with those set out by the YAC and suggested these be spoken about at the beginning of each meeting to keep the focus areas at front of mind.

Peta Collins provided a hand out of value prompts to go alongside the activities of what YAC values in the Shoalhaven.

Phoebe Schmacher, from Greater Cities Commission, took the YAC through a series of activities that focused on issues around housing and growth in and around the Shoalhaven region.

The presentation, activity and responses have been included in the minutes.

Note: The students from Ulladulla High School left the meeting, the time being 11.50am. This resulted in quorum being lost.

REPORTS

YA23.13 Update on Actions Report - August 2023

**HPERM Ref:
D23/286568**

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. The following actions are considered complete and removed from the Action Table.
 - a. YA23.6 - Youth Advisory Committee Membership Expression of Interest

Note: To be deferred to next meeting as quorum lost at 11.50am.

As quorum had been lost at 11.50am, informal discussion was held till the meeting concluded, the time being 12.03pm

Ellie Hida
CHAIRPERSON