

Agenda

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

I hereby give notice that a Youth Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on:

Date: Thursday, 13 August 2026
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Guyugwa Room
Casurarina Library
17 Bradshaw Terrace, Darwin NT 0810

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Community Member Samritha Bharanidharan

Community Member Pak Chan

Community Member Anais Henry-Martin

Community Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

Community Member Lucy Tinapple

Councillor Patrik Ralph

OFFICERS

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

3 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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9.1 CIVIC CENTRE COMMUNITY PLAZA CONSULTATION

Author: Youth Engagement Officer
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Civic Centre Community Plaza Consultation be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Youth Advisory Committee and provide opportunity to contribute vital feedback from a youth perspective on the development of the Civic Centre Community Plaza.

KEY ISSUES

Representative from True North Strategic Communications will attend the 13 August YAC meeting to collect ideas and feedback directly from young voices.

- YAC members will be provided with details for Engage Darwin survey and encouraged to share amongst their peers and networks
- Survey closes Friday 28 August, 2026

9.2 REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING 13 NOVEMBER 2025

Author: Youth Engagement Officer
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Report on Actions from Youth Advisory Committee Meeting 13 November 2025 be received and noted.

Actions from 13 November 2025:

- Send YAC members link to LAUNCH Content Creator EOI

COMPLETED by Coordinator Youth Programs 20.11.25

- Send Councillor Ralph information about YAC's previous professional development workshops

COMPLETED by Coordinator Youth Programs 20.11.25

- Follow up with Team Leader Community Engagement at Headspace re potential to collaborate with their Youth Advisory Group

COMPLETED by Coordinator Youth Programs 12.03.26

Initial discussions with Headspace Team Leader Community Engagement in early November 2025. Followed up in March 2026. No current opportunities for collaboration were identified. Agreed to keep each other informed of upcoming events and activities and to collaborate where programs align.

Meeting observer who recommended collaborating with Headspace has been successful in their application to join the Youth Roundtable so has decided not to apply to join YAC this year.

9.3 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER

Author: Youth Engagement Officer
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the report entitled Resignation of Member Sean Hagan be received and noted.

Sean Hagan's Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) membership application was endorsed by Council on 29 July 2025. Sean attended the 13 November 2025 YAC meeting and YAC's end of year activity on 11 December 2025.

Sean Hagan tendered his resignation from YAC on 20 February 2026 as he has relocated to Canberra to study.

9.4 2026 ACTION PLAN

Author: Youth Engagement Officer
A/Coordinator Youth Programs

Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments: 1. 2026 Action Plan (DRAFT)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 2026 Action Plan be received and noted.
2. THAT the Youth Advisory Committee members discuss and endorse priorities to include in the 2026 Action Plan as part of the Youth Strategy 2022-2026.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present Youth Advisory Committee members with the proposed priorities of the 2026 Action Plan to discuss and endorse.

KEY ISSUES

- Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members participated in the annual Co-Design Workshop held on 15 November 2025.
- The workshop involved YAC members and young people from the wider Darwin community.
- During the workshop participants reviewed and provided feedback on Actions Plans from 2022-2025.
- This feedback has been synthesised by Youth Programs Officer to develop the 2026 Action Plan.
- Youth Advisory Committee members are asked to discuss and endorse the proposed priorities of the 2026 Action Plan.

DISCUSSION

The 2022-2026 Youth Strategy details commitment to an annual youth forum to identify priorities and actions for the coming year. The intention of the forum is to ensure the strategy responds to emerging trends and addresses the current needs of young people. The forums are attended by YAC members and young people from the broader community and delivered as a co-design workshop.

14 young people, including 3 Youth Advisory Committee members attended the 2025 Co-Design Workshop held on Saturday 15 November 2025.

Attendees reviewed Action Plans from 2022-2025 and provided recommendations on any not-yet-complete actions to carry forward into the final year of the strategy. This feedback has been synthesised by Youth Programs Officers in creation of a draft 2026 Action Plan.

Youth Advisory Committee members are asked to discuss and endorse the draft 2026 Action Plan.

Proposed actions are in provided attachment.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 November 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD455/21

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Strategy 2022-26 be received and noted.
2. THAT Council adopt the Youth Strategy 2022-2026.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: Nil
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Involve
DECLARATION OF INTEREST	The report author does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. The report authoriser does not have a conflict of interest in relation to this matter. If a conflict of interest exists, staff will not act in the matter, except as authorised by the CEO or Council (as the case requires).



