

Minutes

Camden Youth Reference Group Meeting

Camden Council

Julia Reserve Youth & Community Centre

5.9.22



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MEETING COMMENCED AT 6.45PM (DIRECTLY AFTER PURPOSEFUL LEADERSHIP TRAINING)

PRESENT

Paige Bagley, Nikita Joseph, Alana Bailey, Zainab Atif, Abdul Siddiqui, Joanna Kolevri, Molly Quinnell, Maddie Haywood, Jemima Rawcliffe, Patrick O'Meara (CPO Youth) & Blair Avila (Team Leader CP&D)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Molly Quinnell read the Acknowledgement of Country.

APOLOGIES AND LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Hamani Tanginoa, Matias Silva, Almira Qadeer

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Molly Quinnell – Family member is the Labor Candidate for Camden and therefore has declared this due to item 4 on the agenda.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

N/A

1. REPORT TITLE: DISCUSSION ABOUT APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRPERSON AND ALTERNATE CHAIRPERSON

It is a requirement under the recently adopted Terms of Reference that the Camden Youth Reference Group appoint a Chairperson and an alternate Chairperson. This process will take place during the October Camden Youth Reference Group meeting. PJ and Blair to explain to the group the responsibilities of these positions and the process of nominating yourself for these positions.

Recommendation:

- i. That all members who wish to nominate for a position do so by sending PJ an email or text message at least 10 days before our next meeting
- ii. Group to vote on chairperson during October Camden Youth Reference Group Meeting

THE RECOMMENDATION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**.

Action Items:

That all members who wish to nominate for a position do so by sending PJ an email or text message at least 10 days before our next meeting

2. REPORT TITLE: TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference have been adopted by Council to ensure that Advisory Committees and Reference Groups operate consistently across Council. They are based on Model Terms of Reference that align with industry best practice and were subsequently customised to reflect the purpose and operations of each Advisory Committee and Reference Group.

The general distinction between Advisory Committees and Reference Groups is summarised below:

- Advisory Committees – Provide strategic or technical advice and may make recommendations to Council.
- Reference Groups – Action-oriented and often advise on the planning and delivery of particular projects or events.

The Terms of Reference include provisions with regard to meeting governance and administration as well as the roles and responsibilities of the Camden Youth Reference Group members and relevant staff.

A copy of the Camden Youth Reference Group Terms of Reference was viewed and discussed.

Action Items:

N/A

3. REPORT TITLE: FORWARD PLANNING

To develop a plan for the 2022/23 financial year in accordance with the adopted Terms of Reference and the Camden Youth Strategy

Recommendation:

- i. Camden Youth Council to be given a treasury fund of \$4000. Reference group are to manage this with Council staff to hold/ requisition all payments.
- ii. Youth Multicultural Festival – Local performers rather than big name acts
- iii. Revamp of Camden Youth Council Social Media, to include Instagram and update Facebook. Also work with Millie to help provide content for our main Camden Council pages.
- iv. Focus Group sessions with other local young people – This will address youth strategy action items and also give young people an opportunity to have their voices heard
- v. Development of a program/ project that supports Youth Mental health & Wellbeing. This could include PAWS Pet therapy, events that reduce the stigma of mental health, mindfulness/focus sessions, etc.
- vi. Other projects/ programs could include; NAIDOC week, Disability month, Social Inclusion Games Night.

THE RECOMMENDATION ON BEING PUT WAS CARRIED.

Action Items:

Continue discussions/ planning during our October meeting

4. **REPORT TITLE: AGENDA FOR ROUND TABLE WITH LOCAL MP**

To develop an agenda for the meeting with local MP Peter Sidgreaves, round table discussion that will occur to discuss local youth issues. Meeting to take place at Julia Reserve on Monday the 26th of September.

Recommendation:

- i. Accessibility for young people in the community in particular in young people oriented spaces.
- ii. Transport issues
- iii. Specific Spaces for Young People – Community Connection
- iv. Accessibility of Youth Mental Health Services – Cost, availability & transport
- v. Expense of psychiatrists, psychologists and neuro-developmental specialists
- vi. Youth Homelessness support in Macarthur – Youth Refuge for 16&17 year old's
- vii. Open Discussion/ anything else

THE RECOMMENDATION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Action Items:

- i.) **Members to inform PJ if they can attend this round table discussion**
- ii.) **PJ to develop Agenda based on above recommendations**

5. REPORT TITLE: UPCOMING TRAINING & REQUIRED VOLUNTEER DOCUMENTATION

To discuss the purpose of the required training & documentation and determine a time that will be best for the group

Recommendation:

- i. In-person training to be held before next Youth Reference Group meeting (WHS & COVID)
- ii. Code of Conduct Training to be held via zoom, there will be two options available. Times will be from 6pm-7pm.

THE RECOMMENDATION ON BEING PUT WAS **CARRIED**

Action Items:

Delivery of these training sessions as per recommendations above.

6. REPORT TITLE: OTHER BUSINESS

N/A

MEETING CLOSED AT 8PM

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