

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ACTION GROUP COMMITTEE
ON 29 April 2020 at 5:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:

Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Marli Banks
Councillor Catherine Satour
Alexandra Thorogood

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Sabine Taylor, Director Corporate Services
Kiralee Wade, Youth Services Officer - (*Chair and Minutes*)
Zak Tilley, Youth Development Officer

APOLOGIES

Wyatt Gaza
Marcita Dougherty

13th Alice Springs Town Council Youth Action Group Committee	July-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Feb-20	March-20	April-20
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
☐ 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 5:38pm.

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 Banks

Seconded: Councillor Satour

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. Youth Services Officer informed committee members a brief outline of each organisation.

Alexandra's preference was the AYCC due to it being environmental but also youth centred. Councillor Banks concurred with this preference. Youth Development Officer suggested to defer the decision to a meeting where more than one YAG member is present.

ACTION:

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

4.2 Youth Recycled Art Prize 2020

Youth Services Officer informed attendees of the success of the 2020 Youth Recycled Art Prize especially in terms of moving to an online platform. Youth Services Officer revealed the winners of YRAP and congratulated their success.

Alexandra provided positive feedback about the website and informed the Youth Development Officer and Youth Services Officer that she distributed the link to interstate friends.

Councillor Banks provides positive feedback especially in regards to the showcasing and photography of the artworks.

4.3 Casual Meetings

Youth Services Officer thanked the YAG members that attended the previous casual YAG meeting. The casual meeting provided an opportunity for YAG member to meet and socialise on ZOOM in a more casual environment.

Youth Services Officer informed YAG members that the Youth Development Officer and Youth Services Officer would like to promote the current YAG member through social media with a short video about each member, highlighting their strength and contribution to the community, in order to promote YAG and to show gratitude to the committed existing YAG members.

Director Corporate Services asked Alexandra for her feedback in regards to recruitment and declining YAG attendance.

Alexsandra remarked that YAG could be more openly supportive of further community organisations to network YAG through the community successfully. Youth Development Officer echoed Alexsandra's feedback and informed attendees that these community networks are currently underway but have been delayed due to the public health crisis, including addressing school assemblies, networking with environmental organisations for workshops, and beginning communication with sporting organisations. Youth Development Officer encouraged further feedback from young people around how to revitalise YAG. Councillor Banks highlighted the importance that YAG is not commandeered by adults.

Youth Development Officer revealed that they are in the process of collecting feedback from young people before any changes to the structure and promotion of YAG are made.

Alexsandra suggested more training and workshops are provided to potential YAG members to reduce the intimidation factor for young people entering local government, and highlighted the impact of the public health crisis on attendance.

4.4 Merchandise

Youth Services Officer informed attendees that merchandise samples arrived and in line with past feedback and suggestions from YAG members, tote bags, hats, t-shirts, water bottles and badges will be ordered.

4.5 Imparja Phoney Film Festival Opportunity

Youth Development Officer described an opportunity to be involved in creating advertising for Phoney Film Festival. Imparja has asked to utilise two YAG members in the making of a commercial that would be aired on Imparja. This opportunity would be important in upskilling young people in media skills. One young person would be for talent, the other in the studio producing. Youth Development Officer informed attendees that they are waiting for confirmation of a filming date, and that other YAG members have expressed interest to be involved. Youth Development Officer will contact all YAG members on another date to confirm young people to be included in the commercial. Mayor Ryan enquired about the budget for the Imparja commercial and the Youth Development Officer took the question on notice.

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

6. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

6.1 Iso-Challenge

Youth Services Officer enquired with young people about an idea of a weekly challenge promoted on social media. This idea is based on feedback from young people stating that they are bored while in isolation, reporting the impact of social isolation on their mental health. Youth Services Officer asked the attendees their thoughts on a competition designed to support young people with activities whilst in isolation. Alexsandra agreed this is a good idea and has confirmed she has had friends express their boredom while at home. Youth Development Officer spoke about the ideas behind the challenge and that it could be a weekly event with a voucher to a local business worth \$150 to be won each week. Alexsandra suggested creative activities.

Youth Services Officer suggested that the Youth Development Officer and the Youth Services Officer would judge the competition entries, and winning videos would be shared through the Youth Action Group social media. Director Corporate Services asked if YAG would be working with the media team when promoting the challenges. Youth Development Officer confirmed that media would be sharing the iso-challenge posts and that a budget has been put aside for boosting posts on social media. Director Corporate Services expressed concern about young people tagging ASTC on inappropriate content on social media, but the Youth Development Officer informed attendees that approval processes would be in place to safeguard this, if the tagging option was to be put in place. The Youth Development Officer also expressed to attendees about how other Councils are doing similar challenges successfully.

6.2 ABC Heywire Grant

Youth Development Officer informed attendees about the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) ABC Heywire Grant. The grant provides funding for youth innovation in regional and remote Australia. Youth Development Officer suggested that this grant is a great opportunity to address past feedback from young people about the lack of environmental workshops for young people in town. This grant would allow YAG to organise more environmental workshops, and create positive change with, for and by youth within the community.

YAG members were asked what programs that they would like to see in town. Alexandra recommended upcycling materials to vegetable garden beds, buffel busting workshops and working bees. Further feedback will be collated from young people including a survey created by and distributed by young people.

Youth Development Officer informed attendees that the program has a multilayer approach and provides youth an opportunity to participate in various environmental activities and collaboration with local environmental organisations, specific to the Central Desert Region, allowing for mentoring and upskilling.

Youth Development Officer has been in contact with the Grants Officer to begin completing the application. Youth Development Officer suggested that Alexandra be involved and at the forefront of this YAG program if successful.

Director Corporate Services asked how much the grant is worth. Youth Development Officer informed the attendees it is worth up to \$10,000.

7. **NEXT MEETING:** 5:30pm Wednesday **27 May 2020**

8. **CLOSE:** Meeting closed at 6:40pm