

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



MEETING OF THE JOONDALUP NORTH YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 1 (JOONDALUP CIVIC CHAMBERS) ON MONDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2001.

*City of
Joondalup*

ATTENDANCES

Viet Nguyen	Chairperson	Cr. John Hollywood	
Adam Wade		Jeremy Manning	Youth Project Officer
Kate Sinagra		Craig Comerie	City of Stirling YAC
Annique Lynch		Ryan Kukura	Joondalup South Youth Advisory Council.
Suzanne Akila		Lisa McCormack	Minutes
Jasmine Singh			
Mathew Wright			
Alice Ostrowski			
John Saratsis			
Luke Crosby			

APOLOGIES

Annie Rosser
Jennifer Dedman

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 5.10pm.

INTRODUCTIONS / WELCOME

Cr. Hollywood and Craig Comerie of Stirling Youth Advisory Council were introduced and welcomed to the meeting.

John Saratsis was presented with his official YAC name badge by Cr. Hollywood and it was mentioned that badges should be worn to formalise meetings.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council meeting held on 17 September 2001 were confirmed with the following corrections.

- Page 3 – Annique Lynch was not recorded in the YAC duties.
- Page 7 – Next meeting time should have read 5.00pm not 4.30pm.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

1) Strategic Advisory Committee – Youth Affairs Workshop

Jeremy Manning reported that he had completed the workshop outcome notes from the meeting for Future Directions for Youth Services. He read the outcomes to the meeting and it was agreed that the report was a true reflection of the workshop. Jeremy Manning is in the process of preparing the outcomes from the Jumping at Shadows meeting and will present these at the next meeting. A copy of both sets of outcomes will be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION

- a) Jeremy Manning will make the minutes of the previous Strategic Advisory Committee - Youth Affairs meeting available.*

2) Skatepark Survey

Jeremy Manning presented the results of the Skatepark Survey. The results are summarised as follows:

- Of those surveyed 78% were male, 22% were female;
- The majority of those surveyed were between 13 and 15 years old;
- Of those surveyed the areas they reside in were 14% Wanneroo, 9% Clarkson, 9% Craigie – it was interesting to note that the two highest areas were outside the City of Joondalup;
- Those for a Skatepark were 99%, Against 1%;
- Most popular location was 49% near Lakeside Joondalup, second was 28% near Skate International;
- 77% said they would use a Skatepark;
- From the question of locality 42% said they would prefer the Skatepark near Skate International and 55% said they would like it in their own community;
- When asked if they would travel to a larger Skatepark or stay at a smaller one in their own community 76% said yes, 24% no.

Cr. Hollywood in his capacity as Chairman of the Skatepark Committee, reported that the Council is looking at the location of the park opposite Bouncers in the Joondalup Business area as the most suitable area to build the Skatepark.

The Council has agreed to build the first Skatepark in Kinross at a cost of \$90,000. It is intended that this will be up and running by Christmas. The City of Stirling is also looking at building a Skatepark at Carine Open Space for \$150,000. This will be funded 50% by City of Stirling and 50% by City of Joondalup. A third skatepark is intended to be the Joondalup Business Centre, Winton Road area.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility that the quality of skateparks may be compromised for quantity. It was reported that an excellent skatepark can be built for \$100,000 and that the intention was that the young skaters would be involved in the design of the Skateparks. It is also suggested that a BMX track will be incorporated in the Skateparks.

Mathew Wright suggested that people may still think that Carine Open Space is a long way to get to. John Saratsis said that serious skaters don't mind travelling a little further for a good quality Skatepark.

Discussion followed regarding concerns that the community does not provide enough facilities for young women.

ACTION

- a) Jeremy Manning to obtain the design for Kinross Skatepark and take to the next meeting of the Youth Advisory Council.*

3) Tree Planting Proposal

Viet Nguyen presented the tree planting proposal which had been distributed to members and Viet called for comments regarding the proposal.

Cr. Hollywood indicated his enthusiasm for the proposal and suggested that the Youth Advisory Council should make an application to the community funding round to fund the project. Jeremy Manning mentioned that the funding applications closed on 19 October 2001 and needed to be lodged with John Goldsmith.

General discussions followed as to what sort of proposal was needed. Ryan Kukura suggested to let the kids at schools decide if they wanted to take part. Suzanne Akila believes it will help youth become more environmentally conscious. Jeremy Manning suggested it should be symbolic of young people planting their roots in Joondalup.

Craig Comerie suggested the trees should be presented during Year 8. This would provide a focus for environmental education throughout secondary schooling.

Kate Sinagra mentioned there would be less trees required if the project targeted Year 12 students.

Following discussion, members decided that the project should be focused at year 8 level and that a submission for funding should be developed and submitted.

ACTION

Jeremy Manning to develop and submit proposal to Community Funding Program – Sustainable Development

4) Youth Conference / Declaration

Ryan Kukura, Suzanne Akila, Viet Nguyen, Kate Sinagra and Cr. Kadak attended the conference. Suzanne Akila provided the meeting with a summary of what was discussed. There were several headings such as Environment, Education Opportunities, Reconciliation, Mental Health, Family Needs etc. and there were six key recommendations for each heading. Suzanne Akila advised that the recommendations are very succinct and straightforward. Jeremy Manning advised that the declarations had gone to Council.

