

**Minutes**  
**Youth Council Meeting**  
**Date: Tuesday 25 September 2012**  
**Venue: Council Chambers**  
**Time: 4.00pm**

**ITEM: 1      PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Mallory Sedger, Zac Dray, Mel Besley, Daniel Whiteman, Darcy Allan, Kasey Fitzgerald, Kane Batt, Jenna Martin, Zac (Lithgow Community Projects – event organiser).

**Apologies:** Nil

**Officers:** Viktoria Gulabovski (Community Development Officer).

**Declaration of Interests:** Nil

**ITEM: 2      CONFIRMATION OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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The minutes of the 28 August 2012 meeting were ratified by email and are to be reported to Council on 15 October 2012.

**ITEM: 3      BUSINESS ARISING**

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3.1 Short Film festival and Union Rock Poster

Youth Councillors have distributed the posters broadly throughout the community, including schools, shop fronts, notice boards and relevant youth organisations.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on business arising be noted.

**MOVED:** Daniel Whiteman      **SECONDED:** Darcy Allan  
**Carried**

**ITEM: 4      SHORT FILM FESTIVAL**

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**SUMMARY**

An update on the film festival was provided.

**COMMENTARY**

There were no entries for the Short Film Festival, however, the CDAT (Community Drug Action Team) would like to screen the winner of last year's film festival "Drinkie" as a means of raising awareness about the consequences of underage drinking at Union Rock on 29 September 2012.

There was discussion about why there were no entries. A couple of reasons noted were:

- The subject matter - making films about the consequences of underage drinking is not “cool”.
- Timing – August and September are very busy months for both students and teachers with HSC and other art projects and this may have prevented people from being involved.

What’s next? Should Youth Council decide this is an important initiative, then the onus is on them to make a short film about the consequences of underage drinking. A working party will need to be formed to make the film. The executive officer will contact relevant TV stations and other venues to get the film screened. The timeframe for making the film is currently open-ended, however, Youth Council will need to set a start and finish date for film making in accordance with their schedules.

Youth Council to decide at next meeting on 30 October whether they will make the film.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the film festival be noted.

**MOVED:** Zac Dray  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Daniel Whiteman

**ITEM : 5 UNION ROCK**

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Zac (LCP) came in and handed out the Union Rock poster to Youth Councillors for circulation throughout the Lithgow community. The event is now all set with bands locked in and staff and volunteers organised for the night. Youth Council volunteers attending Union Rock on Saturday 29 September include: Kasey, Mallory, Jenna, Darcy, Brenella, Daniel and Mel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on the film festival be noted.

**MOVED:** Mallory Sedger  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Brenella Abdel-Rehim

**ITEM : 6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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6.1 Sport/ Cultural activities accessibility

At the Youth Forum held on 10 May 2012 the topic of sport accessibility was brought up as an issue in our community. It was decided that Youth Council would:

- Investigate the development of an annual Sports/ Cultural Scholarship to be provided for low income families/ disadvantaged youth.

- Review the total cost of playing sport to assist youth to participate E.g. cost of uniforms, equipment, insurance, type of sport, member fee, transport and travel.
- Discuss and agree upon type of sport/s funded and set an amount for the scholarship.
- Write a letter to local clubs/ organisations seeking support for sponsorship e.g. from subway, Bowling Club, Video Ezy.
- Look into possibility of naming the scholarship after Eric Arnold.

The above tasks to be allocated to Youth Councillors for them to progress and bring outcome to subsequent meetings.

### 6.2 Youth Week 2013

Youth Council to commence discussion and work towards organising events for Youth Week 2013. Some activities include:

- Develop art competition where young people can submit mural which will be displayed at skate park for a period of time.
- Installation of a rock climbing wall at skate park with DJ, free BBQ and soft drinks.
- Possibility of a day time rock concert at skate park, or live music.

Youth Council are not limited to the above activities for youth week 2013. Possible partners in organising youth week events include Heath Zorz from LINC, Sharon Lewis from Lithgow Library and Deonne Kinney from Lithgow Community Projects.

### 6.3 Farewell Viktoria Gulabovski, Community Development Officer.

Youth Councillors thanked Viktoria for her support and guidance throughout the year and wished her well during maternity leave. Youth Councillors enjoyed working with Viktoria and look forward to her return.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** The report on general business be noted.

**MOVED:** Zac Dray  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Daniel Whiteman

**Meeting Closed 5.30 pm**

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday 30 October 2012 at 4.00pm in Council**  
**Chambers**