

## Youth Council Meeting

17 March 2025

4:45pm to 6:07pm

GRC Council Chambers: 101 Goondoon Street, Gladstone

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### Attendees:

Naomi-Jon Redshaw, Rosharne Cakau, Holly, Logan Althaus, Bailey Dawson, Mily Jalass, Zachary Pulido, Niel Torres, Samantha Steemson, Alanah Mayo, Jayavarsheini Sivananthan, Tairui Zang, Oneli Peiris, Douglas Hoffmann, Cr Leanne Patrick

### Apologies:

Lochie Cathcart, Ava Hetherington

### Special Guests:

Mayor Matt Burnett, Kerry McMahon- First Vice District Governor Lions International

Agenda Item		Actions/Responsible
1. Acknowledgement to Country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Delivered by Mayor Burnett</li></ul>	Complete
2. Apologies and Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome to our special guests Mayor Burnett and Kerry McMahon</li><li>Apologies for today's meeting are Lochie Cathcart and Ava Hetherington</li></ul>	Noted by Secretariat
3. Previous meeting minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Previous meeting minutes – not applicable</li></ul>	Nil
4. Incoming committee correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Confirmation that John Ferguson, CQ Public Health, will attend meeting in person on 31 March to discuss youth sun safe funding available to the group.</li></ul>	Noted by Youth Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>YLab, experts in youth engagement and co-design, have designed a training opportunity for our Youth Council including a 'level-up' workshop for Youth Council and then a co-design workshop for Youth Council and Councillors. This would involve 2 x 3-hour training sessions, are the Youth Council willing to commit to this?</li> <li>QAL Advisory Committee Meeting invitation to Youth Council- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> march at the Gladstone yacht Club from 5.30pm – 8pm.</li> <li>Invitation to attend the launch of CQ's Hydrogen Community Information Centre opening, Friday 28 March 10.30 – 12.15pm Launch and 12.15 – 1.15pm Networking Lunch.</li> </ul>	<p>Youth Council voted unanimously to proceed with training sessions.</p> <p>Those interested to email Rebecca.</p> <p>Rebecca to share invitation with group, YC responsible for RSVP'ing if attending direct to organiser as per invite.</p>
5. Outgoing committee correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Email to Curator of Art Science Innovation Fest requesting consideration for a late stall entry on behalf of Youth Council</li> </ul>	<p>Response received and stall approved. Rebecca to invite curator of event to upcoming Youth Council Meeting.</p>
6. Voting of Chair and Vice Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Four Youth Council members delivered speeches to the group to run for the position of 2025 Youth Council Chairperson. All Youth Council members present voted anonymously, and Mayor Burnett and Cr Patrick tallied the votes. The results were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chairperson for Youth Council 2025: Holly</li> <li>Vice Chairperson for Youth Council 2025: Douglas</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Noted by Secretariat</p>

7. Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerry McMahon, First Vice District Governor of Lions International, addressed the group on the opportunity to be a part of a Gladstone Lions Youth Group that she is wanting to start. Those under the age of 18 would become part of the Leo's Club. Some goals of Lions Club are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Make our communities a better place through service</li> <li>- Make a difference in people's lives</li> <li>- Personally grow through opportunities, leadership and networking</li> <li>- Have fun</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What does it take to join? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time (a little or a lot, whatever you can offer)</li> <li>- Enthusiasm</li> <li>- Willingness to make a difference</li> <li>- Willingness to serve ethically</li> <li>- Membership</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What's in it for you? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instant credibility</li> <li>- Network of like-minded people</li> <li>- Opportunities in leadership and personal development</li> <li>- A voice to make the change you would like to see</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Kerry spoke about the world of opportunities that being a member of Lions can open. For example, next February they will be visiting the Philippines to distribute resources to villages. Kerry provided all members with a flyer and contact information should they wish to join.</li> </ul>	Youth Council to contact Kerry should they wish to pursue this opportunity.
8. General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kerry Myers from headspace Gladstone will meet the group soon to do a wellbeing plan, there has been a slight delay due to unexpected circumstances arising.</li> </ul>	Noted by Youth Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution of the Youth council pre-survey. This start of year survey aims to capture the goals of Youth Council for the year and will serve as an outcome measurement at the end of year to ensure we are meeting the needs of participants.</li> <li>• Youth Week Event- double movie screening at Bray Park, Boyne Island. All Youth Council members are invited to attend this event taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 5pm until late. There will be an easter egg hunt for the young kids, the first movie will be Migration for the juniors and then Twisters for the seniors. Food vans will also be on site. Free event to celebrate youth!</li> </ul>	<p>Youth Council to complete and return to Rebecca.</p> <p>Noted by Youth Council. Rebecca to share poster.</p>
9. Standing Business Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Returning photo permission forms, blue card numbers and completing Youth Council profiles- required asap. Photographs will take place at the next Youth Council Meeting, please wear your Youth Council shirt.</li> <li>• Gladstone Art Science Innovation Fest stall- now that we have confirmation that we can participate, Youth Council are to start brainstorming ideas on question in the Youth Survey. This event will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August at CQU Campus. Youth Council would like to get this survey into all regional schools for input through the Science and Art departments and speak on school parades.</li> </ul>	Noted by Youth Council
10. Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naomi-Jon raised the topic of a Youth Council Instagram page. The youth would like a platform to engage with peers and create content such as reels. Before approaching Council, Naomi-Jon has suggested that we develop a framework to support the request. A platform to work collaboratively on this project is needed. Cr Patrick told the group to really think about the 'why' behind the page and how often content would be posted and specify what type of content</li> </ul>	Noted, further consideration to be given by Youth Council on platform.

	<p>it would be. The decision for GRC to create a new social media page is multi-layered and needs to fit into GRC framework.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holly asked if all Councillors were invited along to Youth Council meetings. It is wonderful to have our permanent Councillors, however wanting to ensure that the Youth Council have the chance to meet all Councillors.</li> </ul>	<p>Rebecca to discuss with Executive Assistant regarding scheduling Councillors to meetings.</p>
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## Schedule of 2025 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.

The venue for these meetings alternates between the Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct Gladstone and Council Board Room at 101 Goondoon Street.

Time held: 4:45pm - 6pm

Month	Date	Meeting	Time	Venue
February	3	Meet and Greet with Councillors and Managers	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	17	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
March	3	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	17	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
	31	Proposed General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
April	28	Proposed General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
May	19	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
June	2	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	16	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
July	21	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
August	4	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	18	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
September	1	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	15	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
October	13	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Council Chambers- 101 Goondoon Street
November	3	General Meeting	4.45 - 6pm	Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
	17	End of year celebration	TBC	TBC