

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ACTION GROUP COMMITTEE
 ON 4 MARCH 2020 at 5:30 PM
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan
 Councillor Marli Banks
 Alexandra Thorogood
 Marcita Dougherty

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Zak Tilley, Youth Development Officer – (*Chair and Minutes*)
 Kiralee Wade, Youth Services Officer
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer
 Jeanette Shepherd, Manager Community and Cultural Development

APOLOGIES

Councillor Catherine Satour

13th Alice Springs Town Council Youth Action Group Committee	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec -18	Jan-19	Feb-19	March-16	April-19	May-19	June-19	July-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19
Mayor Damien Ryan	A	✓	No meeting	No meeting	✓	No meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Councillor Matthew Paterson	✓	✓			✓		A	✓	✓	A				
Councillor Catherine Satour	A	A			--		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Councillor Marli Banks											✓	✓	✓	✓

Minutes table amended to only include Elected Members of Council as per the following action from YAG Meeting 2 May 2019. **ACTION:** Youth Services Officer to delete all unnecessary names from the attendance table on all minutes hereafter.

✓	Attended
✓ Proxy	Proxy attended in place of committee member
A	Apology received
--	No attendance and no apology recorded
	Not a member at the time

The meeting opened at 5:36pm.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

RESOLVED

That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of the Youth Action Group meeting held 27 November 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of those meetings.

Moved: Councillor Banks

Seconded: Alexandra Thorogood

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

4.1 Stand Up!

Manager Cultural and Community Development explained to members that the first and second rounds of Stand Up! 2020 did not have a large uptake for participants. However, positive feedback was received from various schools and youth services. Due to this, Stand Up! will no longer go ahead. Manager Cultural and Community Development advised that the resources that were obtained and developed will be incorporated in a potential one-day workshop and suggested that the Youth Development Officer and Youth Services Officer bring these resources to next Youth Action Group meeting to start planning the workshop.

Alexandra Thorogood advised that leadership roles will become available to students in schools soon, and that it would be beneficial to align the two for optimum engagement with young people.

4.2 Book-sale Donation Money

Youth Development Officer reminded attendees of the book-sale donation funds raised and asked members to clarify where the book-sale donation monies are to be spent.

Alexandra Thorogood confirmed that majority of members in the last meeting agreed that they would like the book-sale donation money to be spent on something environmental.

ACTION:

Youth Development Officer to investigate environmental avenues to donate money including the community garden.

4.3 Youth Recycled Art Prize 2020

Youth Development Officer advised attendees that the Youth Recycled Art Prize promotional posters were approved on 3 March 2020 and were immediately distributed to youth services and schools.

Youth Development Officer noted a positive reception from Centralian Middle School who have collected materials from the Rediscovery Centre and started their artworks.

Youth Development Officer advised the attendees of the new category of the Youth Recycled Art Prize, 'Climate Change – What will our future look like?' in addition to the open entry category. This received positive feedback from attendees.

Youth Development Officer and Youth Services Officer have investigated a new space for the Recycled Art Prize in Alice Plaza – the old Powerwater shop, and advised attendees of its benefits over the space used in previous years.

Mayor Ryan inquired about a lighting rail used by the Council previously and if it is possible to use them in this year's exhibition if the lighting is an issue in the new space.

Manager Cultural Community Development advised that the lighting rail was left installed at the pop-up gallery location.

Youth Development Officer advised attendees of the judges selected for the Youth Recycled Art Prize launch: Mayor Ryan, Mimi Catterns, and Melanie Gunner.

Youth Development Officer explained that two workshops are being organised. Youth Services Officer is liaising with Alice Springs School of the Air for a targeted workshop, as well as organising a community workshop during the exhibition dates which will likely be held in the shop opposite the exhibition space.

Youth Services Officer will be creating a volunteering schedule for staffing the gallery space during the opening.

ACTIONS:

- A.** Manager Cultural Community Development to investigate the whereabouts of the lighting rail.
- B.** Youth Development Officer to investigate costs related to a lighting installation.

4.4 Phoney Film Festival

Community Development Officer advised attendees that the Council Solicitor is updating the terms and conditions. Community Development Officer is in the process of having discussions with Imparja about advertising the Phoney Film Festival as per last year's YAG recommendation.

Councillor Banks asked the Community Development Officer whether these monies are encumbered or if Council approval is required for it to be spent on advertising. Councillor Banks was advised that it was the recommendation that remaining funds from Phoney Film Festival 2019 be used for advertising but not restricted to being used with Imparja.

