

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



City of
Joondalup

MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP YOUTH
ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD IN MEETING
ROOM 4 – THIRD FLOOR - CITY OF
JOONDALUP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 JUNE 2004.

ATTENDANCES

Kate Maassen
Astrid Lee
Katriese Dalgety

Chairperson

Julie Eaton

Coordinator

Lauren Hicks
Sarah Flatters
Silke Losch
Blade Shaw
Ryan Hinds
Claire Hands
Jakara Enders
Chantelle Handley
Rowan Ziegler

Jeremy Manning

Youth Project Officer

APOLOGIES

Lauren Carr
Noura Huneidi
Jessica Harlond Kenny

WELCOME

The Chairperson welcomed everybody to the meeting and roundtable introductions occurred.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2004 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

MOVED: Jakara Enders

SECONDED: Chantelle Handley

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING

Youth Health Needs Project

Kate Maassen reported on her role within this project and its current progress. The Project group met recently and discussed the appointment of a consultant to conduct the research component of this project. Kate suggested that when these details are finalised, there would be opportunities for the Youth Advisory Council to become involved in the research process.

ACTION

1. *Kate Maassen will continue to update members on the progress of this project.*

The Scene Newspaper

The Coordinator - Community Services outlined the production timetable that was required for the upcoming edition of "The Scene" newspaper. The Youth Project Officer suggested some of the reasons for the tight timeframe and discussion began regarding the content for this edition of the newspaper. Suggestions included:

- Reprinting a recent "star letter" from the Community Newspaper
- Biography / Profile of a local youth band
- How does the TEE system work – Frequently asked questions
- Profile – Raw NRG youth program
- The "Gravity Games"
- Our Environment - Land Clearing
- Points of view – Underage Drinking
- CD review
- Career Pathways
- Budgeting your income
- Coping with Exam Stress

Individual members volunteered to write these articles by the deadline mentioned earlier.

ACTION

1. *Members to write and submit articles suggested to Youth Project Officer by the deadline discussed.*

Poetry in Motion

Members outlined the actions taken to distribute the entry forms for Poetry in Motion within local schools. The Youth Project Officer mentioned that two entries had been received and thanked members for their efforts in distributing the entry forms. Some discussion followed regarding the selection panel and the process that would occur once all entries had been received.

ACTION

1. *All members to continue to encourage entries for the Poetry in Motion competition.*

Support for local Youth Services

Members discussed the resources that the Youth Advisory Council had to offer to local youth services. Discussion included the role that “The Scene” could play in promoting youth services and the availability of grant funding through “Youth Grants” – Office of Children and Young Person’s Policy.

Following discussion, it was decided that the best course of action would be for the Youth Advisory Council to write to service providers in the a City to:

- Outline what the Youth Advisory Council can offer to service providers
- Seek feedback from service providers regarding potential roles for the Youth Advisory Council.

The Youth Project Officer undertook to draft this letter and circulate it via email to members for their feedback.

ACTION

1. *Youth Project Officer to draft this letter and circulate it via email to members for feedback.*

Feedback – Youth Notebook

Members were provided with a copy of this notebook for their feedback ten days prior to the meeting. Members made many comments regarding the notebook and these are listed below. However members suggested that the time available did not allow for in depth comment and that they would appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback again when the notebook is re-drafted for its second edition.

Comments included:

- Some lines/comments convey as patronising (Yikes they’re taking my car). Appear to have tried to hard to use “cool” language. Hitting the mark here is difficult/impossible so may be best not to try at all.
- Young people should write / review the language used.
- Would prefer to read in “plain and simple” language rather that colloquial / cool language.
- Birthday section is good.
- Many blank/ empty areas need to be filled.
- Some information a bit too long
- Most information is excellent and very relevant and useful

- Would benefit from a more professional finish / colour scheme.
- Include International Days / Years.
- Suggest a Punch-hole attachment
- Provide more space for each day if possible so it can be used as a day planner.
- Side Title bars are very effective
- Clarify the target age and focus on it.
- Provide a template for a resume

The Youth Project Officer thanked members for their input and undertook to provide these comments to staff involved in reviewing and redrafting the second edition of the notebook.

ACTION

1. *Youth Project Officer to provide these comments to staff involved in reviewing and redrafting the second edition of the notebook.*
2. *Youth Project Officer to ensure that members have an opportunity to provide feedback when the second edition is redrafted.*

Youth Camps – Leadership Skills

Members discussed the intended focus of this agenda item and questioned whether the Youth Advisory Council had the expertise and resources to plan and implement a camping program as was originally suggested. Members suggested that some other options could be explored such as

- Non-residential “day” training programs
- Training for Student representative councils
- Partnerships with organisation conducting leadership camps.

Members suggested that the letter to youth service providers might be a good way to identify possible partnerships in this area.

ACTION

1. *Youth Project Officer to draft letter to Youth Service providers in the area.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Young Christian Students of Perth

A letter from the Young Christian Students of Perth was received and was tabled at the meeting. Following discussion, members suggested that a response letter be written indicating the Youth Advisory Council’s support for the intended program and offering further assistance as required. The Youth Project Officer will draft the response letter.

NEW BUSINESS

The Agenda Process

The Youth Project Officer voiced a concern that the current agenda process and the order of business within each meeting may be restricting members from suggesting new agenda items. He asked members to consider the possibility of bringing “new business” to the beginning of the agenda. He also brought members attention to the fact that agenda items could be provided at any time between meetings and encouraged members to use this option.

NEXT FORMAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 21 July 2004
Time: 5.45pm
Venue: Meeting Room 3 – Joondalup Administration Building

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.45 pm.

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Youth Advisory Counsel
C/- Mr Jeremy Manning
Youth Service, Joondalup City Council
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Joondalup, WA 6919

Dear Youth Advisory Counsel and Mr Manning

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Margaret Maassen and I am the Co-ordinator of the Young Christian Students Movement (YCS). The YCS is a Movement run for, by and with high school students and has an emphasis on strong leadership and an active citizenship development component. This is demonstrated by the young people taking an active role in their local community. This community involvement encourages local young people to feel they are important and valued members of society. By carrying out these projects the young people also obtain a sense of participation and control over their environment.

I am writing to you to inform you of a new project we are planning with our group in the Whitford area. It is our intention to create a mural in the underpass that runs from Culwalla Close. The underpass then crosses under Marmion Avenue to a lane way at the back of the Whitford Catholic Primary School and Parish Centre, which are located on Camberwarra Drive Craigie. This underpass is used by children attending Whitford Catholic Primary School, Craigie Primary School and Belridge High School. The underpass is frequently used by local young people and adults as a short cut to the Whitford Shopping Centre or as a short cut to Marmion Avenue.

At present this underpass has been the location of much graffiti and discarded rubbish. It is our desire to involve young people from local schools and organisations in transforming this area into a clean, bright, interesting and youth friendly environment. This will be done by the designing and painting of an appropriate mural. Joondalup City's Mural Artist will be invited to assist us in this process. As this will be a costly venture it is our intention to apply for assistance from appropriate funding bodies.

I have written to the Honourable Alana MacTiernan, she has given her permission to undertake this project and the offer of installing an anti graffiti coating on the mural after its completion. As the representative body of youth in the Joondalup Council area I am writing to you for your support. At this point we would like to ask you for your official support of this project. This involvement could later take the form of advertising in the YAC newspaper, as well as possible involvement in the painting of the mural. We may also investigate the possibility of a monetary donation from the YAC.

I look forward to hearing from you and our continued dialogue regarding this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'm. Maassen'.

Margaret Maassen.