

Agenda

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting

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

Date: Thursday, 13 November 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Meeting Room
Guyugwa Room
Casuarina Library
Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

Simone Saunders

Chief Executive Officer



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Deputy Lord Mayor Patrik Ralph

Member Lucy Tinapple

Member Pak Chan

Member Anais Henry-Martin

Member Samritha Bharanidharan

Member Sean Hagan

Member Sarvesh Ramamoorthi

Alternate Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

OFFICERS

Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services, Angela O'Donnell

Coordinator Youth Programs, Lisa Burnett

Youth Engagement Officer, Harry Doust

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9 OFFICER REPORTS

9.1 INTRODUCTION TO THE 24TH CITY OF DARWIN COUNCIL

Author: Coordinator Youth Programs
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform Advisory Committee Members of the outcome of the recent City of Darwin elections and the membership of the 24th term of Council.

KEY ISSUES

- On 23 August 2025 City of Darwin elections were held for Lord Mayor and Elected Representatives across all wards
- On 6 September 2025 NT Electoral Commission announced the appointment of the new Lord Mayor and six new Elected Members with seven Elected Members returning for an additional term
- On 30 September at their first Ordinary Council Meeting Councillor Patrik Ralph was appointed as the nominated representative on this Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026, with Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris being appointed as the Alternate representative.

DISCUSSION

On 23 August 2025 City of Darwin elections were held for 24th term of Council for the City of Darwin. The elections were for Lord Mayor and Elected Representatives across all wards. City of Darwin local government area is made up of a Lord Mayor and four wards with each ward having three elected representatives.

On 6 September 2025 NT Electoral Commission announced the appointment of the new Lord Mayor and six new Elected Members with seven Elected Members returning for an additional term.

The new Lord Mayor is Peter Styles.

Chan Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Peter Pangquee and Councillor Ed Smelt and a new Elected Member - Councillor Julie Fraser.

Lyons Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Sam Weston and Councillor Mick Palmer and a new Elected Member - Councillor Nicole Brown.

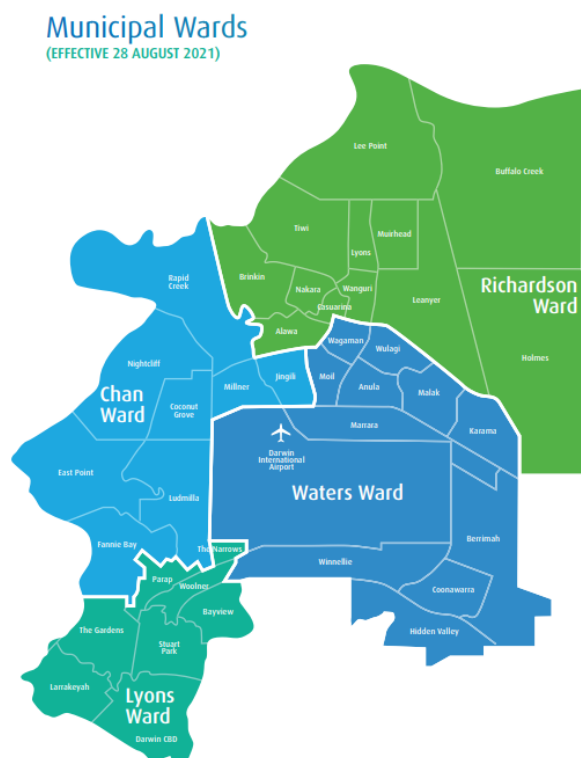
Richardson Ward is represented by one returning Elected Member - Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris and two new Elected Members - Councillor Shani Carson and Councillor Edwin Joseph.

Waters Ward is represented by two returning Elected Members - Councillor Sylvia Klonaris and Councillor Kim Farrar and one new Elected Member - Councillor Patrik Ralph.

