

Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

17 June 2024
4:45pm to 6:00pm
GRC Council Chambers
101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone

Attendees:

Rosharne Cakau, Lochlain Cathcart, Kyle Weekes, Matt Torres, Naomi-Jon Redshaw, Jiexi Zang, Logan Althaus, Melissa French

Apologies:

Jakob Humphries, Shriya Sharma, Holly Morton, Ava Hetherington

Special Guests:

Cr Leanne Patrick
Melissa Peacock

Agenda Item		Actions/Responsible	Status
1 Meeting open:			
Meeting open by Chairperson Rosharne at 4:46pm (Committee advised meeting recorded for purpose of minutes and will be deleted afterwards and not used of any other purpose)			
1.1 Acknowledgement to Country	Delivered by Jiexi Zang	Jiexi Zang	Completed
1.2 Apologies	Jakob Humphries, Shriya Sharma, Holly Morton, Ava Hetherington	Noted by Chairperson	Added to minutes

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1.3 Previous meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous meeting minutes from 3 June pending correction of attendance noted for Holly (in person not in TEAMS), error will be updated. Moved by Matt seconded by Jiexi 	Noted by secretary to update correction	Added to minutes
2 Welcome special guests in attendance:			
2.1 Cr Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Patrick gave background on her life in the Gladstone Region. Son Will was a previous Youth Council member Cr Patrick is a newly elected councillor and local business owner with her husband. The journey to public office began from the age of 15 with Pine Rivers Shire council and meetings with the Mayor of that region and letters to the director general in regard to stamping out graffiti in the local area Advocacy work has played a big role in her life as well as her families' Long term vision for Cr Patrick in regard to Youth Council Action plan advised it works well with the general Council plans. Encourage the team to be proactive in what they do through advocating for funding and writing to members of parliament to align with a better vision for the region Cr Patrick recommended to make a presentation to council And to continue working on objectives, keeping local organisations, schools and local leaders involved to gain support 	N/A	Ongoing

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2.2 Melissa Peacock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melissa is the Regional Arts Services Network Officer servicing the local area including Covering Banana, Central Highlands, Gladstone, Livingstone, Rockhampton & Woorabinda LGAs, a member of the RADF committee and microbusiness founder of A Country Arts Practice. Melissa also has 23 years' experience working in the disability sector and is currently undertaking a PHD at CQU. ○ Melissa discussed the GRC Public Art policy and gave an overview of definitions of terms and the public art approval process and policy objectives. ○ Concept development proposal is recommended for the Youth Council at this stage. Project should demonstrate how it will contribute to public art in the future. This will allow time for ideas exploration, collaboration and community engagement. 	For noting, email Melissa for further information, research policy	Secretary to follow up with ideas session with YC
3 Incoming Committee Correspondence:			
3.1 Youth Council Engagement Request - Hydrogen Community Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lochie gave an overview of the Youth Council Engagement Application from the Hydrogen Community Hub. ○ Dr Cal Deveny will be attending Youth Council meeting on 15 August to give information on the Hydrogen Community Hub and involving young people in the region. ○ Seeking input on a local Hydrogen Youth Ambassador program. 	For noting by Youth Council, secretary to send meeting invite and agenda closer to the date	Ongoing

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3.2 Review of Youth Council Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary advised that the Community Partnerships team is conducting a review of current Youth Council format Our terms of reference is 10 years old and the program will benefit from this. There will be survey sent out to Youth Council members current and past – please ensure you complete this 	Youth Council to complete survey	Ongoing
4 Outgoing Committee Correspondence:			
4.1 N/A			
5 Standing Items:			
5.1 2024 - 2025 Action Plan	2024 - 2025 Action Plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> QLD Mental Health Week project - Holly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The event is ongoing with potential collaboration with Headspace Youth Reference group Currently in early stages and seeking feedback Currently awaiting advice on whether grant has been successful from Youth Council will be involved in the design and operations of this event Current ideas are a talent quest, concert, public art competition around mental health Theme this year is 'Connect for Mental Health' 	Project plan to be created – Holly Secretary to follow up on grant	Ongoing

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6 Agenda Items:			
6.1 Mayors Youth Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mayors Youth Dinner is on 7 August at GECC ○ Formally a breakfast it has been changed to a dinner to be more convenient for people to attend ○ Nominations are currently being collated and are now closed ○ Mel went over the statistical data from conversations platform and gave an overview of the origin of the nominations (email, Social Media, website etc) ○ Make sure to submit your RSVP which has been emailed to everyone today ○ Nominees are sitting at approximately 323 which is a big jump from previous years ○ Also gave an update on the categories of nominations this year in order of numbers are Sports, Community, Academic and Arts and Culture ○ The dinner recognises everyone for the contributions, there is no winner as such for this event ○ A workshop will be planned to give YC information on the roles and suggestion for the youth council on the night 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Council to RSVP. 2. Youth Council to meet to work on providing input to the dinner 3. Secretary to forward calendar invite to YC 	Ongoing
6.3 Youth Council Ideas Spreadsheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you to Naomi in creating shared spreadsheet to collate YC ideas to present to council 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting time with councillor group – Mel 	To be completed/ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ideas include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rosharne - Public Art/ Mural Valley - Cops V Kids Dodgeball - Kyle - GECC Containers for change - Ava - Hydration refill stations - Naomi-Jon - Trash Fash continuation, Green Bins, Floral Animals - Jiexi - Public Frames for tourist spots and Instagram promotions ○ Cr Patrick suggested to contact the GRC Waste Education Specialist for any environmental awareness items and touched on beautification of the region relevant to some of the suggestions. Cr Patrick also discussed the importance of legacy work and timings of programs ○ Mel has submitted enquiry with Containers for Change and awaiting a response. ○ YC to add some suggestions to the spreadsheet 	2. Collaboration with GRC Waste Education Specialist 3. YC to add to shared spreadsheet	
7 General Business:			
7.1 Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rosharne advised of the upcoming GECC show 'fourteen' The YC can receive tickets as a group if interested, potentially for the mid year get together 	Let Mel know if after a ticket	Ongoing

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7 Close of Meeting

- Meeting officially closed at 5:57pm

Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month excluding public and school holiday. Time held: 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Venues at Council Chambers unless otherwise advised.

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Key Dates 2024

Month	Date	Activity	Times
March	4	Meeting 1	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	18	Meeting 2	4:30pm to 6:00pm
April	7 - 13	Youth Week	Health
	15	Meeting 3	4:30pm to 6:00pm
May	20	Meeting 4	4:30pm to 6:00pm
June	2	Ecofest	Environment
	3	Meeting 5	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	17	Meeting 6	4:30pm to 6:00pm
July		Councillor Information Session	
	15	Meeting 7	4:30pm to 6:00pm
August	5	Meeting 8	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	7	Mayors Youth Dinner	Social Issues
	19	Meeting 9	4:30pm to 6:00pm
September	2	Meeting 10	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	16 - 29	16-29 Activity TBC	
October	7-15	QLD Mental Health Week	Health
	21	Meeting 11	4:30pm to 6:00pm
November	4	Meeting 12	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	13	World Kindness Day	Equity & Discrimination
	18	Meeting 13	4:30pm to 6:00pm
December	2	Meeting 14	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	9	End of year wrap up	