

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



**MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP SOUTH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1 (JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS) ON  
WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2001.**

*City of  
Joondalup*

## **ATTENDANCES**

Natasha Newman	Chairperson	Jeremy Manning	Youth Project Officer
Heidi Delaney		Bob Tomlins	Coordinator – Children and Family Services
Ryan Kukura			
Enid Chua			
Steven Baron			
Jane Miller			

## **APOLOGIES**

Robert Harwood  
Garrath Dingley  
Haley Brooks

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 4.45pm.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 23 May 2001 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. City of Joondalup Financial Counselling Service**

At the previous meeting, members expressed their concern regarding young people and personal debt, particularly in relation to mobile phones and insurance.

It was felt that it is too easy for young people to enter into a contract for a mobile phone with very little explanation from the carrier of the potential consequences of their actions. Unlike 'similar' credit card accounts there is no 'credit limit' beyond which the young person cannot use their phone.

In regards to insurance for motor vehicles, many young people do not realise the potential consequences of not having insurance. 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.

Resulting from the actions of the last meeting, two distinct areas of action were identified. These were the need for education and advocacy.

Members raised a number of ideas in regard to what the Youth Advisory Council could do to address these two areas:

Education:

- Workshops for parents and students;
- School information sessions;
- Advertise the Financial Counselling Service provided by the City;
- Write an article in the next newsletter;
- Develop a program package for teachers to present to students.

Advocacy:

- Liaison with other financial counsellors;
- Members provide supportive information to Rob Evans - including a copy of minutes;
- Liaison with phone companies;
- Talk informally to young people to provide information.

Jeremy Manning discussed a current proposal to develop a program package to conduct in local schools. The proposal aims to use actors and real-life scenarios to convey a message to students. The program may involve theatre groups performing role-plays. The project is still at development stage and it was suggested that members could be involved in the planning and development of this program. Ryan Kukura volunteered for this role.

**ACTION**

- a) Members to talk informally to young people to develop information to be provided as supportive information to the Financial Counsellor. This will include a copy of the minutes.*
- b) Ryan Kukura to be invited to join a planning group for the Financial Awareness Project as soon as practical. New members to be asked to be involved at the next YAC meeting.*
- c) The issue to be placed on the Youth Advisory Council discussion website to enable wider feedback. Enid Chua to submit information regarding this to the website.*

## **2. Facilities/Activities for Young People in Greenwood**

Natasha Newman, Viet Nguyen and Jeremy Manning met last week to analyse the results from the youth surveys conducted at Greenwood Senior High School. The information was presented in a table format and distributed to members. It was highlighted that the survey invited multiple answers so the number of responses is indicative of the type of services wanted but not the number of young people who would like the service.

Bob Tomlins suggested that the information collated from the surveys could be used as a guide for future youth events organised by the Youth Advisory Council. The need to inform the young people who took part in the survey of the results and the likely outcomes was also suggested.

At the last meeting, it was decided that the Youth Advisory Council would suggest to the City that a skate park be constructed at a location accessible by the young people of Greenwood, Duncraig and Warwick. Jeremy Manning was informed by Leisure staff of a public forum being held in the Greenwood suburb regarding the possibility of constructing a skate park in the area. This was considered an opportunity for members and young people to argue their case for the construction of the skate park in the area. Natasha Newman volunteered to be a speaker at the public forum where she would represent the Youth Advisory Council and the young people wanting a skate park in Greenwood.

### **ACTION**

- a) *Jeremy Manning to provide information to Natasha Newman regarding the public forum about the construction of a Skate Park in the Greenwood area.*
- b) *Natasha Newman to report the survey information to the young people that took part in the recently conducted surveys and offer to represent these young people at the public meeting.*

## **3. Youth Council Week**

Youth Council Week will be conducted between 16 and 20 July 2001. A total of 12-16 young people will have the opportunity to participate. It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss difficult issues in greater detail. Jeremy Manning reported that a decision had been made to allow leaving members the opportunity to take part in the program. Interested members were invited to attend the camp and Natasha Newman, Steven Baron, Jayne Miller, Heidi Delaney, Ryan Kukura and Enid Chua expressed interest in attending the program.

### **ACTION**

- a) *Natasha Newman, Steven Baron, Jane Miller, Heidi Delaney, Ryan Kukura and Enid Chua to be provided with information regarding attendance at the Youth Council Week.*

#### **4. Reunion 2011 – Road safety 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 Road Safety and Youth Affairs. Support has also been received from local businesses.

Jeremy Manning reported to the members that the video component was nearing completion. The filming of the video went well with a great team effort being acknowledged. It was discussed that the next step of the project was to log the video to determine music and other special effects. Once this stage has been completed the video will be returned for final editing.

The second stage of the project is to distribute the video as widely as possible throughout the City.

Ideas suggested by members to distribute the Road safety Project included:

- Bumper stickers;
- Crashed car - real life example displayed on major intersections;
- Billboards - convert sections of video to still pictures;
- Displays in shopping centres;
- A reduced version of the video;
- Channel 31;
- Newspapers;
- An information package outlining why the project was important to the Youth Advisory Council including statistics sheets.