On 30 September at their first Ordinary Council Meeting Councillor Patrik Ralph was appointed as the nominated representative on this Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026, with Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris being appointed as the Alternate representative.

For this Advisory Committee, it may be of interest to note that the 24th term of Council of City of Darwin has three First Nations people elected. This Council also boasts the youngest person elected to City of Darwin.

An image of the map of the Wards is below for reference.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 September 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD427/25

1. THAT the report entitled Appointments to Council Executive and Advisory Committees - 24th Council be received and noted.
2. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Administrative Review Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Mick Palmer;
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris;
Councillor Edwin Joseph;
And that all remaining Elected Members are appointed as alternate members to the committee.
3. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Chief Executive Officer Performance Appraisal Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Mick Palmer;
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris;
Councillor Shani Carson; and
Councillor Ed Smelt
4. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate.
5. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Arts and Cultural Development Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Councillor Patrik Ralph; and
Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate.
6. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Darwin Military and Civilian History Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Lord Mayor (Chair)
Councillor Sam Weston; and
Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.
7. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **East Point Reserve Advisory Committee** to 30 September 2026:
Councillor Mick Palmer; and
Councillor Shani Carson as Alternate.
8. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the **Information Communication Technology Steering Committee** to 30 September 2027:
Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and
Councillor Peter Pangquee as Alternate.

	9. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the International Relations Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Lord Mayor (Chair) Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris; and Councillor Sam Weston as Alternate. 10. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Reconciliation Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Councillor Peter Pangquee; and Councillor Patrik Ralph as Alternate. 11. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Sister City Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Councillor Sylvia Klonaris; and Councillor Edwin Joseph as Alternate. 12. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Tree Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Lord Mayor (Chair) Councillor Julie Fraser and Councillor Kim Farrar as Alternate. 13. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Members to the Youth Advisory Committee to 30 September 2026: Councillor Patrik Ralph; and Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris as Alternate. 14. THAT Council appoint the following Elected Member to the Risk Management and Audit Committee to 30 September 2027: Councillor Mick Palmer ; and Councillor Ed Smelt ; and Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris. 15. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor holds the position of Ex-Officio for all Council Committees. 16. THAT Council note that the Lord Mayor is directly appointed the following external committees for the whole of the 24th Term of Council: Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) Top End Regional Organisation of Councils (TOPROC) 17. THAT Council note that Councillor Peter Pangquee is an Executive Board Member appointed to the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) and that his appointment remains current until November 2026. CARRIED 12/0
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 /	Nil

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: <i>Local Government Act 2019</i> Policy: Meetings Elected Member Expenses, Facilities and Support
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	N/A
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).

9.2 2026 YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Author: Coordinator Youth Programs
Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services
Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

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 select up to two of the following dates for meetings:
 - i) Thursday 12 March 2026
 - ii) Thursday 14 May 2026
 - iii) Thursday 11 June 2026

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present committee members with the proposed meeting and professional development schedule for 2026 for endorsement.

KEY ISSUES

- Date, time and location of meetings are to be determined by the Committee. The dates presented are for discussion and endorsement and align to meet Council's Statutory requirements.
- It is noted that meeting attendance is only offered in person.
- It is recommended to avoid meeting in April to provide space in the calendar for YAC members to attend and participate in Youth Week events (2-15 April).
- At the Council meeting held on 30 September 2025, Elected Members requested a review of the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference. Members are advised to only set dates for meetings up until 30 June 2026.
- In addition to four formal meetings YAC holds up to four informal activities per year.

DISCUSSION

Committee members are being presented with a list of dates from which to endorse a proposed schedule for 2026 Youth Advisory Committee meetings.

Terms of reference outline a minimum of four and maximum of eight meetings a year.

It is recommended to avoid meeting in April to provide space in the calendar for YAC members to attend and participate in Youth Week events (2-15 April). July can also be a challenging month to attain quorum due members being away during the school holidays.

