

## MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday, 7 August 2024  
**Location:** Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra  
**Time:** 10.30am

The following members were present:

Clr Patricia White  
Clr Matthew Norris  
Clr Gillian Boyd – Remotely  
Clr John Kotlash – Remotely  
Eden Sakora – Ulladulla High School  
Chloe Jeffers – Ulladulla High School  
Lachlan Barry – Ulladulla High School  
Georgia Szymoniczek – St Johns High School  
Tyne Weller – St Johns High School  
Lachlyn Bisat – St Johns High School  
Michael Paine - Manager - Community Connections

Others present:

Natalie Johnson – Senior Community Capacity Builder  
Monica Kinkade – Senior Community Capacity Builder  
Sophie Ray - Shoalhaven Education Fund

At 10.17am Mr Michael Paine – Manager – Community Connections advised the Committee that quorum has not been reached yet however, the members present receive presentations from the schedule as follows until quorum has been confirmed.

### Apologies

Apologies were received from Clr Findley, Kasey Henshaw, Janet Atkins and the Shoalhaven River College.

### Confirmation of the Minutes

This item was deferred to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

## PRESENTATIONS

### **YA24.7 Open Discussion - Employment, Education and Homelessness Support**

**HPERM Ref:  
D24/269020**

At 10.30am those present at the meeting were advised that the Committee had not reached quorum. The members present continued to receive presentations from the schedule as follows.

*In the first meeting of 2024 the Youth Advisory Committee identified both:*

- *Employment and Education Support*
- *Homelessness and Social Services Support*

*as priority areas for change that young people want to see action on in the Shoalhaven.*

*In today's meeting, YAC members will be receiving presentations from Council and community organisations on these topics.*

*To begin today's meeting let's delve deeper into what these priority areas mean to you.*

*Please introduce yourself and respond to the following discussion questions:*

1. *Your name*
2. *Organisation, School or area of community that you are representing*
3. *What challenges do you, or young people you know, face in accessing educational opportunities or finding employment in the Shoalhaven, and what changes would you like to see to improve support for young people?*
4. *How do you think our community could better support young people facing homelessness, and do you have ideas for practical steps we can all take to make a positive impact?*

### **YA24.6 Shoalhaven Education Fund**

**HPERM Ref:  
D24/171370**

Note: Quorum had not been reached, the Committee heard the following presentation.

Sophie Ray from the Shoalhaven Education Fund presented to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) on the Fund's support for Shoalhaven young people in the Shoalhaven. Discussions included their progress since 2012 and from the YAC members on lessons learned about the challenges facing young people in the Shoalhaven in accessing educational opportunities.

### **YA24.5 Update - Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy - Strategy Planning Team**

**HPERM Ref:  
D24/245958**

This item has been deferred to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

## REPORTS

**YA24.8 Membership Resignation - Nathaniel Woodcock**

**HPERM Ref:  
D24/206132**

Note: This item was deferred to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

**YA24.9 Update on Actions Report - August 2024**

**HPERM Ref:  
D24/269359**

Note: This item was deferred to the next Youth Advisory Committee meeting.

Eden Sakora and Chloe Jeffers  
CHAIRPERSON