

Youth Council Meeting

20 April 2026

4:45pm to 6:20pm

Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, Ngallil Building

Attendees:

Logan, Zachary, Samantha, Tairui, Douglas, Alisha, Casey, Flynn, Niel, Paige, Cr Leanne Patrick, Rebecca Creedy (GRC Community Development Officer)

Apologies: Harold, Matilda, Lochlain, Oneli, Bailey, Carl, Kaylee, Joshua

Special Guests: Naomi-Jon Redshaw (artist of Sunny), Carey from GLNG and Nataly from Shell QGC

Agenda Item		Actions/Responsible
1. Acknowledgement to Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Delivered by Samantha	Complete
2. Apologies and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Apologies for today's meeting are Harold, Matilda, Lochlain, Oneli, Bailey, Carl, Kaylee and Joshua	Noted by Secretariat
3. Previous meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting minutes of 16 March 2026 Moved: Alisha Van Den Bosch Seconded:	Noted by Secretariat

<p>4. Incoming committee correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you from GRC Waste Management Specialist to all who participated in the Easter Street Parade • Colouring-in competition updated versions received from Naomi-Jon for the Primary School sun safety awareness initiative • Email from Extreme Marquees confirming our Sunny branded marquee has been delivered 	
<p>5. Outgoing committee correspondence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email to GRC Brand and Comms Team to finalise QR sticker for sunscreen dispenser 	
<p>6. Guest Speaker: Welcoming Carey and Nataly to discuss our sun safety campaign</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Council shared their campaign with the support of Naomi-Jon who explained the design behind Sunny • Carey and Nataly commended the Youth Council for the effort they have put into the campaign and asked about their vision for the future of the campaign. Youth Council's dream goal would be to have free sunscreen dispensers in all high schools across the region. • Carey shared with the group some advice on how to best position the Youth Council to be able to apply for industry funding. Carey recommended that Youth Council get some data and statistics together to support an application, for example having a stall at the upcoming COGSY careers expo to talk to youth about their sun safe behaviours. Carey also recommended speaking with the supplier for any existing statistics from their school installations. 	<p>Rebecca to contact COGSY to see if Youth Council can host a stall at the upcoming careers expo, or partner with Surf Life Saving Qld at their stall (through Youth Council member Paige).</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Council spoke about the colouring in competition that they would like to run through the region’s primary schools. As there are so many schools, Carey and Nataly suggested putting together a video package/ explainer video that the schools can use to explain the Sunny initiative, potentially with sunny as an animation. • Naomi-Jon shared her goal to package the Sun Safety Campaign, dispenser information and sunscreen costs, success we have seen with Gladstone Region Youth Council, and funding opportunities to share wider across Queensland. Youth Council will support Naomi-Jon as needed, while focusing on the local campaign. • Carey and Nataly suggested that once the comms package is complete to apply for all dispensers at once for the best outcome- through multiple funding streams. If one organisation is seen to be contributing, others will likely follow suit as there is more community buy in and less risk. Data will be key to a successful application, so capturing youth’s attitudes towards sun safety is important to demonstrate behavioural change opportunities. They also noted that GRC is eligible to apply for their industry funding rounds. 	<p>Rebecca to work with Naomi-Jon with information as required to complete the comms package.</p>
<p>7. General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Patrick addressed the group in relation to Youth Council feedback on the Corporate Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Gladstone Regional Council Corporate Plan 2026–2031 is Council’s key strategic document, setting the organisation’s long-term direction, guiding investment and funding decisions, and ensuring alignment across all services and operations. It provides a framework to manage governance and financial risk, underpins performance reporting and accountability, and 	<p>Youth Council to provide feedback on the draft Corporate Plan by this Thursday 23 April</p>