YAC holds four formal meetings per year. Due to a planned review of Advisory Committees members are requested to only set dates for meetings in the first half of 2026. Two meetings are to be selected from the following options:

- Thursday 12 March 2026
- Thursday 14 May 2026
- Thursday 11 June 2026

In addition to the formal meetings YAC members host up to four formal activities each year:

- Annual Youth Strategy Co-Design workshop around October/November
- End of year celebration in December
- 1 or 2 professional development workshops, these can be open the public at members' discretion

To assist with forward planning members are requested to nominate which month/s they would like professional development sessions to occur and topics that may be of interest.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 September 2025 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD455/25

Part of the decision:

4. THAT Council endorse a workshop to be held as part of the November 'Forum Meeting' to review the Advisory Committees and respective terms of reference.

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 Policy: 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).
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9.3 YAC END OF YEAR ACTIVITY

Author: Coordinator Youth Programs

Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT the report entitled YAC End of Year Activity be received and noted.
2. THAT members decide the date and location for their end of year celebration

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek advice from members regarding their preferences for an end of year activity.

KEY ISSUES

- At the end of each year YAC members gather for an informal celebration of their achievements and to farewell members who are moving on from YAC.

DISCUSSION

At the end of each year YAC members gather for an informal celebration of their achievements and to farewell members who are moving away.

Members are requested to provide advice regarding a suitable date, time and activity for this year's celebration.

Previous suggestions have included:

- Laser Tag
- Ten Pin Bowling
- Rock Climbing
- Sunset dinner
- Ice Skating

PREVIOUS COUNCIL RESOLUTION

At the 30 November 2021 meeting Council resolved:

RESOLUTION ORD001/21

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

CARRIED 13/0

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: \$500 Is Funding identified: Yes
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil Policy: Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult
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).

9.4 CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP PREPARATION

Author: Coordinator Youth Programs

Authoriser: Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services

Attachments:

1. **DRAFT 2025 Co-Design Workshop Plan** [↓](#)
2. **Priority Actions 2022-2024** [↓](#)
3. **Youth Strategy 2022-2026 (under separate cover)** [⇒](#)
4. **2022-2026 Youth Strategy (one page)** [↓](#)

RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide members with the opportunity to review and provide input on the plan for the annual Youth Strategy Co-Design Workshop.

KEY ISSUES

- City of Darwin's 2022-2026 Youth Strategy includes a recommendation to hold an annual co-design workshop where young people can review the priorities and actions of the Youth Strategy and provide advice on directions for the following year.
- The annual Youth Strategy Co-design Workshop will be held on Saturday 15 November in the Guyugwa Meeting Room at Casuarina Library from 10am-2pm.
- YAC members share hosting and facilitation duties at the workshop and their input is sought on the plan for the session.

DISCUSSION

City of Darwin's 2022-2026 Youth Strategy includes a recommendation to hold an annual co-design workshop where young people can review the priorities and actions of the Youth Strategy and provide advice on directions for the following year.

The 2025 Youth Strategy Co-design Workshop will be held:

10am-2pm

Saturday 15 November

Guyugwa Meeting Room

Casuarina Library

YAC members share hosting and facilitation duties at the workshop, and their input is sought on the plan for the session.

The following documents are provided for members to review prior to the meeting:

Attachments:

- 2025 Co-Design Workshop plan
- 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 Action Plans
- 2022-2026 Youth Strategy – complete
- 2022-2026 Youth Strategy – one page

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.

CARRIED 13/0

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 Is Funding identified: Yes
LEGISLATION / POLICY CONTROLS OR IMPACTS	Legislation: Nil Policy: Nil
CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT & COMMUNICATION	Engagement Level: Consult
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.