Action Plan 2026

To ensure the action plan remains relevant, a youth forum will be held annually to identify key actions for the following year.

The below actions for 2026 were identified by young people and sector representatives at a co-design workshop in October 2025.

Key Actions for 2026	Everyone Belongs	Safe & Supported	Creating Pathways	Working Together
Increase young people's knowledge of and connection to Larrakia culture.	✓	✓		✓
Engage young people from diverse cultural communities through connections and partnerships with relevant support services.	✓		✓	✓
Build the capacity of the Youth Programs team and partners to support accessibility of events and activities.	✓	✓	✓	
Continued advocacy for youth-led spaces, and increased after-hours services and programs.		✓		✓
Use LAUNCH social platforms to increase positive portrayal of young people by highlighting contributions and experiences in the community.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Support young people to develop leadership skills through the delivery and promotion of peer-led activities and platforms.	✓	✓	✓	
Embed opportunities for development of soft skills and life skills such as socialising, identity building and identification of future pathways into regular programming.		✓	✓	
Improve access to and information about volunteer and work experience opportunities at City of Darwin.	✓		✓	✓
Continue to use LAUNCH social media to inform young people of activities, events, services, and opportunities that are relevant to them.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Explore opportunities to collaborate with sector partners to connect young people with information about community programs and opportunities.	✓	✓	✓	✓

9.5 2026 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

Author: Youth Engagement Officer
A/Coordinator Youth Programs

Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments: 1. 2026 YAC PD Workshops

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled 2026 Professional Development Workshops be received and noted.
2. THAT members provide feedback on professional development workshop options.
3. THAT attached 2026 YAC PD Workshop Opportunities be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present two options for YAC's next professional development workshop and for members to nominate preference.

KEY ISSUES

- At the 13 November 2025 meeting the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) agreed to participate in a professional development workshop in lieu of a formal meeting in June.
- Suggestions were synthesised into two topics:
 - Stress management
 - Effective communication
- Youth Engagement Officer has explored what delivery on these two topics may look like and will present these to members for a decision.
- Quorum was not met at June meeting. Agenda item still stands.

DISCUSSION

At the 13 November 2025 meeting the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) agreed to participate in a professional development workshop in lieu of a formal meeting in June.

Although the March Youth Advisory Committee meeting was cancelled attending members and observers discussed ideas for workshop topics for the June professional development workshop. To provide ample time to prepare for a June delivery suggestions were synthesised into two topics:

- Stress management
- Effective communication

City of Darwin's Youth Engagement Officer has explored what engaging deliveries on these two topics may look like and will present these to members for decision on which to proceed with.

Opportunities were prepared for June meeting however quorum was not met. Intention is to prepare for PD opportunity in October.

Along with deciding on the topic members are to discuss suitable dates, marketing strategies and how they will assist in promotion and delivery.

See attached 2026 YAC PD Workshops

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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT	5 A Vibrant and Creative City 5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity
BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	Budget/Funding: \$1000
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult
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YAC PD- 2026

Background

The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) aims to hosts two professional development workshops each year. These are sometimes for active members only and at other times are open to all young people in the community. At the 12 March 2026 YAC meeting, attendees provided the following suggestions for consideration for YAC's next PD workshop:

1. Stress management
2. Mental health in partnership with headspace
3. Effective communication - how to share your ideas / opinions in engaging ways / how to influence people.
4. Understanding the system / maximised your education opportunities at school.
5. How to study more efficiently / manage workload.
6. Leadership workshop where young people can learn how to organise and run meetings and events and understand how to communicate with their communities in engaging and professional ways.

These can be synthesised into two topics:

- Communicating with influence
- Stress management/mental health.

This was to be discussed at June meeting, however quorum was not meet and this item was forwarded to future meetings.

Idea 1: Communicating with Influence

An approachable entry to this topic would be taking a more creative angle based around the PowerPoint party concept.

Option for consideration: Young people (YP) create a presentation with a comedic approach that allows them to discuss a topic in which they are interested. With the intention of building communication skills that are effective and engaging, as well as developing confidence.

This would look like a workshop to prepare for the presentation under the mentorship of a professional local emcee to achieve the intentions above. Completed works would be presented to the group with the option to invite friends or family members.

Idea 2: Stress management / mental health

As YAC's last professional development session on mental health had low attendance numbers, it is recommended that any further deliveries in this space are collaborations with organisations that have existing networks of young people with interested in this topic and can directly assist with greater engagements.

