

Gladstone Region Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees:

Holly Morton, Jakob Humphries, Matt Torres, Naomi-Jon Redshaw, Jiexi Zang, Logan Althaus, Ava Hetherington, Melissa French

Apologies:

Rosharne Cakau, Shriya Sharma, Lochlain Cathcart, Kyle Weekes

Special Guests:

Cr Holzeimer

Agenda Item		Actions/Responsible	Status
1 Meeting open:			
Meeting open by Chairperson Holly at 4:46pm (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	Rosharne Cakau, Shriya Sharma, Lochlain Cathcart, Kyle Weekes, Gay Sirriss	Noted by Chairperson	Added to minutes

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1.3 Previous meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Previous meeting minutes from 20 May, error was noted regarding attendances from Shriya and Jiexi, Minutes moved pending the updated changes. Moved by Jiexi seconded by Jakob 	Noted by secretary to update attendees	Added to minutes
2 Welcome special guests in attendance:			
2.1 Cr Holzeimer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cr Holzeimer thanked youth council for attending Council is currently in budget discussions and CR Holzeimer has been in the councillor role for 10 weeks Youth Council introduced themselves to Cr Holzeimer 	N/A	Ongoing
2.2 Update on behalf of Gay Sirriss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secretary gave an overview of Reconciliation Week which is 27 May to 3rd June. Theme this year is 'Now more than ever' Youth Council has been given the GRC RAP shirts to wear GRC has a Reconciliation Action plan in effect lead by First Nation Liaison office Gay Sirriss 	For noting	For noting
3 Incoming Committee Correspondence:			
3.1 QAL Advisory Committee - Jakob	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jakob reported on attending this meeting with QAL executives and other community members who gave insight to what is happening in the community Updates on the health and safety processes, double digestions, decarbonisation process underway at QAL 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> For noting Jakob will continue to attend QAL meetings and provide update at YC meeting 	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QAL will submit and engagement application to speak at an upcoming Youth Council Meeting ○ Also spoke about the 5 Yes program ○ Meeting will be beneficial for other YC members to attend 		
4 Outgoing Committee Correspondence:			
4.1 N/A			
5 Standing Items:			
5.1 2024 - 2025 Action Plan	2024 - 2025 Action Plan		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ecofest - Trash Fash Project Activity - Wrap up from Naomi 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council hosted a stall at Ecofest on Sunday 2 June ○ The event was well attended and Trash Fash and the community canvas were very successful in engaging with attendees young and old ○ Would be good to get Trash Fash to other venues at libraries etc ○ Mentioned that there was a bit of feedback from attendees who would like to get green bins ○ There were lots of fingerprints put on the tree ○ Naomi gave a speech on the program and why the Youth Council are involved ○ Feedback from the youth council to improve for next time included finding an alternative for using wipes as this is adding to waste, suggest to use bucket of water instead, also the proportions of the 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waste Strategy will be emailed to Youth Council - Mel 2. Note suggestions for next event - Mel 	To be completed

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	<p>tree in relation to the fingerprints could be better, call to action to be placed on top of the marquee so its more visible, could also do handprints</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Estimates of 300 people attending the marquee from 9am to 3pm ○ Cr Holzeimer advised about current Waste Strategy and the need for educational programs first. There is currently work being done in this area before the next step of green bins being allocated 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ QLD Mental Health Week project - Holly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The event is ongoing with potential collaboration with Headspace Youth Reference group ○ Currently in early stages and seeking feedback 	Project plan to be created - Holly	Ongoing
6 Agenda Items:			
6.1 Mayors Youth Dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be held 7 August 2024 from 5:30pm to 8:00pm ○ Nominations are open for two more weeks; please nominate anyone you think is deserving ○ Categories are Sporting, Academic, Arts & Culture, Community ○ Currently have approximately 140 nominations ○ Feel free to share social media posts and information to your networks 	Youth Council to nominate and share among networks	Ongoing
6.3 Suggestions to Mayor and Councillors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestions to Mayor and Councillors currently include 	1. A shared document to be created by youth council - YC	To be completed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Containers for change program, water refill stations, public art initiatives, tourism promotion eg Photo frames in hot spots for selfies ○ Entertainment and bands in the region, talents show highlighting local talent ○ A list will be collated to capture all ideas, and make a meeting with the Councillor group to advise of current initiatives ○ Encourage input from all members, ideas do not have to be fully formed ○ Discussed options for these information sessions with Cr Holzeimer to have meetings out of business hours so people who work or attend school can attend. ○ Would like to connect Youth Council with Mayor and Councillors on a more regular basis to build relationships and mentoring opportunities ○ YC chairpersons have a meeting scheduled with Cr Muzskat this week ○ Councillors currently attend youth council meetings also 	2. Meeting time with councillor group - Mel	
6.4 Mid-Year Team Catch Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggested to have a team building day in July for the Youth Council ○ Holly suggested a joint event with Headspace with KFC feast ○ Overnight stay at BIEC also suggested ○ Currently taking suggestions from the Youth Council 	1. Create survey for Youth Council - Mel	To be completed
6.5 Youth Council meeting locations and format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestions have been put forward on the meeting format to possible free up the agenda to allow for more discussion and not to 	2. Create survey for Youth Council - Mel	To be completed

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	<p>be so rushed, meeting location suggestion also forwarded that Philip Street Precinct might be an option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council receives a lot of information that is usually covered at meetings but could possibly be forwarded as a monthly newsletter ○ Currently most members would like to keep meetings at the Council chambers however best to send out survey to whole of team to get everyone's feedback ○ These suggestions will be covered in an anonymous survey to get peoples response ○ Hoping to hold meetings that are the best value of people's time ○ Highly encourage people to attend online if they cannot attend in person. No issues with using TEAMS at this stage 	3. Update Matt's email for TEAMS meeting	
7 General Business:			
7.1 Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth Council closed meeting with the discussion question 'Why are you here at the Youth Council' ○ Reasons were to gain confidence and public speaking, working with a lot of different people and the community, gain experience, represent young people and evoke positive change, be a role model to other single mothers, it's a form of self care and mental health, to meet new people, to challenge myself, to look after people that are different, to help young people, looking to get back into the community, there were a lot of closed doors and this one was an open one, great way to get out in the community and share my ideas with the youth of Gladstone 	For reflection	Ongoing

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cr Holzeimer advised that she decided to run for Council after much experience volunteering and working in the community services sector, seeking to have a representation like herself. Want to see Gladstone continue to grow and flourish and have great opportunities.○ Mel has been secretary of Youth Council and in the third year and loves working with the youth council who are a wonderful to work with and a great representation of young people to Gladstone.		
7 Close of Meeting			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Meeting officially closed at 5:45pm <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 at Council Chambers unless otherwise 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	