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DRAFT 2025 Co-Design Workshop

- 10am – 2pm, Saturday 15 November
- Guyugwa Meeting Room, Casuarina Library, 17 Bradshaw Terrace

Proposed Plan

Time	Activity	Who
9.30am	YAC members to arrive at venue to run through structure of day	
10.00-10.15	- Welcome and housekeeping - Acknowledgment of Country - Introduce purpose of day - Introduce YAC members and officers - Explain Activity #5 - Sidequest	
10.15-10.30	Ice breaker – getting to know everyone	
10.30-10.45	Slide show	
10.45-11.00	Overview of consultations, youth strategy, key priorities and action plans	
11.00-11.30	Activity #1 – Your experience of Darwin	
11.30-12.00	Activity #2 – Key Issues and Opportunities for Change	
12.00-12.30	Lunch break (Catering provided)	
12.30-1.15	Activity #3 – Review of Action Plans	
1.15-1.45	Activity #4 – Beyond 2026	
1.45-2.00	Evaluation of Co-Design	
2.00	Finish	

Activity #1 – Your Experience of Darwin

Objective - do attendees' values align with 2021 consultations

Format - 5 small groups rotating between 5 stations

Resources - Butchers paper + blutak + pens

1. Groups rotate around butchers paper (3 minutes per question) answering these five questions:

What do you love most about living in Darwin?

What don't you love about living in Darwin?

What are your favourite places to visit or spend time?

What are your preferred locations for community events?

What kind of things would you like to see more of for young people in Darwin?

2. Compare today's responses with responses on page 14 of the Youth Strategy. Do they correlate?

Activity #2 – Key Issues and Opportunities for Change

Objective - do attendees think the same things are important?

Format - 2 groups rotate between 2 stations

Resources - Butchers paper + blutak + pens

1. Groups respond to questions on butchers paper, writing answers on post its (each group has 5-10 minutes per question)
 - What are the most important issues for you as a young person living in Darwin?
 - What would you like to see change for young people over the next five years?
 - Increase in ...?
 - Decrease in ...?
2. Groups return to initial question and rank issues (moving post-its) from what needs most investment
3. Compare results with PG 15 of the Youth Strategy. Do they correlate?

Activity #3 – Review of Action Plans

Objective - identify priorities for 2026

Format - 4 groups each stays at their table for the duration

Resources - Butchers paper + blutak + pens + copies of 2022, 2023, 2024 & 2025 action plans

1. Each table reviews one year's action plan (which shows what has been achieved, what is ongoing and what hasn't been achieved)
2. Which items on the action plan should be carried forward into 2026 and why?
3. Group presents their recommendations to wider group

Activity #4 – Beyond 2026

Objective – gather feedback on whether we need to develop a new strategy

Format - 4 groups rotate between 4 stations

Resources - Butchers paper + blutak + pens + copies of commitments for the four priorities

1. Groups visit each station grading each priority and its commitments (5 minutes per priority)
2. What is the overall 'vibe', does the current Youth Strategy stand up beyond 2026? Do we need a new one or can we extend current strategy?

Activity #5 – Side Quest

Objective – provide a space to park unrelated thoughts, light bulbs, random ideas + suggestions

Format – unstructured

Resources – White board + pens



Action Plan 2022

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 2022 were identified by young people and sector representatives at a co-design workshop in September 2021.

Key Actions for 2022	Everyone Belongs	Safe & Supported	Creating Pathways	Working Together
Develop a marketing strategy for LAUNCH to increase and diversify its online following	✓		✓	
Use LAUNCH media as a platform to increase positive portrayal of young people in the community and mainstream media	✓			
Create an online resource highlighting annual recognition opportunities for young people such as the Young Citizen of the Year, Young Achiever Awards and Trainee of the Year	✓		✓	✓
Review content and format of the Youth Info Card to increase usability		✓		✓
Work with the Human Resources & Safety team to expand Work Experience content on City of Darwin website to include an overview of available placement areas, expectations, and prerequisites			✓	✓
Increase awareness of Darwin Click and Fix app for reporting accessibility and safety issues in public spaces		✓		✓
Develop an accessibility checklist for promotion and delivery of youth events and activities	✓		✓	
Research gaps and opportunities for development of a contemporary life skills workshop series			✓	
Provide opportunities for Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members to develop leadership skills through the provision of skills development sessions including media training and community engagement			✓	
Support YAC members to engage with mainstream media to advocate for young people's interests and needs	✓	✓	✓	
Support YAC members to attend Council meetings	✓		✓	
Increase diversity of representation on YAC across age, lived experience, interests and residential location	✓		✓	✓