Option for consideration: Workshop at CDU delivered by local mental health organisation. Workshop to include mental health and stress management, with potential to cover efficient study plans. This would be open to any young people in the community with YAC supporting as hosts, emceeing, and managing registrations. CDU students would be the main demographic targeted in the marketing of the workshop.

Delivery timeline to discuss at meeting.

9.6 YOUTH PROGRAMS AUGUST UPDATE

Author: A/Coordinator Youth Programs
Youth Engagement Officer

Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled Youth Programs August Update be received and noted.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on current and upcoming programming within City of Darwin's Youth Programs.

KEY ISSUES

- A/Coordinator Youth Programs to update on:
- Youth Team
 - Jess Moon – Youth Engagement Officer
 - Teresa Helm – Acting Coordinator Youth Programs
- Programs, school holidays, attendances and achievements Jan – July 2026
- September/October Holidays
- Partnerships
 - LAUNCH Night Series Tender – Pathfinders NT (Rite 2 Rise)
 - Up North Media – NAIDOC Week youth profiles
 - Library – Geek Up + Gaming After Dark + Geektacular
- DARWWYN

DISCUSSION

- **Youth Team Update**

Lisa Burnett, Coordinator Youth Programs is currently on long service leave, through to end of January 2027. Teresa Helm, Youth Engagement Officer, will be Acting Coordinator in her absence. Jess Moon will be Youth Engagement Officer while Teresa acts as coordinator.

- **Programs, school holidays, attendances and achievements Jan – July 2026**

January to July saw over 2000 engagements with young people across City of Darwin Youth Programs events. These events include holiday programming, external partnerships, library partnerships, YAC and participation with our content creators team. Get that Job workshops and FREEze Skates always reach booked out capacity, and Deckchair Cinema events see 150+ young people access free films at the iconic Darwin institution.

January School Holiday programs/events

- Geektacular
- Get that Job – Intro to Espresso
- Get that Job – RSA Certificate
- Get that Job (Partnership with Surf Life Saving NT(SLSNT)) First Aid
- FREEze Skate
- Gaming After Dark
- Geek Up

April Holidays/Youth Week programs/events

- Youth Conference
- Couch Surfing
- Get that Job (with SLSNT) – First Aid
- Deckchair Movie Night

June/July holiday programs/events

- FREEze Skate
- Secret Art
- Get that Job - RSA
- Get that Job
- Get that Job
- Deckchair Movie Night

Geektacular is a long-running LAUNCH Darwin development, delivered through a collaborative partnership between the Youth Programs and Libraries team. The event is for young people, by young people. It is safe and inclusive platform for those in the geek culture offering paid opportunities for young people aged 15-25 to upskill, develop emerging producer skills and gain exposure for their subject interests. It embraces all things 'geeky' like Cosplay, Dungeons and Dragons, art workshops, tabletop boardgames, video games, manga, karaoke, cooking workshops and more. Young people can get involved by running workshops, setting up stalls in the minimarket, Cosplay judging, MCing, and supporting production which all lends itself to building skills and confidence, or just they can come along to meet, connect and play! Numbers only grow every year, and this year Geektacular saw roughly 700 attendees through the doors of Casuarina Library for this amazing youth-led event!



Cosplayers at the 2026 Geektacular – photo by Tymunna Clements

Another hugely successful partnership between City of Darwin's Youth Program team and Anglicare NT worked to deliver the annual Couch Surfing event in April, raising awareness for Youth Homelessness Matters Day. Despite a few environmental setbacks caused by ongoing unpredictable wild weather and Cyclone Fina, the team were still able to host this annual event in Civic Park again, bringing together roughly 400 attendees including local schools, young people, Elected Members and community organisations. Hosted by young MCs, this FREE event includes entertainment, food and water and is a fantastic way to find out more about the organisations in our community who support this important cause. Next year marks the 15th Annual Couch surfing event, if you can, get along to support!



SEDA College Students race in the 2026 Couch Surfing event – photo by UpNorth Media

September/October holidays program plan:

- Get that Job – Intro to Espresso
- Get that Job – White Card accreditation
- Get that Job – First Aid (ages 13-17) with SLSNT
- FREEze Skate
- Deckchair Movie Night

Partnerships

- LAUNCH Night Series

LAUNCH Night Series contract with Rite 2 Rise (previously known as Pathfinder NT) has been confirmed for up to 3 years, which will see the delivery four 4-week tournaments annually. This delivery is made possible with matched funding through NTGs Youth Activity Grants. LAUNCH Night Series is a long running afterhours sport program providing a safe, inclusive, and prosocial evening for young people aged 12 – 17 who may not have other options on a Saturday night. The most recent program saw numbers of up to 50 young people attending on any given Saturday! It has evolved over the past 8 years to become a highly regarded after hours engagement program, providing a positive environment, team sport, workshops, healthy meals, clean uniforms and transportation to and from the program. The Youth Programs team are incredibly proud to see the program continue to grow, connect young people, community volunteers, sector providers, and highly skilled youth workers. This development of this partnership means the program can provide ongoing case management, throughcare and wrap around support for our young community.

