

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



**MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP SOUTH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 3 (JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS) ON
WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2001.**

*City of
Joondalup*

ATTENDANCES

Ryan Kukura
Elizabeth Benporath
Andrew Cameron
Enid Chua
Luke Williams Janice
Mataboni
Trent McKay
Katrina Welch
Alison Williams
Kylie Davies
Megan Nicholl
Kerry Hill
Aled Cunnah
Katie James
Astrid Lee

Jeremy Manning
Youth Project Officer

Viet Nyugen
Chairperson Joondalup
North Youth Advisory Council

APOLOGIES

Kate Maasen
Marilyn Beresford

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 4.45pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

The following members nominated for the position of Chairperson:

Ryan Kukura
Enid Chua

An election was conducted by ballot and the votes were counted and confirmed by Jeremy Manning and Viet Nguyen.

Ryan Kukura was elected as Chairperson of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council

The following members nominated for the position of Deputy Chairperson:

Kerry Hill
Janice Mattaboni
Luke Williams
Alison Williams
Andrew Cameron

An election was conducted by ballot and the votes were counted and confirmed by Jeremy Manning and Viet Nguyen.

Janice Mattaboni was elected as Deputy Chairperson of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council

Ryan Kukura assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 20 June 2001 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. City of Joondalup Financial Counselling Service

Ryan Kukura informed members of the discussions held in the previous two meetings regarding young people and personal debt, particularly in relation to mobile phones and insurance.

Members reaffirmed that this was an important issue for the Youth Advisory Council to deal with and the issue was discussed further. The discussion focussed on the ease of access that young people had to enter into a contract with phone companies. It was also expressed that phone companies often fail to convey appropriate contractual information to young users in an effort to increase profits. Education and responsibility are crucial in this issue.

Jeremy Manning also discussed the lack of knowledge and responsibility regarding car insurance, especially in the situation where young people have purchased their first car. Many young people find themselves with a large debt arising from damage caused to other vehicles in accidents for which they have been held responsible.

The actions developed at the last meeting involved members participating in the planning of a proposed financial awareness project. This project involves the development of school-based workshops in order to educate young people regarding the issues of personal debt. The goal of these workshops is to be interactive, contemporary and appealing. Performance-based education may be utilised to serve this purpose.

Jeremy Manning invited new members to join a planning committee for this project when initiated. The following members volunteered for this role:

Aled Cunneh;
Elizabeth Benporath;
Andrew Cameron;
Megan Nicholl;
Alison Williams;
Katie James;
Kerry Hill.

ACTION

- a) *Members listed above to participate in planning committee for financial awareness program when initiated.*

2. Facilities/Activities for Young People in Greenwood

Luke Williams reported to members regarding previous discussion surrounding the issue of a lack of youth facilities and activities within the Greenwood area. All members expressed their concern and agreed that the Youth Advisory Council should continue to pursue this issue.

At the last meeting, it was decided that members of the Youth Advisory Council would attend the public meeting, along with other young people, to put a case for construction of a skate park at the Penistone Park location. Unfortunately, sufficient time was not given to organise youth representatives to attend. It was announced that the outcome of the public meeting was likely to be unfavourable given that the majority of community members who attended the meeting were not in favour of the proposal.

Members expressed their disappointment at the outcome and the lack of notice given of the public forum. It is felt that Penistone Park is the only suitable location for a skatepark in the Greenwood area and members discussed the possibility of conducting a rally/petition to protest the decision.

Jeremy Manning informed members that Wayne Grimes (Recreation Officer) is the organiser of the public forums. He suggested that close contact be kept with Wayne Grimes to ensure that details of future meetings are conveyed to members. Jeremy Manning stated that the Council is currently in search of other suitable locations and further public forums would be held.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of staging a youth event in the Greenwood / Warwick area. Ideas suggested included a battle of the bands competition, breakdancing, skateboarding demonstrations, and local DJ's.

ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to continue contact with Wayne Grimes regarding details of future public meetings on the construction of a skatepark in the Greenwood or other areas.*

- b) *Luke Williams, Janice Mataboni, Megan Nicholl and Alison Williams to form a committee to discuss the possibilities of staging a youth event in the Greenwood / Warwick area.*

3) **Reunion 2011 – Roadsafety Project**

The purpose of this video advertisement is to address the issue of teenage road trauma by encouraging safer driving practices amongst young drivers in the City of Joondalup. The project has been funded by a grant of \$10,000 to the City's Youth Advisory Councils from the Offices of Roadsafety and Youth Affairs. Support has also been received from local businesses.

Viet Nguyen informed members that the video has been completed and that the next stage is to distribute the video to as many young people as possible.

Jeremy Manning reported that the project committee had met since the last meeting and had completed logging and initial editing of the video. The video is currently being edited and should be available for viewing by members at the next meeting.

Although a full distribution plan has been developed, Jeremy Manning asked new members to give thought to additional methods of distribution for the video. Viet Nguyen mentioned the possibility of producing it on a CD-ROM and members agreed that this would be appropriate.

ACTION

- a) *On return from editor, the video is to be shown to members at next meeting.*

4) **Newsletter Distribution**

Jeremy Manning distributed copies of the first Joondalup Youth Advisory Council newsletter. The newsletters were ready for distribution. Referring to the suggestions made for newsletter distribution from the previous meeting, Jeremy Manning reported staff members and Councillors had received a copy of the newsletter. He sought volunteers to carry out the remainder of the distribution plan.

The following people volunteered to distribute copies of the newsletter in the following ways:

Enid Chua	Woodvale SHS
Kylie Davies	Greenwood SHS
Ryan Kukura	Duncraig and Padbury SHS
Luke Williams	Warwick SHS and Warwick Shopping Centre
Kerry Hill	St Marks SHS
Trent McKay	
Andrew Cameron	
Liz Benporath	
Katrina Welch	St Stephens SHS
Jeremy Manning	Other Youth Advisory Councils and Libraries
Katie James	ECU Joondalup

ACTION

- a) *Members to distribute newsletter according to above plan*

STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS**Correspondence:**

No correspondence reported.

Media Opportunities:

Katie James suggested that a media release be written announcing the launch of the road safety project. Katie James volunteered for this task and suggested that the release should include statements from members who participated in the project.

It was also suggested that radio be used as a means of promoting the project and the Youth Advisory Council. A suggestion was made that members could approach PMFM to launch the campaign through the "Take over the Top 30" countdown for one night.

ACTION

- a) *Media opportunities as listed to be explored on completion of the video.*

Action Plan

Jeremy Manning explained the purpose of the action plan to the new members. An important duty for members is to track the action plan at each meeting. This and other duties will be discussed later in the meeting.

ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to distribute a copy of the Action Plan to members at next meeting.*
- b) *A member to be assigned to track the progress of the Action Plan at next meeting.*

Youth Rally Update

Jeremy Manning reported on the latest activities of the Youth Rally Team. The next competition will be at the Benger Autocross on Sunday 22 July 2001. A small number of spaces on the team is currently available.

ACTION

No action required.

NEW BUSINESS:

Strategic Advisory Committee - Youth Affairs

Jeremy Manning provided a brief outline to members regarding a proposal for a Strategic Advisory Committee for Youth Affairs to be formed within the City. The proposal is to be considered by Council on 24 July 2001. The purpose of the Strategic Advisory Committee would be to oversee the strategic direction of youth affairs and improve communication between the Youth Advisory Council and the Council. The committee would comprise of two Councillors, two members from each Youth Advisory Council and management staff from the Community Services sub-unit.

Jeremy Manning outlined that the proposal was a part of a larger report regarding the strategic direction of youth affairs within the City. Copies of this report will be provided to members with the next agenda and their feedback will be sought at the next meeting.

ACTION

- a) *Members to read the Strategic Advisory Committee report for their information.*
- b) *Jeremy Manning to provide attachments from Strategic Direction for Youth report to members with next agenda for comment at August meeting.*

Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is a week long camp to be held in the second week of the next school holidays. It is a great opportunity for young people who have an interest in politics to take part in public speaking and debating regarding youth issues, as well as providing young people with the opportunity of having a direct voice to the State Government.

