

# Gladstone Region Youth Council

## Meeting Minutes

Held via Skype Online Meeting

On Monday 20 April 2020, commencing 5.20pm

**Present:** Max Thompson, Abbigail Willis, Emily Dunnett, Bridie Whelan, Jarrod Lowry, Meli-Lisa Eayrs, Tinoda Pfidze, , Kailyn Smith, Skye Kierys, Rebecca Creedy (GRC Community Development Officer), Jordyn Wilson (GRC Community Development Specialist)

**Councillor:** Nil

**Apologies:** Gabriella Davie, Stephanie Merrick

**Guest in attendance:** Nil

### Discussion and Recommendations

#### **AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA and PREVIOUS MINUTES**

- Previous meeting minutes were adopted, moved by Abbigail and seconded by Tinoda

#### **AGENDA**

- **Youth Council online profiles**
  - Gladstone Regional Council (GRC) Communications and Marketing Team like the Youth Council's idea of creating individual profiles on the GRC Website to promote awareness of the group and its members. They have suggested the profiles can be set out similar to the Councillor profiles on the website and include an individual photo of each member. It is recommended that each Youth Council member take a photo of themselves, in their Youth Council shirts, in portrait mode for consistency of quality. Max has distributed the questions to guide answers via email for all to complete asap.
  - GRC Social Media Officer has also suggested that Youth Council create a 15 second video each that he can collate and put onto Social Media for further Youth Council exposure. The individual films should be filmed in portrait mode and briefly answer the following questions: Introduce yourself and where you are from in the region, what school you go to/ where you work, something interesting about yourself and why you sought a position on Youth Council.
  - All completed profiles and videos to be emailed to Max for collation. Rebecca suggested if someone creates a video this week, to send it through for others to view as an example. Please remember to CC Jordyn into all emails as he will be the main Council Contact for Youth Council commencing end of May when Rebecca is on leave.

## Discussion and Recommendations

- Jordyn advised the sooner we can get the profiles and videos done, the better as we would like to work with our communication and marketing team to get them online as soon as possible and they have a lot of deadlines they are also trying to meet.
- ***Virtual Neighbourhood Centre Project***
- Rebecca explained that GRC are working on launching a “Virtual Neighbourhood Centre”; an online platform where the community can go to access information, resources and activities while in isolation/ following social distancing rules during Covid-19.
- The interactive website will have the following categories: Families, Active Living, Arts/ Culture/ Entertainment, Lifestyle, Business and Conversations with Councillors
- Rebecca and Jordyn requested feedback and ideas from the Youth Council on what they, as youth, would want to see on the platform. Suggestions from the group included: easy baking recipes and videos, tips for staying focused while studying, origami, colouring in competitions, virtual tours of Art Galleries, yoga/ meditation, community bingo, word search, crosswords, daily riddles, daily inspirational quotes, live zoo webcams for children, virtual tour of Quoin Island Turtle Rehab and education videos about protecting the reef.

### **EMERGING TRENDS / TOPICS OF INTEREST**

- Nil

### **PREVIOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOLLOWED UP**

- Nil

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Nil

**MEETING CLOSED** 5:50pm

**Next Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 5.15pm via Skype Meeting**