



# **MINUTES**

**Youth Advisory Committee Meeting  
Thursday, 9 March 2023**

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN  
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM , GUYUGWA ROOM, CASUARINA LIBRARY, BRADSHAW  
TERRACE, CASUARINA  
ON THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2023 AT 5.30PM - 7.00PM**

**PRESENT:**

Member Jules Gabor (Chair)  
Member Jemima Fernandes  
Member Anais Henry-Martin  
Member Adam Van Wessel  
Member Kane Shah  
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

**OFFICERS:**

Lisa Burnett (Coordinator Youth Programs)  
Courtney Green (Trainee Youth Programs)

**APOLOGY:**

Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe  
Member Kelvin Sidhu  
Lucy Tinapple  
Sarah Sedman

**GUESTS:**

Jess Ong  
Shay Jayawardena  
Xavier Steele  
Vivek Wilson

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## **1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN**

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:35 pm.

## **2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

*City of Darwin acknowledges that we are living and working on Larrakia Country. We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the Traditional Owners of the Darwin region. We pay our respects to the Larrakia elders past and present and support emerging Larrakia leaders now and into the future. City of Darwin is committed to working together with all Larrakia to care for this land and sea for our shared future.*

## **3 APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

### **3.1 Apologies**

Member Kelvin Sidhu  
Councillor Rebecca Want de Rowe  
Lucy Tinapple (observer)  
Sarah Sedman (observer)

### **3.2 Leave of Absence - Nil**

### **3.3 Leave of Absence Notified - Nil**

## **4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE - Nil**

## **5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF**

### **5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members - Nil**

### **5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff - Nil**

## **6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC005/23**

Moved: Member Jemima Fernandes

Seconded: Member Adam Van Wessel

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 February 2023 be confirmed.

**CARRIED 6/0**

**7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

**8 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**9 OFFICER REPORTS****9.1 COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP - DEVELOPING ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR YOUTH WEEK****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC006/23**

Moved: Member Anais Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Jemima Fernandes

That the report Communications Workshop – Developing Engagement Strategies for Youth Week be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

Discussion:

Jess Ong, radio presenter and podcast producer delivered a communications workshop designed to give members greater confidence when approaching young people to have conversations. The workshop covered topics such as what makes a good question, how to know when a conversation is over and the importance of being present and flexible so you can follow interesting and unexpected conversational topics as they emerge.

**9.2 CONSULTATION - MELALEUCA AUSTRALIA - EMBRACE PROJECT****COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC007/23**

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

That the report Consultation – Melaleuca Australia - Embrace Project be received and noted.

**CARRIED 6/0**

Discussion:

Shay Jayawardena. Community Development Mentor from Melaleuca Australia ran a short consultation with members about the Embrace Project which is seeking to better understand the needs and interests of Darwin's culturally and linguistically diverse youth community. Members shared information about their own cultural backgrounds and completed a short online survey.

### 9.3 ENDORSEMENT OF NEW MEMBER/S

#### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC008/23

Moved: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

1. That the report Endorsement of New Member/s be received and noted.
2. THAT the Youth Advisory Committee recommend to Council four new members be appointed to the a two-year term -
  - Lucy Tinapple
  - Sarah Sedman
  - Vivek Wilson
  - Xavier Steele

**CARRIED 6/0**

### 10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

### 11 GENERAL BUSINESS

CYP provided an update on Youth Week activities being presented by Council:

Skate Park Trek – Wednesday 12 April

Gaming After Dark – Friday 14 April

FREEze Skate – Saturday 15 April

Couch Surfing – Wednesday 19 April

CYP reiterated that there will be opportunities for members to get involved with MCing and other support roles at Couch Surfing.

CYP noted that it is likely City of Darwin Libraries and Youth Programs will have a combined stall at the Youth Conference on Wednesday 5 April.

YEO to circulate NTG School Holiday / Youth Week Calendar to members when it is released (late March).

### 12 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 11 May 2023, 5.30-7pm

Casuarina Library, Guyugwa room

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:05pm.