

## **MINUTES**

Thursday March 14  
5.30pm – 7.30pm  
Library Hub

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### **1. MEETING OPENED**

The meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee was opened at 5.38pm by Chair Jane Alia.

### **2. PRESENT**

Lisa Burnett	Coordinator Youth Programs
Arne Orstavik	Youth Programs Trainee
Andy Huang	YAC Member
Sau-Ching Leung	YAC Member
Emmanuel Khemis	YAC Member
Zakelli Xie	YAC Member
Jane Alia	YAC Member
Esther Obdam	Guest – Executive Manager Children and Youth Program White Ribbon
Leo Bohm	Observer

### **APOLOGIES**

Alderman Robin Knox	Elected Member
Alderman George Lambrinidis	Elected Member
Teresa Helm	Youth Engagement Officer
Emily Ford	YAC Member
John Kyaw Naing Yusuf	YAC Member
Philamena McKenzie	Guest – Balunu
Noeletta McKenzie	Guest – Balunu

### **WELCOME OBSERVERS AND GUESTS**

Welcome observers and guests Leo Bohm, Esther Obdam

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the 14 February meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record by the following members: Zakelli Xie (Moved), Emmanuel Khemis (Seconded)

#### 4.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**Young Citizen nomination** – Jane didn't receive email regarding her nominator

**Quiz 4 Dili** – confirmed date is Thursday 27 June at Trailer Boat Club

**Off the Leash Youth Week Cover** – Cockatoo Man selected and Julio Careses Da Costa (subject) + Polly Roberts (artist) agreed to its use. Polly has been paid a commissioning fee for use of the work.

**Youth Charter** – the Youth Charter has been endorsed by Council and an article announcing its endorsement appeared in the Darwin Sun paper, March 5, 2019. YAC members noted the feedback from Alderman Pangquee that 'development of young leaders' seems to be missing from the principles and members were generally in agreement that it would be good to include that in the Youth Charter. Given that it has just been endorsed they decided they would like to leave it as is but review in 12 months with the option of adding a principle about leadership.

<b>ACTION</b>	YEO to send info to Jane re Young Citizen nomination YEO to follow up with Emily and John regarding interest/availability in Couch Surfing (from February meeting minutes) YEO to add charter to Council website + share with local youth networks YEO to include copy of Youth Charter and the abovementioned news article when circulating March minutes
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#### 4.2 Retirement – Lisa Dillon + Emily 3 month break

<b>ACTION</b>	YEO to send thank you letter to Lisa YEO to note Emily's request for three month break to include February, March and April
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#### 4.3 White Ribbon Presentation + Consultation

Esther Obdam from White Ribbon presented about their work especially that which is focussed on young people and sought feedback from YAC members about how they could be engaging better with young people in Darwin.

<b>ACTION</b>	Esther's contact information to be provided to YAC members when sending out March minutes
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#### 4.4 Marketing Plan

Members discussed some opportunities and strategies for increasing profile of YAC.

<b>ACTION</b>	Arne and Andy to attend Healthy Living Expo at Darwin High School on 31 May Andy to bring camera to April YAC meeting to capture portraits and document meeting so we can update photos on website/s (LAUNCH and City of Darwin) and add profiles of YAC members Members requested YAC tshirts/polo shirts to wear at events, YEO to investigate costs YEO to include agenda item at each meeting for social media sharing time to promote YAC – one idea was to share photo/s of and rate snacks
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#### 4.5 Review Priority 3 – Supporting Creativity and the Arts

In reviewing priority three, two YAC members (who are writers) identified that they weren't aware of local support mechanisms for writers.

YAC members suggested NT Writers' Centre be invited to present at YAC so they can find out more about local opportunities and YAC can potentially offer advice about connecting young people to said opportunities. Members also suggested talking to City of Darwin libraries staff about whether there is potential to promote/engage with Nanowrimo.

<b>ACTION</b>	YEO to share list of local writing development opportunities including NT Writers Centre, NT Young Writers Awards, Write Now, Wild Words and nanowrimo (international opportunity) and follow up with libraries and NT Writers' Centre.
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#### 4.6 Members Items

**YAC Social Media Profile** - members discussed whether YAC should have a public social media profile. After looking at the options members agreed that a more effective strategy would be to increase YAC's visibility on City of Darwin and LAUNCH channels and to share more on their personal profiles about their involvement in YAC.

<b>ACTION</b>	Members have committed to sharing more on social media about their involvement with YAC as an advocacy/recruiting strategy.
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#### 5 MEETING CLOSED

7:12pm

**Next YAC meeting scheduled:**

5.30pm – 7.30pm, Thursday 11 April  
Library Hub, City of Darwin Civic Centre

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