

# YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



*City of  
Joondalup*

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

## **ATTENDANCES**

Natasha Newman	Chairperson	Paul Kadak	Councillor
Rachel Curtis		Bob Tomlins	Coordinator, Youth Services
Ryan Kukura		Jeremy Manning	Youth Projects Officer
Enid Chua		Nick Martin	HYPE Youth Worker

## **APOLOGIES**

Heidi Delaney

Without a quorum, this became an informal meeting of the members present.

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 4.45pm.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 21 March 2001 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

## **PRESENTATION OF BADGES**

Councillor Kadak presented members with their badges of office.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The attention of members was brought to a letter from Worksafe Western Australia. Members were encouraged to nominate a young worker with a safe working record for a 'Youth Achievement Award'.

Further correspondence from Mission Australia and the Office of Youth Affairs was brought to the attention of members.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS**

### **1. Introduction to the HYPE Program**

The YAC Coordinator briefly introduced members to the HYPE Program. The Program aims to reduce anti-social behaviour by young people at shopping centres where they congregate. This is achieved by youth workers mediating between young people, police and centre security. The first project was developed at Hillarys Boat Harbour. Following its success a further project has been running successfully at Woodvale Boulevard.

Nick Martin, a youth worker employed on the Program, then gave details of how he works 'on the ground' with young people. Nick described his role as one of mediation between young people, shopping centre management, police and centre security. A barbeque at Woodvale offers youth workers an opportunity to engage young people, to build trust and direct them towards safe and socially acceptable behaviour.

A minority of young people are affected by alcohol and drugs, some have family issues, others claim mistreatment by police and security. However, the biggest issue for young people, is boredom – having nowhere else to go to meet friends, that is affordable.

### **ACTION**

- a) YAC members supported the retention of the HYPE Program in Woodvale and the establishment of a youth facility in the area.
- b) YAC members supported the extension of the HYPE Program to Whitfords, recognising the large number of young people who congregate at the shopping centre.

### **2. Youth Council Week**

Youth Council Week will be conducted between the 16-20 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. The YAC Coordinator distributed the program of activities for the week to members.

Members were asked to raise issues that could be considered during Youth Council Week. Natasha Newman presented the results of a survey she undertook with young people who live in Greenwood. These young people raised a list of 'wants', the most significant being:

- A local skateboarding facility
- A place to go to meet friends
- Improved lighting on streets and in parks
- Local events such as dance parties
- Affordable transport options

They also expressed concerns about graffiti.

### ACTION

- a) The YAC Coordinator will organise a meeting of those members interested in attending Youth Council Week to develop topics for consideration. The meeting will consider the outcomes of the survey conducted by Natasha Newman.
- b) Natasha Newman will convene a committee to develop a regular event for the young people of Greenwood. The YAC Coordinator will provide support.

## **3. YAC Action Plan 2001**

### 3.1 Roles and Responsibilities

Roles have been allocated according to the preference forms completed by members at the last meeting. Discussion followed on their implementation.

### ACTION

Natasha Newman (Chairperson) and members with secretarial responsibilities will be the contact people for collection of agenda items. Upon finalisation of the agenda it will be forwarded to the YAC Coordinator for distribution.

### 3.2 Charter of Expectations

Some of the wording of the document has been 'tidied up'. However, its intent has not changed.

### ACTION

Members will return a signed copy to the YAC Coordinator at the next meeting.

### 3.3 YAC Newsletter

Members discussed the distribution of the newsletter to young people within the City. A number of ideas were raised but not formalised into a plan.

## ACTION

The Promotions Committee will meet to develop a proposed distribution plan for future consideration by YAC members.

### **4. Nominations for Youth Advisory Council**

Nominations for positions on the Youth Advisory Council will open on 4 May 2001 and close on 23 May 2001. During this period there is a need to undertake promotion as widely as possible within the City of Joondalup in order to recruit members from a range of backgrounds and ages. Discussion followed on the best ways to distribute the nomination form and information brochure to young people within the City. Members suggested the following means:

- Through schools – Coordinators of years 10, 11 and 12 – Heads of Social Studies – YAC members and YAC Coordinator to visit schools
- HYPE Program venues
- Information Centre at Whitfords
- Edith Cowan University – Rachel Curtis offered to deliver
- UWA – Natasha Newman offered to deliver
- Notre Dame – through Heidi Delaney
- Anchors Youth Centre and Warwick Leisure Centre
- Centrelink Offices
- Employment Services, e.g. Mission Employment and Salvation Army Employment Plus

Members expressed their preparedness to assist in distributing the information to young people throughout the City.

## ACTION

The YAC Coordinator will develop a promotional plan for nominations to the Youth Advisory Council and contact members to assist in its implementation.

The YAC Coordinator confirmed that YAC members who have been on the Council for two years will not be able to re-nominate for a further term. However, ways of using their experience and keeping them involved in the projects of the Youth Advisory Council, will be explored.

## ACTION

- a) A list of activities that outgoing YAC members would like to be involved with, in the future, will be developed.

## **5. Road safety Project**

Natasha Newman gave members an update on the progress of the Road safety Project. A script has been developed, roles designated and a director and producer appointed. A casting meeting will be held later this evening, Wednesday, 18 April 2001 in the Library Training Room. Members were urged to become involved.

### *ACTION*

Interested members will attend the casting meeting in the Library Training Room on Wednesday, 18 April 2001 at 6.30pm.

## **6. Marketing Workshop**

The YAC Coordinator provided details of this up-coming workshop.

### *ACTION*

Members of the Promotions Committee were invited to attend this workshop on 26 April 2001, between 10.00am and 12.30pm in the Library Training Room. James Lawton, Marketing Manager for the City of Joondalup, will conduct the workshop.

## **7. Joondalup Festival**

The YAC Coordinator congratulated members on the successful 'youth lounge' conducted as part of the Joondalup Festival. It received much positive feedback. Members discussed whether to do the same next year and how it might be improved.

### *ACTION*

Members felt that the youth lounge should be conducted again as part of next year's Joondalup Festival. Suggestions for improvements included additional space, floor covering, artwork and leaving out the 'forum', which it was felt, didn't work.

## **8. Community Legal Service**

The next meeting of the Joondalup Community Legal Centre Working Party will be held on Wednesday, 9 May 2001.

### *ACTION*

Ryan Kukura and Natasha Newman will represent the YAC at this meeting and will keep members informed in due course.

## **9. Youth Rally Team**

The YAC Coordinator gave members an update on the project. The team is currently meeting every Wednesday evening at the workshop. The next training day is scheduled for 13 May 2001. The team will take part in the Beverley Rally Sprint on April 22, 2001. An information night to recruit new members from Wanneroo will be held on the 30 April 2001 at the Wanneroo Civic Centre.

It is hoped that more young women will join the team, which is presently dominated by young men. Interest was expressed from within the members attending.

## **MEMBER REPORTS**

Councillor Kadak reported that a Councillor's Skateboard Committee has been recently established. It is chaired by Councillor Hollywood, who is keen to receive advice from YAC members on where Council should locate planned new skateboard facilities.

Natasha Newman reiterated that young people living in Greenwood want a facility placed in their neighbourhood.

## **ACTION**

Natasha Newman will provide additional information to the next meeting in regard to the request by young people living in Greenwood for a skateboard facility in their suburb.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, 23 May 2001  
Time: 4.30 pm  
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 6.10pm.