- NAIDOC profiles (UpNorth)

LAUNCH Darwin partnered with local First Nations media company Up North Media to create four First Nations youth profiles. These profiles were posted on our LAUNCH socials for NAIDOC week, celebrating 50 Years of Deadly acknowledging the strength and determination of First Nations people. The following young people were interviewed:

Sharniqua Hutt - A proud Tiwi, Arrernte and Wunambal who creates safe spaces through facilitating weaving workshops for a range of community events.

Tiesha Munnich- Hewitt- A mother, mentor, model and creator who is a proud woman of the Wadi, Yawuru, Bardi Jawi, Karajarri, Gunggandji and Mamu clans. Tiesha shares her stories of family and finding identity through art and culture.

Khamesa White Jeffery- A 16-year-old Arrernte and Larrakia Woman with a passion and talent for figure skating who shares what it takes to push past self- doubt and find yourself doing something that you love.

Junaidah Mamid- A proud Yawuru and Bardi woman. Who also happens to be the co-founder of Up North media. Junaidah explores her creative skills through mediums such as writing and photography.

These reels were received with high praise from the community and gained positive attention for the LAUNCH socials. Khamesa's reel alone has become one of LAUNCH's most viewed and liked posts with over 25k views 8k likes, 400 comments and a spike of 200 new followers.

The reel was viewed by a Gold Coast based First Nations media company, Wirrim Media Pty Ltd. Who reached out enquiring about Khamesa and whether she would be interested in being a part of the second season of their docuseries, Dreaming Big, which is commissioned by NITV and shares the stories of young First Nation athletes from across the country.

View these stories via:

<https://www.instagram.com/launchdarwin/>

<https://www.facebook.com/launchdarwin>

- Library – Geek Up + Gaming After Dark + Geektacular

LAUNCH Darwin and the Library team continue to collaborate on ongoing projects, including regular Geek Up and Gaming After Dark events. These free events are held the last weekend of every month. Geek Up is recommended for ages 15 – 25, held on the last Sunday of the month, and includes art workshops, Dungeons and Dragons, board games and a DIY toastie station. Gaming After Dark is a safe action paced inclusive space for young gamers aged 12 – 17, held on the last Friday of the month. The teams will also soon begin planning for the 2027 Geektacular event, scheduled for January 2027.

DARWWYN

The DARWWYN (Darwin Working with Youth Network) is a networking forum for youth services, and youth service workers supporting young people through Darwin's not-for-profit and government sectors. It is coordinated by City of Darwin's youth programs team, with secretariat support from a local young person. The network meets on the first Thursday of every month, except January, at rotating youth centred organisations within Darwin. Most meetings are offered in a hybrid-format, and include a Service Spotlight every month, providing opportunities for essential services to share key information and make stronger connections with the youth sector. On average, a DARWWYN meeting sees at least 40 attendees from across the sector to share information, provide a forum for current issues relating to young people, identify emerging issues for exploration and discussion, and collaborate to develop problem solving strategies.

In June, the sector was provided the opportunity to participate in a PD workshop led by Breanna Duncan, of Just F.L.O, with break out trainings with One Percent, Balanced Choice, Melaleuca and included a youth panel opening the conversation direct from young people. This training covered removing stereotypes through language, working with multicultural youth, empowerment of young people and fostering personal growth, while also providing interactive workshops and developing a toolkit of essential ice breakers and fresh perspectives. A November training in collaboration with Amity is being developed for November, tackling the topics of gambling and harm minimisation.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Nil

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

5 A Vibrant and Creative City

5.2 By 2030, Darwin will be a more connected community and have pride in our cultural identity

BUDGET / FINANCIAL / RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS

City of Darwin Youth Strategy 2021-26

CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION

Engagement Level: Inform

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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10 MEMBER REPORTS**11 GENERAL BUSINESS****12 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

THAT the next Youth Advisory Committee Meeting be held on , at (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section).

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019* and Regulation 51 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2021* the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

14 CLOSURE OF MEETING

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