



MINUTES

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

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

PRESENT: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris, Member Jemima Fernandes, Member Jules Gabor, Member Anais Henry-Martin, Member Adam Van Wessel, Member Kane Shah

OFFICERS: Teresa Helm (Youth Engagement Officer), Courtney Green (Trainee, Youth Programs) Ang O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)

APOLOGY: **Cr Rebecca Want De Rowe, Member Kelvin Sidhu**

GUESTS: Ang O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community & Cultural Services) Simon Pickering (Nous Group), Kendra Cockburn (Nous Group), Xavier Steele (observer), Hajrah Kamran (observer), Kaiden Eksteen (observer), Vivek Wilson (observer), Sarah Sedman (observer), Lucy Tinapple (observer), Dionisia Hatzivasiliou (observer)

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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

Councillor Rebecca Want De Rowe, Member Kelvin Sidhu

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

NA

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

Nil

5.1 Declaration of Interest by Members

Nil

5.2 Declaration of Interest by Staff

Nil

6 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC001/23

Moved: Member Adam Van Wessel

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

That the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2022 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Membership of Jemima Fernandes and Kaushal (Kane) Shah endorsed at the first Ordinary Council meeting held Tuesday 7 February 2023.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC002/23

Moved: Member Jules Gabor

Seconded: Member Anais Henry-Martin

That the report Youth Advisory Committee Orientation be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion:

Chair provided information to prospective members of YAC explaining:

- Chairing of meetings
- Decision making
- Calendar of meeting dates
- Expectations and quorum
- Terms of Reference
- 2022 – 2026 Youth Strategy (development of Youth Strategy, annual actions and priorities, annual co-design workshop)
- Requirement of Working with Children Check (Ochre Card)

The YAC has a rotating Chair, and through discussion members nominated in advance which month they will be Chairing, through to the July meeting.

The Chair shared the 2023 YAC calendar plan, reiterating the key events and projects YAC prioritise through the year including:

- NT Youth Week (6-16 April)
- Annual Quiz for Dilli (Thursday 31 August)
- Annual Co-Design workshop (date TBC)

9.2 CONSULTATION - MELALEUCA AUSTRALIA - EMBRACE PROJECT

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

Discussion:

Consultation will be moved to March meeting. Consultant could not attend, but provided information outlining the Melaleuca Australia Embrace Project for Chair to share.

Melaleuca Australia will be working closely with culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) young people in Darwin to identify gaps in the system and build supports for their wellbeing and mental health in an empowering way. Multicultural young people are invited to participate in various ways; through surveying, participating in workshops, and joining the team to help facilitate and conduct surveys.

Young people who participate may receive honorarium gift vouchers, or go into the draw to receive a selection of vouchers, depending on level of engagement.

Members who wish to participate or find out more are encouraged to notify Youth Engagement Officer who will provide their contact details to the appropriate staff at Melaleuca

9.4 DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL 2023**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC003/23**

Moved: Member Jules Gabor

Seconded: Member Adam Van Wessel

That the report Dragon Boat Festival 2023 be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion:

Youth Engagement Officer shared information from Manager International Business Relations on upcoming 2023 International Dragon Boat Race.

YAC members are keen to know more and be involved whether through racing or supporting an area of the International Trade Show.

YEO to follow up re opportunity for members to participate.

9.3 CONSULTATION - NOUS GROUP - NORTHERN SUBURBS YOUTH HUB**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC004/23**

Moved: Member Jules Gabor

Seconded: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris

That the report Consultation – Nous Group – Northern Suburbs Youth Hub be received and noted.

CARRIED 6/0

Discussion:

Consultants of Nous Group attended to consult with young people on the development of the new Northern Suburbs Youth Hub. The site is the old fire station on Rowling Street, Casuarina and will be for young people aged 8 – 18.

Nous provided questions in advance of the meeting, and asked YAC to provide feedback on how they think the new hub would be received by peers and the community, how the new hub should work, what elements are important to consider, and program design ideas. YAC also had the opportunity to ask questions of Nous regarding outcomes and timelines.

YEO also offered opportunity for Nous to attend LAUNCH Night Series to consult with the young people who attend. If members and observers have any further recommendations or feedback they are encouraged to send through to YEO to share on with Nous.

10**MEMBER REPORTS**

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

Chair provided information on upcoming Youth Forum, to be held during NT Youth Week. Members are invited to join a working group and be a part of a panel on the day. YEO to provide contact details of event facilitator.

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12 NEXT MEETING

Thursday 9 March 2023, 5.30-7pm

Casuarina Library, Guyugwa Room

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.05 pm.