

Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees:

Rosharne Cakau, Holly Morton (Teams), Jakob Humphries, Matt Torres, Naomi-Jon Redshaw, Jiexi Zang, Shriya Sharma, Melissa French

Apologies:

Logan Althaus, Kyle Weekes

Special Guests:

Cr Karen Davis, Corinna Baerhold

Agenda Item		Actions/Responsible	Status
1 Meeting open:			
Meeting open by Chairperson Rosharne at 4:53pm (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	Logan Althaus and Kyle Weekes (notified after meeting open)	Noted by Chairperson	Added to minutes
1.3 Previous meeting minutes	Previous meeting minutes from 18 March Moved by Matt, seconded by Naomi-Jon	Noted by secretary	Added to minutes

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2 Welcome special guests in attendance:			
2.1 Cr Karen Davis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome to Cr Davis, ○ Cr Davis thanked the Youth Council ○ New to council as elected Councillor ○ Previous experience in conveyancing for 25 years and as a previous small business owner in the region with ○ Cr Davis has always been interested in local government and would like to make it easier for the community to understand government ○ Enjoying the new role, lot to learn ○ Looking to take a common sense approach to representing the community and to make it easier to contact council and to get things done 	N/A	For noting
2.2 Corinna Baerhold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Welcome to Corinna from BTCC ○ Looking to get Youth Council feedback/involvement on Halloween Project on 31 October ○ Looking to create an event for young people by young people and open to ideas ○ The event is run from 5pm to 7pm at BTCC ○ There will be other events such as craft and face painting for younger children ○ Jakob suggested laser tag in the Mt Larcom room which is the bigger room. Jakob can get free access to laser tag equipment which will be convenient and cost effective 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary to send a follow up meeting with Corinna to discuss future planning 2. Jakob to work on outline of event 	To be commenced

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jakob advised it is a great opportunity for the Youth Council to get involved in the community and with young people ○ Youth Council and other youth groups can work on creating a plan for the event ○ Jakob recommended half hour sessions ○ Set up on the day is fine with the YC and pack up will be next morning ○ Secretary suggested follow meeting with Corrina which was agreed ○ Corrinna advised that she can be contacted during Tue - Fri for any questions or suggestions ○ List of current Youth Council programs and events to be sent to BTCC for potential future collaborations or support ○ Suggest putting Trash Fash model Tash at BTCC foyer to promote and also can do an information session on the project 		
3 Incoming Committee Correspondence:			
3.1 Reconciliation Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advice has been received that the Reconciliation Walk has been cancelled ○ GRC First Nation Liaison Officer will attend next YC meeting to give information on the week and its importance 	For noting	Progressing
3.2 Public Transport enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council have received an enquiry from a young member of the community regarding improving public transport in the region ○ Suggestions to improve bus services in the region including bus drivers 	1. Chairpersons will follow up with Councillor group	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options for Facebook page to advertise rideshare options for young people may help and also provide casual employment for youth Need to keep in mind the times that these transport needs are required (out of hours or business areas) and how many people would utilise the service Some bus schedules get cancelled without much notice Noted that this is not a GRC service but is run by State Government Will need to find out what is currently on offer Liability will need to be considered Potential for mums' group to help young people get home from night events Smaller shuttle buses may be a more feasible option, perhaps community run or funded by government 	2. Secretary will arrange meeting	
4 Outgoing Committee Correspondence:			
4.1 N/A			
5 Standing Items:			
5.1 2024 - 2025 Action Plan	2024 - 2025 Action Plan		
Youth week and Sun Safe Project-Jakob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great week was had by all, and young people enjoyed the various events held across the region 	1. For noting by Youth Council	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Special mention to one young person in need who attended the events and was especially appreciative and receptive to support from Youth Council ○ Keep in mind that Roseberry offers great support for young people in need ○ PCYC and Headspace worked together to create the event ○ The Youth With a Mission group also helped and signified the event with 'young people helping young people' ○ MT Larcom was a great day, and the Gladiator event was quite successful ○ Jakob thanked Matt, Jiexi, and Lochie also for volunteering their time 	2. Secretary to plan feedback session in October 2024 for Youth Week 2024	
Trash Fash @ Ecofest - Naomi-Jon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trash Fash project is progressing well and taking shape ○ Still need a 'call to action' such as recycle more - this is for the community canvas ○ Call to action is important to encourage a behaviour change, need to sort out soon as only two weeks left to go ○ Youth Council discussed potential rap version to engage young people ○ Volunteers are needed for this event if available 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Canvas to suggest ideas for 'call to action' 2. Secretary to create roster for the day - YC to advise of availability 	Ongoing
Mental Health First Aid Training - Mel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mental Health First Aid is available on 29 and 30 June for Youth Council members ○ Finalising numbers this week and registration form are to be completes 	1. Mel to collate registrations and parental permissions and check in with	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Open to suggestions for other groups ○ Holly suggested that Headspace Youth Reference group may be interested 	Headspace to see if they have young people are interested	
Pre- Employment Training For Teens - Mel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council is also funding Pre employment Workshops for Teens across the region in partnership with CVs by Louise ○ Flyers available to take today on desk 	1. Youth council to spread the message among networks	
QLD Mental Health Week Project - Holly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holly working on Mental Health Week project for QLD mental health week ○ Youth Council suggestions have been and will continue to be sought ○ Currently looking at talent show or similar to be held at the Philip Street Precinct ○ Grant has been submitted to get financial assistance for event ○ Would like to partner with Headspace ○ Project is in early stages 	1. Youth Council to provide suggestions	
6 Agenda Items:			
6.1 Social Media Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lochie is searching options for a youth community social media page that is solely for youth events and programs in the regions ○ Project is currently being scoped to see if viable and there is a lot to work out ○ Would be great to get to community to take over the management of long term 	1. Lochie will keep working on 2. Youth Council to provide suggestions	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback is quite often received that young people do not use Facebook or follow GRC pages Keep in mind potential restrictions for young people aged 16 and under and social media use 		
6.2 Mayors Youth Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayors Youth Dinner is being held on Wednesday 7 August at GECC Nominations are open, please nominate some young people you know are worthy Youth Council is heavily involved in the project planning of this event and will be MC the event Opportunities for all members for speaking Categories are academic, sporting, arts and culture and community Would be great to set up sun Safe and Trash Fash display to show what YC are being involved in and as a precursor to Youth Council EOI for 2025 New time based on feedback from the community last year and accessibility for those in regional areas Options for young people to bring a plus one will be available Will need to set up working group for suggestions on event programming 	For noting	Ongoing
6.3 Entrepreneurial workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email has been sent to Youth Council to see if interested in attending this event Let Mel know to get a ticket 	Youth Council to advise if interested.	TBA

