

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 17 June 2025
Location: Jervis Bay Room, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 10.00am

The following members were present:

St John the Evangelist Catholic High School Nowra

Others present:

Clr Karlee Dunn
Clr Gillian Boyd
Mr Michael Paine - Manager - Community Connections
Ms Kristy Mayhew – Manager Cultural and Community Services
Ms Carly McWalters – Lead Community Capacity Building
Ms Natalie Johnson – Senior Community Capacity Builder
Mr Matthew Rose – Coordinator – Strategy Planning Team
Ms Kristy O’Sullivan – Strategic Planner
Ms Beth Britton – Social Planner
James Vernon – Member for Kiama Representative

At 10.30am Mr Michael Paine advised that the meeting had not reached quorum, and had therefore lapsed. The Committee proceeded to receive presentations informally.

Apologies / Leave of Absence

Apologies received from Shoalhaven High School, Vincentia High School, Ulladulla High School, Nowra High School, Country Universities Centre, TAFE, Lily Wright, Nelani Botha, Marg King – TAFE, Oliver Griffiths.

PRESENTATIONS

YA25.5 Update - Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy - Strategy Planning Team

HPERM Ref: D24/245958

Kristy O’Sullivan – Strategic Planner, Strategy Planning Team – presented to the Committee on the recently adopted Shoalhaven Affordable Housing Strategy (AHS).

The presentation provided an overview of the “housing spectrum”, and the roles and responsibilities of service providers and government agencies in helping to address the housing affordability challenge.

The presentation also provided an overview of the AHS, including its purpose, the public exhibition

process and outcomes, and finalisation of the document. The Committee was also provided with an overview of the next steps towards implementing the AHS, including programming work on the short-term Actions and the establishment of a Council-led Affordable Housing Action Taskforce.

Following the presentation, there was a general discussion about land-use planning in Shoalhaven, including redevelopment opportunities along the Nowra Riverfront and the work involved in planning new urban release areas. Matthew Rose – Coordinator, Strategy Planning Team – also provided an overview of Council’s online demographic tools (Community Profile, Social Atlas, Population Forecast, Economic Profile and Housing Monitor), which can be accessed online at: <https://profile.id.com.au/shoalhaven/>

YA25.7 Workshop - Disability Inclusion Action Plan

**HPERM Ref:
D25/53825**

Under the NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014, Councils are required to review their Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) every four years. As part of this requirement, Councils must consult with specific groups in the community including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, people with a disability and young people. Council’s advisory committees provide a great opportunity for such consultation in addition to other engagement that is being conducted in the broader community.

Staff presented an introduction to the work being done to review the current DIAP. The meeting discussed Council’s actions under the current DIAP and possible future disability inclusion initiatives.

REPORTS

YA25.8 Membership Resignation - Nathaniel Woodcock

**HPERM Ref:
D24/206132**

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

YA25.9 Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review - 2025

**HPERM Ref:
D25/51663**

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

YA25.10 Update on Actions Report - August 2024

**HPERM Ref:
D24/269359**

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

YA25.11 Update on Actions Report - March 2025

**HPERM Ref:
D25/84324**

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

YA25.12 Membership Resignation - Kasey Henshaw

**HPERM Ref:
D25/119929**

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