

Minutes

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 13 November 2025

Unconfirmed



**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE MEETING ROOM , GUYUGWA ROOM, CASUARINA LIBRARY, BRADSHAW
TERRACE, CASUARINA
ON THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 5:30 PM**

PRESENT:

Member Sean Hagan (Chairperson)
Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph
Member Anais Henry--Martin
Member Samritha Bharanidharan
Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

OFFICERS:

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell
Coordinator Youth Programs, Lisa Burnett
Youth Engagement Officer, Harry Doust

APOLOGY:

Member Lucy Tinapple
Member Pak Chan

GUESTS:

Clodagh Daly
Aaron Sajan Varghese
Zahin Seedat

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1 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.

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC016/25

Moved: Member Anaïs Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

The Chair declared the meeting open at 5:34 pm.

CARRIED 5/0

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC017/25

Moved: Member Samritha Bharanidharan

Seconded: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

THAT an apology from Member Lucy Tinapple and Member Pak Chan be received.

CARRIED 5/0

3.2 LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

Nil

3.3 LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE

4.1 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE GRANTED

Nil

4.2 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE REQUESTED

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 YAC018/25**

Moved: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

Seconded: Member Sean Hagan

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 3 July 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 5/0**7 MOVING OF ITEMS****7.1 MOVING OF ITEMS INTO CONFIDENTIAL**

Nil

7.2 MOVING OF CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS INTO OPEN

Nil

7.3 MOVING CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS TO OPEN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING

Nil

8 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

8.1 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC019/25

Moved: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

Seconded: Member Sean Hagan

THAT the report entitled Introduction to the 24th City of Darwin Council be received and noted.

CARRIED 5/0

9.2 2026 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC020/25

Moved: Member Samritha Bharanidharan

Seconded: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

1. THAT the report entitled 2026 Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule be received and noted.
2. THAT Youth Advisory Committee members discuss and endorse dates for meetings up until 30 June 2026:
 - a) Meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of the month
 - b) Meetings are to be held 5:30pm-7:00pm
 - c) Meetings are to be held in the Guyugwa Room at Casuarina Library
3. THAT Youth Advisory Committee members endorse the following dates for meetings:
 - i) Thursday 12 March 2026
 - ii) Thursday 14 May 2026
4. THAT future meetings include the option of online attendance.

CARRIED 5/0

9.3 YAC END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC021/25

Moved: Member Anaïs Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Sean Hagan

1. THAT the report entitled YAC end of year activity be received and noted.
2. THAT YAC's end of year gathering be held at Zone 3 Laser Tag on Thursday 11 December 2025.

CARRIED 5/0

9.4 CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP PREPARATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC022/25

Moved: Member Anaïs Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Samritha Bharanidharan

1. THAT the report entitled Co-Design Workshop Preparation be received and noted.
2. THAT members provide advice regarding the plan for the annual Youth Strategy Co-Design Workshop.

CARRIED 5/0

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 GENERAL BUSINESS

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC023/25

Moved: Member Anaïs Henry-Martin

Seconded: Member Sean Hagan

THAT the following General Business be received and noted.

- Meeting observer Zahin Seedat is also a member of the headspace Youth Advisory Committee and noted the potential for future collaborations with YAC and/or LAUNCH.
- Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph canvassed members for their feedback on how councillors could better involve young people in decision making. Suggestions included:
 - have stronger social media presence
 - ask teachers and ancillary staff eg school based police officers about the issues young people care most about
 - engage with existing youth leadership groups.
- Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph requested information about YAC's past professional development workshops.

- Member Sean Hagan requested information about how young people can get involved in providing social media support to YAC and/or LAUNCH.

CARRIED 5/0

12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the next Youth Advisory Committee be held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at 5.30pm.

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 8 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

14 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC024/25

Moved: Member Sean Hagan

Seconded: Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 7:05pm.

CARRIED 5/0

THAT the open section of the meeting be resumed at 7:09 pm.

THAT the chair declared the meeting closed at 7:09 pm.

The minutes of this meeting were confirmed at the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 12 March 2026.

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CHAIR