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6.4 Can Recycling at GRC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kyle has suggested that Youth Council could initiate containers for change project to capture cans at GRC events and at GECC ○ This will reduce waste to landfill, recycle and generate income that can be used for environmental awareness activities ○ Youth Council will start some container for change at Council sites ○ Suggestion also received to give 10c for donations of containers also 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mel and Kyle to investigate 2. Take to Councillors to discuss 	To be commenced
7 General Business:			
7.1 Water refill stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ava gave an update on suggestion to have water refill stations across the region to reduce single use plastics ○ People can fill up their own containers and some of them have receptacles below for pets to drink out of ○ There is potential to develop an app with locations around the region to notify where these stations are ○ Gladstone region is very hot and we have a lot of out door activities such as fun runs which will make them of good use ○ Geocortex could be of use ○ Cr Davis to suggested to bring to councillors to get support. ○ Some have sparkling water in them 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secretary to follow up with Councillor meeting 2. Ava will do some more research 	Ongoing
7.2 General Discussion on Youth Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council offered feedback on how Youth Council is going for the year so far ○ Lots of opportunities, going good so far ○ Need to have opportunities to make a change for young people 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jakob to continue Sun Safe and research 2. Secretary to note 	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Keep in mind to offer suggestions and feedback to make it meaningful for all ○ Jakob updated the Sun Safe Project regarding remaining funding and the potential to purchase a UV Meter to make a more sustainable impact. Also have some UV bracelets left over to use. Jakob mentioned potential intergenerational conversation regarding skin cancers and melanoma experience ○ Meetings cards and use of timer may be helpful to keep meetings on track ○ Mel asked Youth Council to consider meeting times and format and provide suggestions for improvement and to keep communications open 	3. Youth Council to provide feedback and information on peak times at schools	
8 Close of Meeting			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rosharne advised of next meeting dates ○ Meeting officially closed at 6:04pm <p>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 will be advised</p>			

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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	1 - 7 Jul	Placemaking project	Social Issues
	15	Meeting 7	4:30pm to 6:00pm
August	5	Meeting 8	4:30pm to 6:00pm
	7	Mayors Youth Dinner	Education
	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	