Some supportive media accessories for the project were also discussed. These included;

- Key rings and other car related items;
- Pens;
- Car rubbish bags;
- School information package;
- Postcards.

#### **ACTION**

- a) *The Road Safety Committee to continue to progress the project plan taking the above information into account.*
- b) *Members to meet in order to log the video in preparation for final editing stage.*

## 5. Newsletter Distribution

The most significant outcome of the Marketing Workshop held on 26th April, is the production of the first edition of a Youth Advisory Council Newsletter. This will contain many features of interest to local young people. It will bring the purpose of the Youth Advisory Council to their attention and enable the Youth Advisory Council to improve its profile and its representation of local young people.

Since the previous meeting, contributions to the newsletter have been forwarded to Viet Nguyen. These were compiled and Graphics staff designed a layout. Jeremy Manning presented a draft copy of the newsletter to members. Members were congratulated on an excellent production.

A number of ideas were suggested for the distribution of the newsletter. A priority was to distribute to as many people as possible as it was the first edition of the publication. Suggestion made included:

Recreation Centres	Shopping Centres
Libraries	Suitable retail shops eg surf & CD shops
City of Joondalup staff members	Universities and TAFEs
Other Youth Advisory Councils	School Counsellor / Co-ordinator
Homeroom teachers	Office of Youth Affairs Website
Copies to sponsors	Councillors

### ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to coordinate distribution as outlined above.*

### **STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

## 6. Correspondence

Jeremy Manning distributed the correspondence file for viewing by members. Members were encouraged to bring up items of interest arising from correspondence in the new business section of the meeting.

### ACTION

*No action required*

## 7. Media Opportunities

Members suggested the involvement in Orientation Weekend by new members as a relevant media opportunity. Suggestions included a media release regarding the new membership of the Youth Advisory Council that recognizes the contribution of leaving members.

### ACTION

- a) *Jeremy Manning to write a media release regarding the new membership of the Youth Advisory Council.*

## **8. Action Plan**

Jeremy Manning mentioned that the only outstanding item according to the action plan was the staging of a quarterly youth event.

### *ACTION*

- a) *A member to be allocated to track the action plan at the next Youth Advisory Council meeting.*

## **9. Youth Rally Update**

Jeremy Manning reported the success of the Youth Rally Team on Sunday's event at Benger. Team members won two trophies. Jeremy Manning attended this event and congratulated the team on their efforts.

### *ACTION*

*No action required.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

## **10. Focus Group - Drug Summit**

Jeremy Manning reported that a group of 8 to 12 young people was invited to take part in a focus group for the upcoming Drug Summit organised by the Office of Youth Affairs. It was suggested that this was a good opportunity to have input into future drug policy. Food and free movie tickets are provided for those who participate in the focus group.

Members who volunteered to attend were Steven Baron, Jane Miller, Heidi Delaney and Ryan Kukura.

### *ACTION*

- a) *Four members as listed above to attend the focus group on Wednesday 4 July at 4.30pm.*

## **11. Social Event**

Suggestions were made regarding an appreciation dinner for members who were leaving the Youth Advisory Council. Members concluded that they would like to join members from the Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council at their planned event.

Natasha Newman and Heidi Delaney suggested conducting an awards presentation on the night of the event.

## ACTION

- a) *Members of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council to attend the social event at a local restaurant in early July with Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council.*
- b) *Natasha Newman and Heidi Delaney to contact Tim Lee and Sara McMillan to discuss an awards presentation to be conducted on the night of the social event.*

## **12. Taskforce for Departing Members:**

A number of members have expressed an interest in remaining involved in future activities and events.

A number of ideas were suggested regarding how leaving members could remain involved: These included;

- Continued involvement in sub-committees;
- Continued involvement special events;
- Inclusion on a mailing list;
- Receipt of minutes of meetings;
- Invitation to attend special meetings;
- Input to training of new members - Orientation Camp.

## ACTION

- a) *Natasha Newman, who is attending the Orientation camp, to discuss with new members how they would like the old members to be involved with the Youth Advisory Council.*

## **13. Yellow Ribbon Program**

The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed by young people for the benefit of young people. It is a peer support program with an aim to create an environment that encourages and empowers young people to ask for help in a time of need. The program further aims to educate the community to respond to the needs of young people.

Natasha Newman has recently been assigned the coordinator of the Yellow Ribbon Program in the Joondalup area and asked members for their individual and organisational support for the program. An information sheet was handed around to members that outlined the aims and strategies of the Yellow Ribbon Program. After much interest and discussion regarding the program, the following was decided.

## ACTION

- a) *The issue to be included on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss involvement and support for the Yellow Ribbon Program.*

*b) Heidi Delaney, Jane Miller and Enid Chua to support Natasha Newman through involvement in the program.*

**NEXT MEETING**

Date: 18 July, 2001  
Time: 4.30 pm  
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.15pm.