



# MINUTES

Youth Council  
Wednesday 20 September 2017  
Lithgow City Council  
Committee Room  
4.30 – 5.30 pm

Youth Council	
Item Number	Agenda
1	Welcome, Present & apologies
2	Confirmation of Minutes
3	Business Arising
4	Work Program
5	Youth Scholarships
6	New members
7	Skate Parks Update
8	General Business
9	Next Meeting

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**ITEM: 1      WELCOME, PRESENT AND APOLOGIES**

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**Present:** Cllr Cassandra Coleman (Chairperson), Cllr Stephen Lesslie, Lauren Corney (Deputy Chairperson), Oliva Corney (Member), Jessica Alexander (Member), Katie Coleman (Guest).

**Apologies:** Chloe Hosa (Member), Meg Benson (Organisational Rep).

**Officers:** Viktoria Gulabovski (Executive Officer and representing the General Manager).

**Declaration of Interests:** None

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

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**SUMMARY**

Confirmation of the minutes for the meeting held on 19 July 2017.

**COMMENTARY**

The minutes for the 19 July 2017 Youth Council meeting were ratified by members and endorsed at the 27 August 2017 Council meeting.

**ACTION**

**THAT** the reporting of the 19 July 2017 Youth Council minutes to Council be noted.

**MOVED:**      Olivia Corney                      **SECONDED:**      Lauren Corney  
**Carried**

**ITEM: 3      BUSINESS ARISING**

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**SUMMARY**

An update on the Batyr Youth Mental Health Group was provided.

**COMMENTARY**

Batyr Youth Mental Health Group works with young people in schools to break down the stigma that surrounds mental health. Batyr aims to engage, educate and empower young people by fostering an environment where talking about mental health issues and getting help is not only accepted, but is encouraged and supported. The Youth Council agreed to support Batyr to work with local high school students. A letter of endorsement will be drafted and sent to the local high schools promoting and supporting the program.

**ACTION**

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Draft and send letter of endorsement to local high schools supporting and promoting Batyr Youth Mental Health Group.

**THAT** The discussion on Batyr Youth Mental Health Group be noted.

**MOVED:** Olivia Corney  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Clr Coleman

**ITEM: 4      DRAFT WORK PROGRAM**

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**SUMMARY**

A draft work program for the Youth Council has been developed.

**COMMENTARY**

The Draft Work Program 2017/18 for the Youth Council has been developed. It includes the following tasks:

- Youth Week 2018
- Further Education Scholarship Program/ Youth Scholarships
- Youth Grants for additional activities for young people
- Volunteering for Young People
- Youth Council Facebook Page
- Youth Programs and activities at the library

**ACTION**

Members to review the Draft Work Program and provide feedback at the next meeting.

**THAT** The discussion on the Draft Work Program be noted.

**MOVED:** Lauren Corney  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Clr Lesslie

**ITEM: 5      YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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**SUMMARY**

Youth Council discussed the administration of the Further Education Scholarship Program.

**COMMENTARY**

Youth Council has a budget of \$8,500 for a Youth Scholarship Program. It was agreed at the last meeting that applicants would receive a maximum of \$500 each to support them with costs related to further study, for example, financial support for internet usage, books, travel and other materials. There was discussion around the administrative infrastructure for the scholarship program. Council staff will meet with WSU, Notre Dame and Lithgow Tafe to discuss possible approaches to administer the program. Another alternative is to develop an application form and promote it on the Council website. Youth

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Council will assess applications and successful applicants will be advised in writing.

**ACTION**

Council staff to meet with WSU, Notre Dame and Lithgow Tafe to set up administrative infrastructure for the Youth Scholarship Program.

**THAT** the discussion on the Youth Scholarship Program be noted.

**MOVED:** Lauren Corney  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Olivia Corney

**ITEM: 6      NEW MEMBERS**

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**SUMMARY**

A discussion regarding membership of the Youth Council.

**COMMENTARY**

Chloe Hosa's membership with Youth Council has now been endorsed by Council. Katie Coleman attended the Youth Council meeting as a guest and expressed her interest in being a member of Youth Council.

**ACTION**

Make a recommendation to Council to officially endorse Katie Coleman's membership with Youth Council.

**THAT** The discussion around new members be noted.

**MOVED:**      Clr Lesslie  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Lauren Corney

**ITEM: 7      SKATE PARKS**

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**SUMMARY**

An update was provided on the skate park/s development at Wallerawang and Portland.

**COMMENTARY**

The Skate Park Survey is now closed. Over 100 surveys were received. Council staff will now host a community forum on 4 October 2017 in Wallerawang and Portland to go over the survey results with the community and listen to further ideas concerning the development of the skate parks.

**THAT** the discussion under Skate Parks be noted.

**MOVED:** Clr Coleman  
**Carried**

**SECONDED:** Olivia Corney

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**ITEM: 8      GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**SUMMARY**

Youth Council discussed possible activities that could be undertaken as part of Youth Week 2018.

**COMMENTARY**

Youth Council would like to host a "Big Sleepout" event as part of Youth Week 2018. The event will include an outdoor cinema experience featuring a family friendly new release film, DJ music, food and drink. The event is designed to focus on raising vital funds and awareness for young people experiencing homelessness. It will also provide a unique recreational opportunity for young people in Lithgow.

**THAT** the discussion under general business be noted.

**MOVED: C/r Coleman  
Carried**

**SECONDED: Olivia Corney**

**Meeting Closed 5.20pm**

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**NEXT MEETING  
18 October 2017  
Upstairs Council Committee Room, 180 Mort St, Lithgow.**