

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 15 May 2024
Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.00am

The following members were present:

Clr Matthew Norris
Clr Tonia Gray
Bradley Martin (Remotely)
Nelani Botha (Remotely)
Lachlyn Bisat - St Johns the Evangelist High
Georgia Szymoniczek - St Johns the Evangelist High
Ashlee Allen - Vincentia High School (Remotely)
Axl Reeves - Vincentia High School (Remotely)
Tary Dyer - Vincentia High School (Remotely)
Zoe Nathan - Vincentia High School (Remotely)
Chloe Jeffers - Ulladulla High School (Remotely)
Eden Sakora - Ulladulla High School (Remotely)
Tristan Hoy - NSW Tafe Ulladulla (Remotely)
Ava Hunter - NSW Tafe Ulladulla (Remotely)
Corey Moore - NSW Tafe Ulladulla (Remotely)
Isaac Windell - NSW Tafe Ulladulla (Remotely)
Carolyn Piccones – Youth Insearch (Remotely)
Brianna Moroney - Youth Insearch (Remotely) – Joined at 10.08am
Kasey Henshaw – Firefly Bay and Basin (Remotely)

Others present:

Ms Carly McWalters – Lead – Community Capacity Building
Ms Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder
Mr Matthew Rose - Coordinator - Strategy Planning Team – Left at 10.47am
Ms Kristy O’Sullivan - Strategic Planner - Left at 10.47am

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies were received from Mr Michael Paine, Shoalhaven High School and Pemba Spargo.

Confirmation of the Minutes

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee held on Wednesday 28 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED

Declaration of Interests

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

YA24.3 Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy - Strategy Planning Team

HPERM Ref: D24/2750

Mr Matthew Rose – Coordinator – Strategy Planning Team presented to the Committee on the draft Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy and requested feedback and suggestions from the Committee.

A discussion was held on engagement ideas. The Committee collaborated and shared ideas on improving Council's efforts to engage different communities including organisations Council can consult with and the ways to engage and specific social media platforms.

Examples of who to consult with included:

- CareSouth
- Nowra Youth Centre
- Dunn Lewis Centre
- Mission Australia – Southern Youth Service Ulladulla
- Nowra and Ulladulla TAFE

Examples of how to consult included:

- Engagement pop ups at shopping centres: Home Co Vincentia, Stocklands Nowra
- Online easy surveys that can be shared with schools to share with students. Contact each school directly to determine best method of engagement through schools.
- Radio interviews at PowerFM

A discussion was then held on the members concerns and ideas around affordable housing in the Shoalhaven. Feedback from the Committee for consideration by Council's Strategic Planning Team included that young people are concerned about:

- the high price of rentals and that this equates to a significant proportion of their incomes
- the number of vacant houses being used for short term rentals/ holiday rentals that are then reducing supply of long term rentals
- the increase in land value and it's impact on both buying and renting in the Shoalhaven
- the drastic increase in rent prices at the same time as young people are facing economic concerns due to the cost of living crisis
- never being able to afford to rent and live in the Shoalhaven once they leave school
- the difficulty in finding available rentals when new rentals are slow to come to market
- the need for more education for young people on renting and setting themselves up financially to be able to buy.

The Strategic Planning Team advised they would report an update to the Committee at the next meeting scheduled in August 2024 on the updated draft strategy upon further detail being finalised.

Students from Ulladulla High School queried if the recently released Federal Government draft Budget, will impact on Council's affordable housing strategy. This question was taken on notice and the Strategic Planning Team will provide a response back to the Committee at a future

meeting.

The presentation is attached to the Minutes.

REPORTS

YA24.4 Membership Resignation - Adam-John Clear

HPERM Ref:
D24/139596

Recommendation (Item to be determined under delegated authority)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Accept the resignation of Mr Adam-John Clear (Youth Representative) and thank him for his contribution to the Committee;
2. Fill the Youth Representative vacancy through the current Expression of Interest.

RESOLVED (By consent)

That the Youth Advisory Committee:

1. Accept the resignation of Mr Adam-John Clear (Youth Representative) and thank him for his contribution to the Committee;
2. Fill the Youth Representative vacancy through the current Expression of Interest.

CARRIED

YA23.13 Update on Actions Report - May 2024

HPERM Ref:
D23/286568

Ms Jessica Richardson – Community Capacity Builder comment on action item YA23.6. Ms Richardson provided an update of the current membership vacancy on the Committee.

There are a maximum of 6 community member positions, with half of which is currently vacant. A resignation was received as per the previous item and through the expression of interest process, 2 applications have been received and both are under review. Upon these applications being endorsed by Council, this will leave 1 community member position remaining vacant. The EOI will remain open until all positions filled and will continue to be advertised on the Council webpage and through social media.

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

RESOLVED (By consent)

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

CARRIED

GENERAL BUSINESS

YA23.17 Meeting Times and Days 2024 Discussion

**HPERM Ref:
D23/426419**

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members discussed their preferred meeting times and days for the YAC in 2024.

Ms Richardson advised that the last 2 meetings of the Committee failed to reach quorum however, discussions have occurred on this item with members present at those meetings and it was noted that Tuesdays are the preferred meeting day for members to meet quarterly although there were 2 timeframes proposed:

- Tuesday 10.00am – 12.00pm,
- Tuesday 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Students from St Johns the Evangelist High, Vincentia High School and other participating students and youth representatives advised that Tuesday, 10.00am – 12.00pm is their preferred time.

Council's Community Connections Team and Governance Team will work together to schedule this preferred option into the calendar for 2024 and the options to move the remainder of Youth Advisory Committee meetings for the rest of the year.

Lachlyn Bisat passed position of Chairperson to Ms Jessica Richardson. Ms Richardson assumed the Chair and asked the members present if there were any nominations for the role of Chairperson for the next meeting scheduled in August 2024.

Students from Ulladulla High School advised the Committee that they would like to be in attendance in person for the next meeting in August. If this is possible, they are happy to nominate a student for the role of Chairperson.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded, the time being 10.58am.

Lachlyn Bisat
CHAIRPERSON