

# Gladstone Region Youth Council

## Meeting Minutes

Held at the Community Engagement Centre

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 3:50pm

**Present:** Aaron Yea, Brooke Assman, Layla Dow, William Patrick, Rommiel Malig, Gypsy Cantwell, Taylah Cubis, Layla Dow and Taylah Cubis, Bianca Michell (GRC Community Development Officer).

**Councillor:** Cr Cameron

**Apologies:** Charlise Falconer, Stella Potter and Alexa Marxsen

**Guest in attendance:** Stronger People, Stronger Places – Lorna McGinnis

### Discussion and Recommendations

#### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA and PREVIOUS MINUTES

Rommiel Malig moves minutes are correct, seconded by Brooke Assman.

#### AGENDA

##### ***Ice Breaker Challenge***

- Coordinated by Brooke. The challenge asks members to guess the animal by describing the animal

##### ***Introduction Cr Cameron***

- Introduction by Cr Cameron
- Cr Cameron discussed his life before becoming a Councillor and his contributions to the building and property development industry
- Cr Cameron shared his motivation behind running for Councillor
- Discussed his involvement in the Rotary and Queensland Master Builders

##### ***Stronger People, Stronger Places***

- Introduction from Lorna McGinnis
- Introduction to Stronger People, Stronger Places (material has been uploaded onto the YC Hub – private page) for the Youth Council to review
- SPSP is a place-based, community, led, change initiative based on a collective impact model
- Discussed noticeable changes within the region over the past 5 years including changes to the rental portfolio, number of people dependent on welfare, a rise in children starting prep that are not ready to due to cognitive vulnerability and domestic violence
- Committee members shared their thoughts and insights on topics that they have noticed within our community and amongst youth. Such as homelessness/ affordable and emergency housing, domestic violence and mental health/ anxiety

## Discussion and Recommendations

- Layla identified that there are many homeless families in the Agnes Water area with no emergency housing. Due to COVID, the peak season has not eased meaning that more homeowners are renting their homes out as holiday rentals instead of permanent living, leaving locals without a home. Rental increases have also contributed to this. Homeless people are working and bringing in as much money as they can along with accessing food vouchers etc, however they are not in a position where they are stable enough to move forward. Noted that this is a trending topic amongst the Gladstone Region.
- Other topics included domestic violence amongst youth and mental health/ anxiety.
- The best place to start change is within youth at school. We need to better educate our youth on what to do in situations of distress.
- Discussed accessing Councillors, Psychologists and Chaplin's at school. The issue identified with these services is that they have a duty of care to disclose concerns with a parent/ guardian. In some instances, young people refrain from reaching out as this may affect their home life and they don't want to make it worse. Also discussed the fact that mental health support services within the Gladstone Region are at capacity and it sometimes takes 2+ weeks to access these services.
- Discussed how many young people don't take such topics seriously. An example was the lovebites program/ sexual assault. When young people were asked to improvise or demonstrate what they would do in certain positions, they took it as a joke.

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

- Rainbow on the Reef
- Youth Ally Induction Workshop
- Billy Karts Agnes Water – more information to follow

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

- Reminder – Youth Ally Project Workshop taking place on Thursday 8/07 (1pm-5pm) and Friday 9/07 (8am – 11am). Morning tea provided.
- Discussed upcoming Saiki Sister City meeting with Aaron – next meeting is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June. A reminder email will be sent out.
- Blue Mantis Kung Fu and the forgotten arts – Discussed the program and the aim of the program. Agreed that it was a great initiative but it may not align with the values of the Youth Council. Unfortunately, due to the cost associated with the workshop it would not be available and accessible to all youth within the community. Further recommendation would be a safeTALK workshop.

**MEETING CLOSED** 5:05 pm

**Next Meeting – Monday 21/06 @ Civic Centre Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for the ice breaker challenge.**

## Discussion and Recommendations

Actions	Person responsible	Due Date
Ice breaker challenge	Charlise	21/06/2021
Stronger People, Stronger Places – feedback to Lorna	All members	21/06/2021
Youth Ally Project Workshop	All members	08/07 & 09/07
Youth Council mission, objectives and goals – to finalise.	Brooke	21/06/2021
Blue Mantis and the Forgotten Arts – Layla to seek more information on workshop and programs.	Layla	Completed
Youth Council Profiles	Rommie	Completed
Volunteers Week Attendance	All members to review	Completed
Boyne Burnett Inland Rail Trail Survey	All members	Completed
Feedback on the MYB – Start discussion on the MYB hub + provide survey link for Youth Week	All members	Completed
Guest Speaker Applications – Women's Health Queensland + SPSP	Bianca	Completed
Saiki Sister City Committee Member – Aaron to attend Saiki meetings. Bec Creedy to contact Aaron.	Aaron	Completed

### Confirmed 2020 Committee Meeting Dates

Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month.

The venue for these meetings is the Community Engagement Centre (CEC) Conference Room at 142 Goondoon Street, Gladstone or at the Main Council Chambers located at 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone unless otherwise changed by Committee vote.

Time held: 3:50pm – 5:10pm

March	April	May	June	July
29 <sup>th</sup> – Cancelled due to COVID19	9 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>
August	September	October	November	December
2 <sup>nd</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>