Viet Nguyen, who had attended last year's Youth Parliament, reported to members that the program is a great opportunity to meet many people. He encouraged any new members who are interested in attending the camp to contact him as soon as possible and he distributed copies of the Youth Parliament information brochure.

ACTION

- a) *Interested members to contact Viet Nguyen or the Perth YMCA to register their interest and obtain enrolment forms.*

YAC Duties

The importance of designating a specific duty to each member to perform as part of his or her role while on the Youth Advisory Council was discussed. There are five duties which to be allocated to members:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Officers
- Research Officers

- Action Plan oversight

Jeremy Manning briefly described the main tasks of each duty and encouraged the members to consider which role they would like to perform.

ACTION

- a) *Members to consider which duties they would like to perform as a part of their role. The duties will be assigned to members at the next meeting.*

Youth Information Analysis

The City's Youth Services developed a Youth Information project in 1999. The main output of this project was a lift-out information page that was printed in the Wanneroo Times with information such as events, activities, contact details and service information for young people. It was intended that this information sheet be published on a quarterly basis. However questions were raised about the value of this method of distribution and the content of the lift-out. The need for research regarding the type of information that young people need or want and the best method to convey this information to young people has been recently highlighted. This information would give the project a solid research basis on which to proceed with the project.

ACTION

- a) *This item to be included on the agenda of the next meeting. Members to consider research methods to be used to gain the required information.*

Youth Council Week

The Youth Council Week was cancelled due to lack of interest in attending. The need to determine the reasons for this lack of interest was highlighted. A copy of the City's objectives for Youth Council Week was distributed. Feedback from members will be sought at next meeting to ensure that the program is appealing, valuable and accessible to members in the future.

ACTION

- a) *Members to provide feedback regarding alternative formats for Youth Council Week to ensure members attend the program.*

Youth Survey Report

Jeremy Manning reported that previous members had conducted a youth survey over the last seven months in the Joondalup area. The survey was conducted at a number of youth events with nearly two hundred young people being surveyed. A draft copy of the Youth Survey Report was distributed at the meeting.

It was suggested that the report could be utilised by members when planning and organising future youth events and projects. For example, the report contains valuable information regarding how young people commonly find out about youth events.

ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to finalise the report and distribute a colour copy to members with the agenda for the next meeting.*

Charter of Expectations

Viet Nguyen discussed the Charter of Expectations that was developed by a number of ex-members. It is a statement of commitment for all members to conform to during their involvement on the Youth Advisory Council. It sets clear boundaries and expectations for members. However, it was explained that the document is not intended to be a legally binding contract. Viet Nguyen distributed a copy of the Charter of Expectations to all members to read and sign.

ACTION

- a) *New members to read, sign and return the Charter of Expectations to Jeremy Manning at next meeting.*

YAC Members Contact Details

Luke expressed the need to have a contact list for all members of the Joondalup Youth Advisory Councils. This will enable all members to keep strong communication continuing throughout the new term of office. All members agreed to make their contact details available for other members.

ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to create and distribute a contact list containing phone numbers and addresses of all members.*

Joint meetings

Members raised the issue of regular joint meetings involving both the Joondalup North and South Youth Advisory Councils. Jeremy Manning expressed his concern regarding the fact that new members needed time to settle into their new roles on the Youth Advisory Council. He suggested that a joint YAC meeting might be appropriate at a later date.

ACTION

No action required

YAC Ball

Luke raised an idea regarding the possibility of holding a social event for the Joondalup North and South Youth Advisory Councils. It was felt that this would be an ideal way for new members to socialise with existing members and to improve relationships between the two Youth Advisory Councils. Several other members expressed their interests in this idea and Luke Williams volunteered to form an informal committee to plan a social event for the Youth Advisory Councils. Volunteers for this committee included

Luke Williams;
Janice Mattaboni;
Enid Chua;
Astrid Lee;
Liz Benporath;
Megan Nicholl;
Alison Williams;
Kerry Hill.

ACTION

- a) *Members listed above to form an informal committee to explore the possibility of a social event for members. Members will meet on Wednesday, 25th July outside the Joondalup Library.*

NEXT MEETING

Date: 22 August 2001
Time: 4.30 pm
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.45pm.