Ryan Kukura would like to present a framed copy of the declaration letter to schools. Jeremy Manning has a copy.

ACTION

- a) *Recommendations arising from Conference to be incorporated in to the Youth Advisory Council Planning day.*

5) Hodges Drive pedestrian – Reply from Principal

Viet Nguyen reported that the Youth Advisory Council had received a reply from the Principal of Prendiville College. A copy of the letter was distributed to everyone. The letter was a good result and the Principal has asked if we would keep them updated.

ACTION

- a) *Write a thank you letter to Principal for his response.*
- b) *Jeremy Manning, Suzanne Akila and Jennifer Dedman to draft letter of response.*

6) Sports Program Progress

This program will be run over a number of weeks in the summer months. Suzanne Akila mentioned that she would like to incorporate some team sports in to the programme. Suzanne Akila suggested getting a formal committee together and inviting Craig Johnson to attend the meeting

The Chairperson asked who would like to be involved on the committee and volunteers included Suzanne Akila, Alice Ostrowski, Kate Sinagra, Mathew Wright, Adam Wade, Luke Crosby and Jeremy Manning. The Committee meeting was called to take place on Tuesday 23 October 2001 at 4.30pm. The meeting will be held in a room in the administration building.

ACTION

- a) *Meeting to be held 23 October 2001 at 4.30pm.*
- b) *Develop submission at meeting and submit to Healthways.*

7) Road Safety Project

Jeremy Manning updated members on the progress of the Road Safety Project and reported that he had spoken to the manager of a local cinema. An option was suggested to hire out the cinema and put a movie of your choice on with the Road Safety video screening first. Jeremy Manning suggested to do it as a fundraiser exercise. Other options were suggested to show it at the Kings Park Outdoor Theatre, Film Festival, Channel 31. There is also an option of mass production.

ACTION

- a) Reconvene the Roadsafety Committee to discuss the project launch and other project components.*

8) Newsletter

Jeremy Manning advised that the newsletter is with the Marketing staff and should be printed in the near future. The newsletter will be distributed some time in the next two weeks.

ACTION

No action required.

9) Youth Advisory Council Planning Day

Jeremy Manning advised that the Planning session should be conducted in the next two to three weeks and members were asked to determine their preferred times for the session

It was decided that the meeting would be held on Tuesday 30 October 2001, from 4.30pm to approximately 9.00pm.

ACTION

- a) Letter of confirmation details to be sent to members.*

STANDING ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Correspondence

No correspondence.

NEW BUSINESS

Stirling Youth Advisory Council

Craig Comerie of Stirling Youth Advisory Council presented the meeting with a proposal on lowering the age limit of voters to 16. He was at the meeting representing Louise Pratt and needed to find out the level of support for a few questions. He provided a proposal letter and asked the following questions:

- Is it a good idea to lower the voting age and making it compulsory to vote?
- Is it a good idea to lower the voting age and make it non-compulsory to vote?
- If enrolled should you have to vote ?
- Should an education program be implemented in Year 8 detailing voting?

Adam Wade suggested Year 10 was a better group to target than Year 8. Jeremy Manning expressed the need to educate youth in regard to voting due to the possibility of being fined if you are enrolled but don't vote. The vote was unanimous regarding an education module being implemented in to schools.

Members expressed that the Joondalup North Youth Advisory Council was happy to support the proposal.

ACTION

- a) *Craig Comerie to email a copy of the proposal letter to Jeremy Manning.*

Joondalup Festival – Youth Lounge

The Youth Lounge was conducted at the Festival last year and was successful. It is a lounge area for the young people, held in a large marquee with dancing and activities provided. A letter of support is required from both North and South YAC to support the fundraising proposal from Cultural Services to incorporate the Youth Lounge into the Joondalup Festival .

ACTION

- a) *Jasmine Singh to write the letter of support.*
- b) *Jeremy to give Jasmine Singh a copy of last years letter.*

Community Forum

A community forum titled “Challenges and Opportunities” will be held on 29 October 2001 in the Civic Chambers from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Jeremy Manning provided the meeting with contact information for anyone who would like further information.

ACTION

No action required.

Rally Australia

Jeremy Manning advised that they had received four tickets for Rally Australia Events. These tickets have been offered to us from the Lotteries Commission of Western Australia for a party of young people to attend either at the opening on Thursday night or on Friday at the Jimmy Barnes Concert. It was suggested that the tickets be used as an incentive prize for members and this was agreed to.

ACTION

a) *Viet Nguyen to decide who receives the tickets and notify members.*

Young Women's Survey

Viet Nguyen presented the meeting with a copy of the Young Women's Research questionnaire.

ACTION

Viet Nguyen to telephone Research Officers to discuss the survey.

NEXT MEETING

Date: 19 November 2001
Time: 5.00 p.m.
Venue: Conference Room 1 – Civic Centre

There being no further business, the Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.10pm.