

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
**YOUTH ACTION GROUP COMMITTEE**  
 ON 25 MARCH 2020 at 5:30 PM  
 VIA ZOOM

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*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference*

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**1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Damien Ryan  
 Councillor Marli Banks  
 Councillor Catherine Satour  
 Sarah Sarmiento

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Zak Tilley, Youth Development Officer – *(Chair and Minutes)*  
 Kiri Milne, Community Development Officer

**GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE**

Melanie Gunner, Community Engagement Officer, Headspace Alice Springs

**APOLOGIES**

Kiralee Wade, Youth Services Officer

<b>13th Alice Springs Town Council Youth Action Group Committee</b>	<b>31 July-19</b>	<b>28 Aug-19</b>	<b>25 Sep-19</b>	<b>30 Oct-19</b>	<b>27 Nov-19</b>	<b>4 Mar-20</b>	<b>25 Mar-20</b>
Mayor Damien Ryan	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Councillor Matthew Paterson	A						
Councillor Catherine Satour	✓	✓	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 minute's hereafter.*

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

The meeting opened at 5:41pm.

## 2. DISCLOSURE 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 4 March 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record of those meetings.**

Moved: Councillor Marli Banks

Seconded: Mayor Damien Ryan

## 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

### 4.1 Book-sale Donation Money

Youth Development Officer addressed previous action to investigate environmental avenues to donate money including the community garden. Various organisations were found including SEED, ALEC, AYCC, Alice Springs Community Garden. Mayor Ryan suggested we donate the money directly to the Community Garden.

Councillor Banks suggested to defer the decision to the next meeting due to lack of presence of young people and YAG members.

### **ACTION:**

Defer the donation of book-sale donation money decision to the next meeting.

### 4.2 Youth Recycled Art Prize 2020

Youth Development Officer informed attendees that there have been many updates with the Youth Recycled Art Prize. Due to COVID-19 public health advice, the event launch for 3 April 2020 has been cancelled. The exhibition in the Alice Plaza space has also been cancelled. The exhibition will go ahead digitally and judging and prizes will still go ahead.

Mayor Ryan suggested that the exhibition still go ahead in the Alice Plaza space for external viewing only, whilst ensuring social distancing practices are enforced, for example, tape crosses on the ground 1.5m apart for people to stand on socially distanced.

Mayor Ryan asked if the media team had been consulted about the website. Youth Development Officer advised attendees that a website was being discussed with the IT team and Media team.

Councillor Banks suggested consideration to ensure that, if the exhibition were to go ahead in Alice Plaza, measures to be taken to ensure it is not a static environment, encouraging movement for ventilation. Councillor Banks also advised to be mindful of how the exhibition will be perceived by the public if it were to go ahead in Alice Plaza by ensuring that public health concerns are mitigated and managed with social distancing protocols.

Councillor Banks suggested that this could be done in a creative way such as duct tape spaced out for standing, but could also be met with some criticism and cautioned encouraging people to the exhibition display in a social space. Youth Development Officer took the question on notice.

Councillor Banks also suggested a mediated approach of using the space with one statement piece and advertising and promotion to direct attention to the online exhibition platform.

Melanie Gunner suggested a video of artist talk for each artist talking about their artworks.

*Sarah Sarmiento joined the meeting at 6:06pm.*

#### 4.3 Casual Meetings

Youth Development Officer advised attendees of a planned casual meet at the YMCA rock-wall which had not yet been promoted has been cancelled due to extenuating circumstances and following public health advice.

The meeting was planned in response to suggestions made at previous YAG meetings to hold casual meetings which are fun and less intimidating than Council Committee meetings and can be used to recruit new members.

Councillor Banks suggested exploring the idea of using Zoom to conduct online casual meetings, potentially with helpful and topical themes such as mental health.

Youth Development Officer advised attendees that ideas of online meets had been considered particularly in collaboration and promotion of headspace online meetings. Community Development Officer inquired with Melanie Gummer about the Youth Advisory Committee at Headspace and how they were to conduct their meetings. Melanie advised that they were going to conduct their meetings on Zoom.

Youth Development Officer explained that Headspace Australia is conducting casual information sessions on Zoom weekly, with a different theme each session including mental health, and relationships.

Community Development Officer asked Sarah Sarmiento if they believed that the young people that they engage with would be interested in online casual meets. Sarah Sarmiento believed that young people at CMS would be interested in engaging with other young people on an online platform facilitated by Council.

Councillor Banks asked Sarah Sarmiento if there would be an opportunity for Council officers to meet with young people at CMS, pending approval from the school, to discuss and seek guidance from young people about a tailor-made online meet up. Sarah Sarmiento advised Councillor Banks that they would take this suggestion back to their school leadership team for advice. Youth Development Officer has taken this suggestion on notice.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- A. Youth Services Officer and Youth Development Officer to brainstorm creating casual YAG meetings on Zoom, and promoting headspace casual meets.

#### 4.4 Merchandise

Youth Development Officer advised attendees that a box of merchandise samples had arrived and key samples were picked in line with suggestions from the last YAG meeting including drink bottles, hats, keep cups, lanyards, badges and patches.

Youth Development Officer suggested to defer the decision to the next meeting. This was unanimously supported.

#### 4.5 8CCC workshop

Youth Development Officer advised attendees that Benjamin, 8CCC Station Manager, is hoping to tailor the workshop in line with public health advice including a virtual workshop and online resources.

### 5. **DEPUTATIONS**

#### 5.1 Melanie Gunner, Community Engagement Officer, Headspace Alice Springs

Melanie Gunner presented resources developed by Headspace and Congress to educate young people about the importance of hygiene and social distancing, and supporting the mental health of young people during this time.

### 6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

#### 6.1 Imparja Phoney Film Festival EOI

Community Development Officer provided attendees an update on advertising for the 2020 Phoney Film Festival as per recommendation to use unspent funds from prize money on advertising. Community Development Officer explained that they have engaged the service of Imparja to provide a quotation for a television advertisement. Imparja have worked with two young people who have produced a creative brief with three different ideas for the advertisement.

Community Development Officer explained that due to no young people being present in the meeting, the briefs can be distributed to young people via email or we can defer to decision to next meeting.

Councillor Banks suggest to defer the decision if we are able to meet and achieve the Phoney Film Festival timeline.

In response, Community Development Officer advised that the hope is to open the entry date earlier to accommodate the engagement of young people during isolation. Community Development Officer advised that the Acting Director Community Development's suggestion was to call and email young people to provide thoughts on the creative brief over email on which creative idea that they like the most. Once an idea is selected, an EOI would be released to involve a young person in the production of the advertisement with Imparja.

Community Development Officer expressed the hope that the advertisement would be ready and released within the next month.

Mayor Ryan strongly suggested that this needs to be deferred to the next meeting for the involvement of young people to discuss it at the meeting

Councillor Banks suggested that this should progress with the consent from young people.

Community Development Officer advised that avenues and opportunities are being explored to deliver online tutorials and workshops for film making in preparation for the Phoney Film Festival.

Councillor Banks suggested to look into ArtSchool as an example of how online workshops can be facilitated.

## 6.2 CCD

Community Development Officer advised attendees that the Community and Cultural Development team is in contact with various youth service providers and young people themselves to see if there are any imperative gaps in the that council can support.

Youth Development Officer clarified that the CCD team does not want to duplicate services but to support existing services.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** 29 April 2020
8. **CLOSE:** Meeting closed at 6:49pm