

Youth Council Meeting

16 March 2026

4:45pm to 6:21pm

Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct, Ngallil Building

Attendees:

Logan, Bailey, Zachary, Samantha, Tairui, Douglas, Alisha, Carl, Casey, Flynn, Kaylee, Joshua, Cr Leanne Patrick, Rebecca Creedy (GRC Community Development Officer)

Apologies: Niel, Harold, Paige, Matilda, Lochlain, Oneli

Special Guests: Lisa Plumridge

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

4. Incoming committee correspondence

- Email from Rod Ainsworth, Associate Vice President for CQU Gladstone and Wide Bay, congratulating Youth Council on their sun safety initiative and presentation at the GRT stories for change event. Would some members like to be guest speakers/ present virtually to a cohort of STEPS students in Bundaberg who need to focus on a community campaign later this year. They would appreciate cross-regional learning, and a chance to learn from their peers about the challenges and successes of the project.
- Email from John Feruson, CQ Health, offering an invitation for Youth Council to present at the Skin Cancer Prevention Queensland Forum on 23 March 1pm – 3pm on their sun safe initiative. The presentation would need to be no more than 10 minutes with questions to follow and done via teams.
- Email from Rio Tinto and The Careers Department following a discussion with Cr Patrick, opening opportunities on their regional pilot program which aims to showcase local and national workforce opportunities for young people, connect industry with students via the platform and collect data on long-term education and workforce planning. There may be opportunities for Youth Council to have input on this work, awaiting response from The Careers Department.
- Email from Santos GLNG and Shell QGC keen to engage with the Youth Council and discuss the sun safety campaign. They have requested to attend our next meeting.
- Artist Stel Ravenwood would like Youth Council’s input on a public art project she would like to coordinate for disengaged youth. Stel is currently applying for RADF funding and would value a youth voice in her project. The group would like to be involved in this, as youth disengagement is a high concern in our region.

Rebecca to contact Rod to advise Youth Council would love to be involved in this opportunity.

Youth Council will participate in this forum, Bailey and Samantha have nominated to attend. Naomi-Jon also to be invited.

Awaiting further contact from The Careers Department for opportunities.

Rebecca to invite the representatives to an upcoming Youth Council meeting.

Rebecca to advise Stel that Youth Council would like to provide input on her project.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from Seven News Young Achievers Awards- Youth Council have been nominated under the University of Queensland Create Change Award. 	Noted, Rebecca to share with Social Media Team as a good news story.
5. Outgoing committee correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for QR code sticker to be created for sunscreen dispenser, linking to information on the initiative, contents of the sunscreen, statement from Cancer Council regarding the <i>Choice</i> testing results, and how to reach out to Youth Council to learn more. Request for 3x3 marquee to be created with Sunny branding for event use by Youth Council. Email to Naomi-Jon Redshaw, Graphic Designer of Sunny, advising her of the colouring in competition idea and asking if she can create the colouring in pages for the proposed primary school competition/ awareness campaign. 	
6. Guest Speaker: Goal Setting and wellbeing planning with Life By Your Design CEO Lisa Plumridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life By Your Design Session with Lisa Plumridge: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Intention setting for yourself and your role in Youth Council - Setting long and short-term goals - Balance wheel - Self-care vs self-love, wellbeing and prioritising your needs - Life lessons in a jar activity 	Noted by Secretariat

<p>7. General Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing school survey that Carl has created for State high to gain valuable feedback from peers and their carers. The group agree that they survey will collect useful data that could help inform Youth Council projects this year, Carl is happy to share the link to the form he created with the group, it would just need to be amended per school and permission received through the schools' principals. • Youth Week 2026- Youth Council have been successful in obtaining \$9000 in grant funding for their Connected Café events! • Youth Council logo- anyone who has been working on a Youth Council logo design to share with the group. Casey shared her design; it will need to be reviewed by our Brand team for feedback. 	<p>Carl to share link with group in What's app chat.</p> <p>Rebecca to share Casey's logo with branding team for feedback.</p>
<p>8. Standing Business Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun safety campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Naomi-Jon will commence work on the Sunny colouring competition. The group decided that it would be best to have 2 versions, one suitable for prep- grade 2, and one for grade 3 – grade 6. Each should ask students to list ways they can be sun safe as part of the competition. • Connected Café's 2026 Youth Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dates to save are Wednesday 15 April for Gladstone event (Memorial Park 10am – 1pm) and Friday 17 April for Seventeen Seventy Event (Endeavour Park 10am – 1pm) 	<p>Rebecca to communicate ideas with Naomi-Jon.</p> <p>All members to advise participation for bus numbers.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Please advise Rebecca if you are attending the 1770 event as a suitable size bus will be organised to transport everyone. The Junior Youth Council will also attend. • Mental Health Month, October 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This item remains in standing business; time did not allow further discussion at this meeting. 	<p>To be discussed at next meeting</p>
<p>9. Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matilda raised the idea of Youth Council leading a community garden. Rebecca sought feedback on this and Council has attempted these several times in the past but does not have the resources to make it successful long term. Consideration to be given to Youth Council partnering with a community group or organisation to make the project sustainable long-term should we wish to pursue this project. • Filming for Instagram- Sunny as a celebrity. Kaylee filmed content and will create a reel for posting on Instagram. 	<p>To be discussed at next meeting</p> <p>Kaylee to create Instagram reel</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