Action Plan 2023

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 2023 were identified by young people and sector representatives at a co-design workshop in October 2022.

Key Actions for 2023	Everyone Belongs	Safe & Supported	Creating Pathways	Working Together
Reimagine Youth Info Card as a promotional tool that links to online content via QR code		✓	✓	
Redevelop LAUNCH web presence to include an event calendar, directory and 'how to adult' content	✓			
Support young people to connect with community-based hobby and interest groups through increased promotion of non-LAUNCH opportunities	✓			✓
Develop collaborations and partnerships to facilitate and enhance current and new programs, projects, events and services	✓	✓		
Look for opportunities to include more diverse cooking/food in programs including providing different cuisines at events	✓			
Provide opportunities for young people to advocate for their peers and develop and deliver programs	✓	✓		
Increase focus on promotion of activities, events and services (in preference to delivery of more programs)	✓	✓		✓
Design, test and iterate a strong LAUNCH pop-up stall concept for use at events				✓
Promote youth service stallholder events such as Couch Surfing, DHS Health Expo, DHS Pride Day, Darwin Youth Conference, CDU Youth Futures etc				✓
Engage and develop young people as program ambassadors to promote activities and reduce anxiety around access and participation		✓	✓	
Explore potential for casual socialising within context of, or alongside existing programming and encourage others to offer same			✓	
Explore school representation on YAC and continue to work on building YAC's capacity as ambassadors including for school visits and events		✓	✓	
Advocate for youth hub to be youth-run			✓	✓
Advocate for more after-hours services and programs			✓	✓



Action Plan 2024

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 2024 were identified by young people and sector representatives at a co-design workshop in October 2023.

Key Actions for 2024	Everyone Belongs	Safe & Supported	Creating Pathways	Working Together
Continue to roll out LAUNCH Marketing Strategy to ensure young people across the community are aware of activities, events and services available to them	✓	✓	✓	
Engage young people to create social media content sharing their experiences attending activities and events	✓		✓	
Use LAUNCH social media platforms to celebrate young people's positive contributions to community, including the creation of a 'by youth for youth' video profiles series	✓		✓	
Use LAUNCH social media platforms to provide young people with information that supports wellbeing		✓	✓	
Increase use and knowledge of Larrakia language on LAUNCH social media platforms and explore potential for sharing a Larrakia 'word of the day'	✓			✓
Explore creation of an online video series about finding work supported by partnerships with youth employment services			✓	✓
Foster youth leadership through peer-led initiatives	✓	✓	✓	
Advocate for the Casuarina youth space to be youth-lead	✓	✓		✓
Support YAC members to develop leadership skills including capacity to join and participate in committees and boards			✓	
Support young people to develop skills that support pathways in areas of interest such as cooking, employability and micro-business and entrepreneurship			✓	
Use partnerships to build connections between and to Darwin's cultural communities	✓			✓
Diversify cooking/food offered in programs including provision of different cuisines at events	✓			



Action Plan 2025

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 2025 were identified by young people and sector representatives at a co-design workshop in October 2024.

