

# Gladstone Region Youth Council

## Meeting Minutes

Held at the Community Engagement Centre – 142 Goondoon Street.  
On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 @ 3:50pm

**Present:** Aaron Yea, Brooke Assman, Stella Potter, William Patrick, Charlise Falconer, Gypsy Cantwell, Bianca Michell (GRC Community Development Officer)

**Councillor:** Cr Churchill

**Apologies:** Layla Dow, Rommiel Malig and Alexa Marxsen

**Guest in attendance:** N/A

### Discussion and Recommendations

#### AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA and PREVIOUS MINUTES

Rommiel Malig moves minutes from 06/07/2021 as correct, seconded by Aaron Yea.

Meeting open: 4:01pm

#### AGENDA

- Meeting opening & Acknowledgement to country by Brooke Assman

#### INTRODUCTION CR CHURCHILL

- Introduction by Cr Churchill
- Councillor Churchill has been an elected member for the Gladstone Regional Council, serving on our local government for 17 years. Prior to this role he was the CEO for the GAPDL, the mayor for Biloela and a police officer working undercover and in forensic science. He is currently chair for a number of committees including Gladstone PCYC, the Regional Arts Development Fund and the Gladstone Regional Disaster Recovery Committee. He is the president for the QLD Retirement Police Association and the Saiki Sister City Committee. He is also a member of the Gladstone CBD Safe Precinct committee, Australian Institute of Management, and the International Society of Percussion.
- Cr Churchill encourages the youth council to seek mentorship and spoke of the benefits that these relationships can have on the trajectory of your career.

#### YOUTH ALLY WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

- Brooke briefly explained the purpose of the 'Youth Ally Workshop'. The goal is to prevent violence by breaking down stigma.
- Cr Churchill emphasised the importance of taking a proactive approach rather than a reactive approach.
- Youth Council discussed possible ideas for campaign: 4680 rocks, Get Comfortable cushions
- Discussed whether we should target a younger demographic (teenagers [Year 7.8]) or the parents of youth and hand out merchandise
- Mentioned that we should pick a specific myth: eradicate myths that perpetrate gendered violence such as "men cannot control their actions"
- remove gendered language that may ostracise males and educate about how forms of violence emerge against women and men as well. Charlie mentioned that instead of saying "Men can control their actions", to use non gendered language and empower everybody with the belief that they're in control of their body.
- Cr Churchill spoke of two modes of thinking: premeditated and opportunistic

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- Youth Council thought it would be helpful to target male dominated spaces such as the Gladstone Football Community
- Aaron said it would be useful to include Emergency contacts in campaign as a proactive method of prevention.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- NAIDOC Week: Now taking place October 1<sup>st</sup> as it was postponed from July. Youth Council encouraged to attend march at 9am at ANZAC Park and are required to advise Bianca. Brooke and Aaron currently attending
- Youth Council Story: A 200-word story to summaries the activities undertaken this year and the diversity of our committee. To be included in the Councils Annual Report. Stella volunteered to write 200 words which will be posted for feedback on the HUB once completed
- Youth Council Application to be reviewed by council for inclusivity and diversity considerations. Bianca will post the draft application to the HUB
- Heywire Workshop: Brooke to coordinate dates
- Youth Ally Project has own page on the HUB
- Next Youth Ally Workshop to take place on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Phillip Street Community Precinct.
- As meeting location has changed, members are encouraged to carpool. Brooke, Charlie and Bianca are available to pick up members on meeting days.
- Cr Churchill explained Breaking the Cycle 10-hour prerequisite, do require 10 hours, can get assistance through referral program to driver trainers who are paid for by program

**MEETING CLOSED** 5:10 PM

**Next Meeting – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September @ Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct.  
Please arrive at least 10 minutes early for the ice breaker challenge.**

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Actions	Person responsible	Due Date
Advise Bianca of attendance at NAIDOC Week March taking place on Friday October 1 <sup>st</sup> 9am at ANZAC Park	Youth Council	20/09/2021
200-word story for Councils Annual Report	Stella / Aaron	31/10/2021
Review Youth Council Applications posted by Bianca on HUB	Youth Council	30/08/2021
TASK 1: Contact Katie about her available for HEYWIRE workshop TASK 2: Liaise with youth council members and confirm their availability for meeting. Schedule meeting	Brooke	COMPLETE  16/08/2021
Rainbow on the Reef: Keep youth council updated about progress	Gypsy	21/09/2021
Stronger Places Stronger People: Provide feedback to Lorna McGinnis via Bianca	All members	21/06/2021  6/07/2021
Youth Council Quarterly Report to be drafted	Brooke	31/08/2021
Post final version of GRYC Mission and Objectives to Hub	Brooke	30/08/2021
Follow up Lorna McGinnis (from SPSP) about primary prevention campaign	Brooke	30/08/2021

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### Confirmed 2021 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>