	<p>represents Council’s commitment to delivering outcomes that reflect community priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Youth Council’s input is important in shaping the plan, as it provides future-focused perspectives, highlights gaps and emerging needs, and ensures young people’s voices are included in decision-making. This strengthens the relevance, inclusiveness, and long-term effectiveness of Council’s planning. - This is Youth Council’s key opportunity to include a Youth Perspective on a document that will shape the work Council does in community over the next 5 years- a fantastic opportunity to put your advocacy skills to good use which is why we are all here. • Samantha spoke to the group about launch weekend at Queensland Youth Parliament. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 93 members across each Queensland electorate were present - Samantha has been appointed to the area of Education, Arts, Industry Relations and Small & Family Businesses - In a nutshell, the Youth Parliament replicates what happens in Parliament and will be working on a bill idea. Samantha has been elected as Shadow Minister on the refuting side of the bill for her group, so will share more details as it is developed. They will be looking at the framework and possible amendments to the Work Experience Act. - In her elected role, Samantha will have the opportunity to share an issue that is important to youth in her community, this is a fantastic opportunity 	<p>Youth Council members to provide ideas to Samantha</p>
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	<p>for Youth Council input, so please start thinking about this and provide ideas to Samantha.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional ANZAC Cermonies will be taking place, please advise if you would like to participate in a ceremony with our Elected Members to represent Youth Council 	<p>Those interested in attending an ANZAC ceremony to add their name to the schedule or contact Rebecca if not present at the meeting.</p>
<p>8. Standing Business Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations to the group on the engagements and events over the past month including Youth Week, Connected Youth Cafes, Easter Street Parade and the Waste Minimisation Workshop. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Council present at both Connected Café events provided feedback that the Connected Youth Café in 1770 was more meaningful than the one in Gladstone that was in partnership with the Colour Xplosion- as most people attended the Gladstone event only for the colour run. In 1770, they were able to engage in conversations with community and believe the outcomes from those conversations were more meaningful. Youth Council also thought the location in 1770 was better suited to teenage audience and would recommend somewhere like East Shores for the next Gladstone Connected Café. Sun safety campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colouring in competition designs have been completed 	<p>Feedback noted and will be shared with Junior Youth Council</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The group discussed that as there are 28 primary schools in the Gladstone Region, attending all school parades would be impractical. Instead, they will request for Naomi-Jon to create a package with a short, animated video of Sunny to explain the campaign and the competition to the students, that can be played at their parades. Prizes to be discussed at the next meeting, however an idea was suggested to run a competition where the school with the most colouring in competition entries could win a sunscreen dispenser. • Mental Health Month, October 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engagement from the Connected Youth Cafes have given insight into spaces that youth value and ideas to support their mental health. Youth Council would also like to engage with the Junior Youth Council on this event and invite a representative to the next meeting. 	<p>To be discussed further at the next meeting</p> <p>Rebecca to invite Junior Youth Council representative to the next meeting</p>
9. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste minimisation project- to be discussed at next meeting as time did not allow this meeting. • Creating a reel to introduce the 2026 Youth Council. The group agreed this will need to take place outside of an ordinary meeting due to time constraints, Rebecca to propose a date and time in the group chat. 	<p>Zach/ Bailey to discuss at the next meeting to see if this is an initiative that Youth Council would like to progress</p> <p>Rebecca to create poll in group chat for filming date/ time</p>

Schedule of 2026 Committee Meeting Dates

The Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee meet on the first and third Monday of the month from February- November, excluding school holidays and public holidays unless otherwise changed by committee vote. Meeting time 4.45 – 6.15pm.

The venue for these meetings alternates between the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Gladstone and Council Board Room at 101 Goondoon Street.

Month	Date	Activity	Time	Venue
February	2	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
	16	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
March	2	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
	16	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	30	Proposed General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
April	20	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
May	18	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
June	1	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	15	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
July	TBC	School Hols: Possible Agnes Visit	TBC	Agnes Water and 1770
	20	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
August	3	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
	17	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	31	Proposed General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
September	7	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	TBC	School Hols: Possible Agnes Visit	TBC	Agnes Water and 1770
October	19	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
November	2	General Meeting	4.45 - 6.15pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	14	End of year celebration! Date TBC	TBC	TBC