

Youth Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 28 February, 2024

Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

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Overview 2024

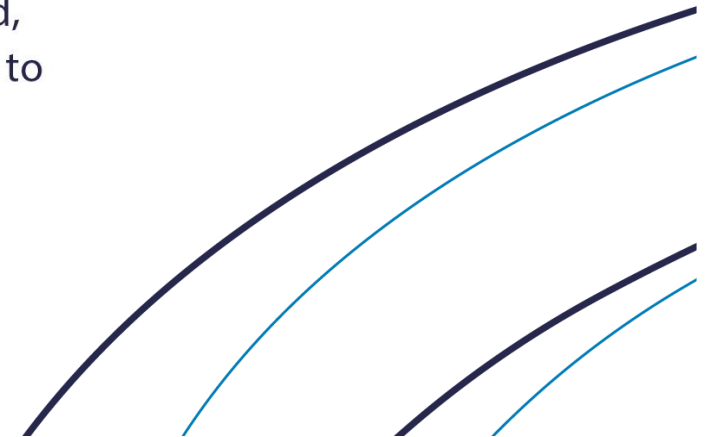


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Acknowledgement of Country



We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we gather upon today. We acknowledge their continuing connections to the land, culture and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future.



Purpose

To represent the interests and views of young people to Council and the Community.



Terms of Reference

- **Membership:** Young people aged 12 – 25 years from local High Schools, Youth Services, and the wider community.
- **Capacity Building:** Participation in the YAC should be an empowering experience for the members.
- **Meetings:** Quarterly in person YAC meetings on a rotating schedule across the LGA. Additional virtual working group meetings are offered to ensure ongoing communication and consultation.
- **Code of Conduct:** Informal meeting format that meets Council's Code of Meeting Practice Policy.



Priority Areas – Youth Shoalhaven

- In October 2022 the YAC agreed on the following priority areas for young people in the Shoalhaven.
- What matters to YOUth?
 1. Health and Wellbeing support, in particular Mental Health support.
 2. Education, Training and Employment Opportunities, in particular improving education systems and pathways.
 3. Belonging and Connection to Community, in particular acceptance and respect.
 4. Climate Change and Sustainability.
 5. Public Transport.



Strategic Planning

- These priority areas inform strategic decision making by Council.
- The YAC does not have a current Strategic Plan in place.
- Previously Council worked within the YAC Action Plan 2019 – 2022 which outlined potential opportunities to take action on priority areas in the Council's Shoalhaven 2027 Community Strategic Plan.



Policies and Procedures



The YAC is guided by the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (POL21/29).

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Meeting Date: 01/03/2023	Item No: YA23.6	Officer: Fischer, Ben	Completed: 18/07/2023
Title: Youth Advisory Committee Membership Expression of Interest			
<p>RESOLVED (By consent)</p> <p>That the Youth Advisory Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse Council Staff to conduct a Membership Expression of Interest for all five (5) vacant community youth representative positions available on the Youth Advisory Committee. 2. Endorse Council Staff to audit the current membership of the Youth Advisory Committee. 3. Nominate Mr Tylar-Jay Stolk to be the Committee representative on the assessment panel for the next round of the EOI. <p>CARRIED</p>		<p>Notes:</p> <p>"Wednesday, 15 March 2023 at 1:18:00 PM (GMT+11:00) Fischer, Benjamin:" Part 1 of the Recommendation will be actioned by Benjamin Fischer. Part 2 of the Recommendation to be actioned by relevant Community Connections Staff.</p> <p>"Friday, 21 April 2023 at 10:45:29 AM (GMT+10:00) Richardson, Jessica:" Update on Actions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Governance, supported by Community Capacity Building Team and Communications Team, launched the Expression of Interest and promoted across social media platforms, news item and through community networks. Expression of Interest Closes 2 May 2023. 2. Ongoing. Community Capacity Building Team have reached out to local service providers to nominate representatives to attend meetings. No nominations received at this stage. 3. Upon close of applications on 2 May 2023, the panel will meet to review applications and present nominations to the Committee. <p>"Wednesday, 17 May 2023 at 4:12:44 PM (GMT+10:00) Richardson, Jessica:" Shoalhaven City Council has received 2 applications through the Expression of Interest from community members to join the Youth Advisory Committee from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nelani Botha 2. Adam-John Clear <p>The applications have been sent to the assessment panel and once approved will be sent to Council for endorsement.</p> <p>This will leave 3 community member positions vacant and so Council staff propose to keep the Expression of Interest open until these positions are filled.</p>	

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	<p>"Monday, 10 July 2023 at 3:37:50 PM (GMT+10:00) Richardson, Jessica:" The Assessment Panel has approved the applications received and recommend to Council to appoint both Nelani Botha and Adam-John Clear as members of the YAC for a 2-year term. It was also recommended to Council that the EOI remain open until the remaining 3 vacant positions are filled. These recommendations will be reviewed by Council at the Ordinary meeting on 17 July 2023.</p> <p>"Tuesday, 18 July 2023 at 4:10:18 PM (GMT+10:00) Richardson, Jessica:" At the Ordinary Meeting on 17 July 2023 Council carried the recommendations to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Appoint Nelani Botha as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee for a 2-year term, to expire in June 2025. 2. Appoint Adam-John Clear as a member of the Youth Advisory Committee for a 2-year term, to expire in June 2025. 3. Note that the Expression of Interest will remain open until all three remaining community youth representative positions are filled. <p>The Community Capacity Building team will continue to promote opportunities for young people in the community to join the YAC.</p> <p>This item is now considered complete and can be removed from the action table.</p> <p>Completed by Fischer, Ben (action officer) on 18 July 2023 at 5:48:40 PM - A membership appointment report went to Council on 17 July 2023 to appoint the following members Nelani Botha Adam-John Clear</p> <p>Note that the Expression of Interest will remain open until all three remaining community youth representative positions are filled.</p>
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