Key Actions for 2025	Everyone Belongs	Safe & Supported	Creating Pathways	Working Together
Model best practice for supporting young people's accessibility needs at events and activities.	✓	✓		
Encourage Youth Advisory Committee members to network and participate actively as ambassadors in the community.	✓	✓	✓	
Support young people with soft-skills development including networking, communication, social skills and self-confidence.	✓		✓	
Continue supporting the development of young people via mentoring and freelance opportunities.	✓		✓	
Explore opportunities to work more closely with schools for consulting with students as well as promotion of community events and activities.	✓		✓	✓
Increase sharing of non-Council content on LAUNCH social media channels including expos, support services and volunteering.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Highlight existing youth-led platforms to increase youth visibility and youth voice in community.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Explore use of wider variety of social media platforms.	✓			
Explore options for development of an online event calendar for young people's activities.	✓		✓	✓
Trial information sharing through physical marketing methods such as newsletters, posters and fliers.	✓		✓	✓
Improve employment pathways content on the City of Darwin website.			✓	✓

Work collaboratively with young people, their families, and the broader community to create a city where young people are supported to achieve their potential.

Everyone Belongs Young people want to see the diversity of Darwin's community acknowledged and celebrated, and to be respected for their contribution to it.	Safe & Supported Young people want to live in a community where they feel safe. They want vulnerable young people to be able to access the support they need in the short, medium and long term.
Darwin young people are embraced for their unique identities. - Partner with young people, community groups and organisations that advocate for and support the diverse identities of young people. For young people to feel that their community is proud of their achievements and understands their struggles. - Highlight the positive contributions young people make to the community, and the range of activities and programs they are involved in. For young people to be valued contributors to the diverse and interconnected community of Darwin. - Deliver a program of events and activities that engages with young people's diverse needs and interests. - Ensure program participation reflects the rich diversity of Darwin's community. For young people and the broader community to have a deeper understanding of Larrakia culture. - Build on the partnership established with Larrakia Nation through delivery of the City of Darwin Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), while connecting more broadly with the Larrakia community. Young people across Darwin's diverse communities have access to information about local opportunities. - Develop relationships with services and organisations that can support information sharing with diverse young people.	A diverse network of spaces young people can access to support their varied needs. - Advocate for and support the development of safe spaces for young people including venues that house a mix of services offering activities, outreach, referrals and case management. - Support use of City of Darwin's diverse network of facilities for delivery of programs for young people. Young people have the knowledge and tools they need to manage the complexities of daily life. - Develop multi-stakeholder partnerships and community relationships to provide young people with access to information and services about alcohol and other drugs, mental health, and other issues of concern. A supportive community that understands the challenges young people face. - Support ongoing community education around issues facing young people. Community-based access points for vulnerable young people to connect to support services that reduce homelessness and alcohol and other drug misuse. - Advocate for delivery of after-hours mobile outreach to connect with young people in public and community spaces. Opportunities for preteens to participate in community life as they age into the youth demographic. - Work with City of Darwin's Libraries and Children and Families teams to ensure equitable program offerings across the age spectrum.
Creating Pathways Young people are active, engaged and want access to a diverse range of high quality activities, programs and services. Through capacity and network building, young people are better equipped to navigate their lives.	Working Together Young people need a stable, connected and well-resourced youth services sector to provide them with the support they need at all stages of their development.
Young people with access to a diverse and accessible selection of activities and programs including bespoke offerings for specific age cohorts and special interest groups. - Deliver a diverse range of programs through LAUNCH with increased focus on uniquely Darwin experiences, outdoor spaces and the natural environment. - Create unique and tailored opportunities that consider the diverse needs, interests and access requirements of young people across the 12-25 years age spectrum. - Develop partnerships to outsource event and activity programs, offering potential to diversify and extend activities, deepen existing relationships and expand networks. Varied employment opportunities for young people. - Support alternative employment pathways, building on existing traineeship programs with other offerings such as placements, work experience, school-based traineeships, volunteering, and mentoring. Young people have a wide and diverse network of connections including to peers, supportive adults, role models and mentors. - Facilitate peer to peer connection through the Youth Advisory Committee and LAUNCH programs. - Provide access to role models and mentors through program design and careful selection of facilitators. Young people in leadership roles. - Provide and advocate for opportunities for young leaders to develop skills through mentoring, capacity building and community partnerships	A central online location for all that is going on for young people in Darwin. - Work with partners to co-design a process for improved information sharing to young people, families and carers about what is going on in and around Darwin. A stable and well connected youth sector with strong working relationships. - Continue coordination and facilitation of DARWWYN meetings and e-newsletter. - Grow the relationship between DARWWYN and the education sector to support two-way sharing on emerging issues for young people. A well-resourced, best practice youth services sector providing holistic responses to the needs of young people in the short, medium and long term. - Collaborate with partners and stakeholders to advocate for a NT youth peak body providing research, direction and sector development as well as advocacy for young people. - Advocate for mapping of youth services, strategic needs analysis and future planning. Young people's needs are embraced across Council and supported through internal and external partnerships - Strengthen internal partnerships to support delivery of other Council strategies including - Reconciliation Action Plan 2020-2022 Library Strategy 2022-2024 Climate Emergency Strategy Access and Inclusion Plan 2019-2022 Movement Strategy Arts Plan - Support delivery of the Northern Territory Government's Darwin Youth Action Plan through participation on the Darwin Local Action Group.

