

MINUTES

Youth Advisory Group

Date: Thursday 13 October 2022

Time: 4:35 pm to 6:23 pm

Location: Council Chambers / Boardroom (Shire Hall) and via MS Teams

<i>Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Apology</i>
Councillor Bev Spearpoint (Chair)	✓	
Councillor Suzie Brandstater	•	
Rob Moran, Manager Community Services	•	
Emily Plews, Youth Development Officer	•	
Youth Advisory Group Members		
Diaan Nasser, Youth Advisory Group	•	
Sam Lawrence, Youth Advisory Group	•	
Jacqueline O'Neill, Youth Advisory Group	•	
Mary-Anne Ball, Youth Advisory Group	•	
Jordan Sefton, Youth Advisory Group	•	
Finn Campbell, Youth Advisory Group		•
Mel Wardle, Youth Advisory Group		•
Henry Adam, Youth Advisory Group		•
Guests		
Mayor Matt Gould		•
Rylee Anderson	•	

Item	Key Speaker (s)	Agreed Actions
1. Acknowledgement of country	Rylee Anderson	
2. Attendance and apologies As noted above	Chair	
3. Disclosure of interests	Chair	No disclosures made
4. Confirmation of previous minutes NA	Chair	

<p>5. Committee Induction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions from each member • Overview of the Terms of Reference & Scope • Overview of the Code of Conduct • Meeting Scheduling and timing 	<p>Introductions from each member of Youth Advisory Group</p> <hr/> <p>Introductions from Councillor Spearpoint (Chair) and Councillor Brandstater</p> <hr/> <p>Introductions from Community Services team</p> <hr/> <p>Chair read an overview of the Terms of Reference & Scope</p> <hr/> <p>Chair read an overview of the code of conduct</p> <hr/> <p>Future meeting scheduling and timing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current day (Thursday) and time (4.30pm) agreed by all attending to best suit schedules • Chair advised attendees, if time needs to be changed, attendees can advise Community Project Officer who will work out a better suiting time and date • Next meeting agreed to be on Thursday 9 February 2023 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm at the Banksia Boardroom, The Shire Hall 	
<p>6. CSP Strategies and Delivery Plan Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSP alignment summary • Delivery Plan Actions • Other key documents / plans / strategies etc • Issues and priorities ahead 	<p>Community Strategic Plan (CSP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rob Moran provided an overview of the CSP Delivery Plan, Community Strategic Plan and Resourcing Plan provided at meeting 	
<p>7. General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAG member identified need for a new high school in the LGA, Picton High School is over populated • Community Services Manager explained for a new high school certain criteria had to be met, such as a large enough population • Chair highlighted social disadvantage for young people not having enough high schools to engage with one another • Community Services Manager explained with the new growth of Wilton a new high school will happen, Wilton Master Plan is online and a new high school is guaranteed • Wollondilly Shire Council is continuously working along side higher education provider such as TAFE and SWS University to provide educational outreach within the Wollondilly LGA • YAG wants Wollondilly Shire Council to lobby to State Government for a new high school • YAG member identified barriers for young people in the Wollondilly LGA including 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wollondilly Shire Council to lobby to State Government for a new high school in LGA • Wollondilly Shire Council's Community Project Officer to determine proposed start date of Wilton

	<p>transport and lack of entertainment to keep young people in the Wollondilly. As a young person living in Wollondilly the member shared their experience of having to travel 4 hours a day to attend TAFE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services Manager discussed the new Performing Arts Centre to be built in Picton and the new employment opportunities and entertainment value this will bring to the LGA • Chair identified the possibility of working with River Road Academy to produce a raw film to share Wollondilly young peoples experiences • YAG members identified lack of options to keep young people engaged in the Wollondilly. YAG members highlighted the need for more youth hubs, movies, bowling arcades ect to keep young people positively engaged within the Wollondilly • YAG member asked how does the Wollondilly get facilities like the facilities mentioned? • Community Services Manager explained Employment Lands are needed to allow for such facilities and this process involves rezoning. • Chair suggested inviting Wollondilly Shire Council's Business Team and Economic Team to discuss how to bring in big companies to provide facilities for young people to engage with • YAG member identified the lack of public transport in the Wollondilly LGA is a significant barrier for young people causing social isolation • YAG member suggested getting a small bus from a local business to do loops of the LGA to provide transport to young people • Chair suggested the community bus could support youth access and minimise isolation • Community Services manager explained local youth services should provide support to young people with access and provide social connections • YAG member identified lack of acceptance to diversity in the Wollondilly LGA, explained YAG and WSC need to work together to create acceptance and safe places for LGBTIQ+ community. Proposed creating events and opportunities for LGBTIQ+ community and educating wider community to create acceptance • Chair summarised YAG's concerns- Education on diversity and LGBTIQ+, supporting all members of the community, look into doing LGBTIQ+ events regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Project Officer to invite a representative from WSC Business and Economic Team • Community Project Officer and YAG to work together to create LGBTIQ+ events and education for wider community
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YAG member identified finding new ways to encourage young people to engage with the community • Cr Brandstater discussed her commitment to pushing for 2 new high schools in the Wollondilly LGA, one in the north ward and one in Wilton. Cr Brandstater discussed her commitment to advocating for better public transport options • YAG member wants WSC and Advisory Groups to provide community outreach and wants the local high school to be a part of the community through volunteering. YAG member suggested Picton High School allows young people to have an option to either participate in sport or volunteer in the community • Cr Brandstater highlighted the need for advocating to young people the local traineeships and apprenticeships to allow young people to live and work in the Wollondilly • Chair would like to see a volunteer award ceremony to acknowledge volunteer's contribution to the Wollondilly Community • YAG member wants volunteering opportunities promoted to young people of Wollondilly • Instagram was identified as the ideal platform to promote these opportunities, promote YAG • Chair identified an IT person from Western Sydney University to come talk to YAG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Project Officer and YAG to work together to identify and create opportunities for young people to engage in the community • Community Services Manager and Community Project Officer to investigate volunteer award ceremony • Community Project Officer to learn how to use Instagram correctly
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Meeting Closed –	6.23pm	