4.5 YAG 2020

Youth Development Officer asked members and attendees whether they were satisfied with the current Youth Action Group meeting times and location and encouraged any suggestions.

Alexsandra Thorogood suggested more recruitment particularly for different age groups.

Youth Development Officer informed attendees that the Youth Development Officer and Youth Services Officer have been currently undertaking recruitment, including promoting to local schools and youth services and promoting online and on social media.

Community Development Officer advised that Officers have met with schools and suggested student representatives may attend meetings on behalf of student bodies at schools.

Alexsandra Thorogood suggested collaborating with local sporting groups in fundraisers as a way to recruit members.

Youth Development Officer advised attendees of a meeting with Pastor Sam from Desert Life Church held with the Youth Services Officer, and reported their support for YAG and their intention of attending meetings and assisting in events.

Marcita Dougherty suggested more workshops in 2020, including a music workshop that they could facilitate, specifically writing and composing music. Community Development Officer advised that music workshops held in 2019 were very well attended and supports this idea based on past feedback.

Alexsandra Thorogood suggested environmental workshops in collaboration with environmental organisations including buffel-busting and tree-planting, and also suggested upskilling through training such as first aid.

The group discussed how YAG could collaborate with NT Youth Round Table, especially around LGBTQI+ centred events, with Alexsandra Thorogood on the Round Table. Alexsandra suggested mindfulness activities and events, and involvement in FabAlice next year.

Manager Community and Cultural Development suggested inclusive symbols to be added to merchandise to encourage diverse attendance and promote YAG's inclusive atmosphere.

Community Development Officer suggested an environment deputation such as Laura Sykes from Australian Youth Climate Coalition.

4.6 Casual Meetings

As per their positive experience at the last casual meeting at the Alice Springs Aquatic and Leisure Centre, Alexsandra Thorogood suggested a casual meeting at the YMCA and agreed that casual meetings are a beneficial opportunity for further discussion around YAG events in a more casual and social setting.

Councillor Banks suggested the community garden as a casual meeting place for YAG members in accordance with the environment aspect already mentioned during the meeting.

ACTION:

- A. Youth Development Officer to investigate music, environmental, and first aid workshops and training for 2020.
- B. Youth Services Officer to investigate costs associated with a casual meeting at YMCA.

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Kaitlyn Weekes, ASTC Project Administration Officer - Skate Park Update

Project Administration Officer updated members on the process of repairing and restoring the current skate park, with workers filling in cracks, resurfacing and painting. The second stage is feedback and consultation for the proposal of an extension of the existing skate park.

Councillor Banks confirmed that Council is exploring options for the skate park, based on feedback from the community.

Feedback is welcomed from the community in all forms, however, the Project Administration Officer has created a visual feedback form where members of the community are encouraged to draw suggested skate park plans. This was in response to a consultation evening that was held at the skate park on 4 February 2020. Manager Cultural and Community Development suggested this feedback form to be posted on the Youth Action Group Facebook page. These forms were also distributed to members in the meeting.

ACTION:

Youth Services Officer to post skate park feedback form on the Youth Action Group Facebook page.

6. OTHER BUSINESS:**6.1 8CCC Broadcasting Workshop**

Youth Development Officer informed attendees that Benjamin Erin from 8CCC will be conducting a broadcasting workshop aligning with NT Youth Week and has reached out to the Youth Action Group about involving YAG members in this workshop. He plans on upskilling up to 10 young people, to then live broadcast at the Youth Recycled Art Prize Launch. Benjamin Erin has also expressed interest in a youth radio show with heavy involvement from YAG members.

Marcita Dougherty suggested that music made by young people be played on the radio show and live broadcast.

ACTION:

Youth Development Officer to pass on feedback to Benjamin Erin.

6.2 Round Table Open Discussion

Alexsandra Thorogood suggested different ways to produce merchandise including badges and patches as they are popular amongst young people and can work with school uniforms and on all items of clothing.

Manager Cultural and Community Development asked YAG members if they would be interested in taking turns chairing the YAG meetings with an officer alongside to assist with meeting procedures and guidance as a way for upskilling in meeting facilitation and public speaking. This suggestion was well received by members.

Youth Development Officer advised attendees of the ongoing development of the membership pack for YAG members that attend more than three meetings which would include a tote bag with a membership card that offers discounts at particular local businesses, merchandise and vouchers.

Manager Cultural and Community Development suggested free passes to the YMCA and Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Marcita Dougherty expressed interest in being more involved in the implementation, planning and operation of future community events.

7. NEXT MEETING: 25 March 2020**8. CLOSE: Meeting closed at 6:28pm**