



Minutes

Youth Council Meeting
Tuesday 24 June 2014
Lithgow Library
157 Main Street Lithgow
4.00-5.00pm

YOUTH COUNCIL	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome/present/ apologies
2	Confirmation of Minutes
3	Business Arising
4	PCYC Scholarship program
5	Youth Space
6	Volunteering
7	Youth Council Work Plan
8	General Business
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MINUTES – YOUTH COUNCIL – 24 JUNE 2014

ITEM: 1 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES



PRESENT: Cllr Statham, Cllr Inzitari, Melissa Besley, Daniel Whiteman and Brenella Abdel-Rehim.

APOLOGIES: Rachael Besley

OFFICERS: Juli-Ann Brozek, Matthew Johnson, Sharon Lewis, Kellie Drengenberg, Jamie Thompson and Maureen Breckell.

ITEM: 2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 27 May 2014 were circulated by email and will be reported to Council on 30 June 2014.

ACTION

THAT the previous minutes be adopted as a true account of the previous meeting.

MOVED: Brenella Abdel-Rehim

SECONDED: Melissa Besley

ITEM: 3 BUSINESS ARISING

3.1 Youth Council PCYC Scholarship Program

Discussed under Item 4.

3.2 Youth Space

Discussed under Item 5

3.3 Volunteering

Discussed under Item 6

3.4 Youth Council Work Program

Discussed under Item 7

3.5 Appointment of a new member to Youth Council.

Youth Council was advised that the appointment of Leanne Walding to Youth Council as a youth work professional member will be considered by Council on 30 June 2014.

ACTION

THAT the discussion on Business Arising be noted.

MOVED: Brenella Abdel-Rehim

SECONDED: Melissa Besley

ITEM: 4 PCYC SCHOLARSHIPS

SUMMARY

An update was provided on a number of applications received to participate in this program.

COMMENTARY

Youth Council was advised that 5 of the young people nominated by local schools to join the program have finalized their paperwork and will commence the program shortly.

It was agreed that PCYC be asked to nominate young people to the program, that Council contact local schools again seeking new nominations and that the remaining existing nominations that have not completed their paperwork be contacted and encouraged to do so within a reasonable time otherwise their nominations will expire.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The discussion on the PCYC scholarship program be noted.
2. PCYC be asked to nominate young people to the program.
3. Council staff contact local schools again seeking new nominations.
4. The remaining existing nominations who have not completed their paperwork be contacted and encouraged to do so within a reasonable time otherwise their nominations will expire.

MOVED: Brenella Abdel-Rehim

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM: 5 YOUTH SPACE LITHGOW LIBRARY

SUMMARY

Youth Council members viewed the new Youth Space at the Library and were briefed by Library staff on the facilities and services the Library offers to young people.

COMMENTARY

Library staff have recently upgraded a section of the Library with new furnishings and colour scheme as a dedicated youth space. Youth Council members indicated that

they liked the way the space had been designed. It is hoped that this, in addition to the range of other services offered, will encourage young people to use the Library more. Council's Children's/Young Adults Library Officer gave a presentation on Library services for young people including free wifi for Library members, an after school homework centre provided by a qualified teacher and a wide range of reading and research resources. It was also made mention that a "HSC Lock-in" program will commence in September, each Thursday night from 6.00-9.00pm providing study support and pizza to students studying for the HSC.

It was agreed that the Library promote its services for young people including a media release on the dedicated youth space, signage and promotion through local schools.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The discussion about the Library youth space and library services for young people be noted.
2. The Library promote its services for young people through a media release on the dedicated youth space, signage and promotion through local schools.

MOVED: Melissa Besley

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM: 6 VOLUNTEERING

SUMMARY

Youth Council discussed ideas for encouraging young people to participate in volunteering.

COMMENTARY

A number of issues were discussed including:

- Potential opportunities for young people to volunteer, under Youth Council's auspice, during Council events such as Lithglo and Halloween. This matter to be discussed with Council's Economic Development Officer.
- That a number of local volunteer agencies with an ageing membership could benefit from the involvement of younger volunteers.
- Including an award for young volunteers in the annual Australia Day awards. This matter to be discussed at Council's Community Development Committee.
- Promotion of through the Youth Council facebook page of volunteering possibilities.
- Promoting the fact that the involvement of young people in their communities through volunteering is increasingly being considered by potential employers and in university admission requirements.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The discussion about volunteering be noted.
2. Potential opportunities for young people to volunteer, under Youth Council auspice during Council events such as Lithglo and Halloween to be discussed with Council's Economic Development Officer.
3. The inclusion of an award for young volunteers in the annual Australia Day awards to be referred to Council's Community Development Committee for consideration.
4. The promotion of volunteering be undertaken through Youth Council facebook page.

MOVED: Melissa Besley

SECONDED: Daniel Whiteman

ITEM: 7 YOUTH COUNCIL WORKPLAN

SUMMARY

Youth Council discussed potential projects for it to undertake in the coming year.

COMMENTARY

1. Youth Week 2015

Youth Week 2015 runs from Friday 10 to Sunday 19 April. It was agreed that the Lithgow event be held on Saturday 11 April with an afternoon concert at Queen Elizabeth Park together with stalls and food. Inquires are to be made of a band called Thundermentals and local bands are to be invited to share the stage in order to provide them with exposure. Once event planning is further progressed, an invitation will be placed on Council's Facebook seeking local bands to participate.

It was further discussed that inquires be made of Blue Mountains and Bathurst Councils regarding holding a joint event in Lithgow. A draft letter to be prepared and circulated beforehand to Youth Council members.

2. PCYC Learner Driver Program

Council will follow up with PCYC the subsidizing of young people to participate in this program, possibly in the January 2015 school holidays as well as PCYC lodging a financial assistance program in October 2014 for this purpose.

ACTION

THAT:

1. The discussion on Youth Week 2015 to be held at Queen Elizabeth Park on Saturday 11 April 2015 and the PCYC Learner Driver Program be noted.
2. Enquiries to be made of the Thundermentals band to participate in Youth Week 2015.

3. An invitation to be placed on Council's Facebook seeking local bands to participate in the event.
4. Enquiries to be made of Blue Mountains and Bathurst Councils with regards holding a joint event in Lithgow. A draft letter will be prepared and circulated Youth Council members for review.
5. Council to contact PCYC regarding the subsidizing of young people to participate in the PCYC Learner Driver Program including an option for PCYC lodging a financial assistance program in October 2014 for this purpose.

MOVED: Melissa Besley

SECONDED: Brenella Abdel-Rehim

ITEM: 8 GENERAL BUSINESS

There was no General Business

ITEM: 9 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Youth Council Committee will be Tuesday 29 July 2014, from 4.00pm-5.00pm in the Council Chambers.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 4.50pm