Values = Respect, Safety, Opportunity, Connection

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



MINUTES

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 3 July 2025

Date: Thursday, 3 July 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Location: Online via Microsoft TEAMS

**MINUTES OF CITY OF DARWIN
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ONINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
ON THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2025 AT 6:00 PM**

PRESENT:

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Member Lucy Tinapple

Member Pak Chan

OFFICERS:

Lisa Burnett (Coordinator Youth Programs)

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)

APOLOGY:

Member Anais Henry-Martin

GUESTS:

Nil

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1 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

The Chair declared the meeting open at 6:03 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

Anais Henry—Martin

3.2 Leave of Absence

Nil

3.3 Leave of Absence Notified

Nil

4 ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE

Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Member Lucy Tinapple

Member Pak Chan

Lisa Burnett (Coordinator Youth Programs)

Angela O'Donnell (Executive Manager Community and Cultural Services)

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 YAC012/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Member Lucy Tinapple

THAT the minutes of the Youth Advisory Committee Meeting held on 8 May 2025 be confirmed.

CARRIED 3/0

7 ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Coordinator Youth Programs confirmed that General Business Item 11 from the 8 May Youth Advisory Committee meeting was actioned with distribution of key discussion items via email on 9 May.

8 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

9 OFFICER REPORTS

Nil

10 MEMBER REPORTS

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP AND YAC SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC013/25

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Member Lucy Tinapple

1. THAT before the end of July 2025 an informal meeting of YAC members be held to discuss ideas for a professional development workshop, and to develop a plan for increasing YAC's use of social media as an engagement tool.
2. THAT young people who have submitted expressions of interest to join YAC be invited to participate in the informal meeting.
3. THAT Amelia Daroch be invited to attend to discuss how YAC and LAUNCHmedia content creators can collaborate.

CARRIED 3/0

12 NEXT MEETING

5.30pm

Thursday 6 November 2025

Guyugwa Room - Casuarina Library

17 Bradshaw Terrace, Casuarina

13 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**RECOMMENDATIONS**

THAT pursuant to Section 99 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 52 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council considers the confidential report(s) listed below in a meeting closed to the public in accordance with Section 99 (2) of the *Local Government Act 2019*:

16.1 Endorsement of New Members

This matter is considered to be confidential under Section 99(2) - 51(c)(iv) of the Local Government Act, and the Council is satisfied that discussion of this matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest as it deals with information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to subject to subregulation 51(3) – prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION YAC014/25**

Moved: Councillor Jimmy Bouhoris

Seconded: Member Lucy Tinapple

THAT the open section of the meeting be adjourned at 6:16 pm.

CARRIED 3/0