



Youth Council Meeting

**Thursday 11 August 2022
6.00pm-7.00pm
Council Chambers, 209 Comur Street, Yass**

YOUTH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Youth Council will be held in Council Chambers, 209 Comur Street, Yass, on Thursday 11 August 2022, commencing at **6.00pm-7.00pm**

AGENDA

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Acknowledgement of Country

I acknowledge that we are meeting on the ancestral land of the Ngunnawal people. I recognise the Ngunnawal as the traditional custodians and pay respect to the Elders of the community and their descendants.

Presenters

- Mayor Allan McGrath & Deputy Mayor Jasmin Jones
- Cr Kristen Butler: Recreational facilities

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4. Other Business

2. Next Meeting

5.1 Hume Police

5.2 Thursday, 8 September 2022 – Council Chambers



Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting

Wednesday 9 June 2022

6.00pm

Council Chambers, Yass Valley Council
209 Comur Street, Yass

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Present

Jo Hoare, Leah Hagerty, Blake Hollingsworth, Maddy Richardson, Hayleigh Scorgie, Jake Shepherd, Riley Hankin, Erin Ballenger

Also Present

Cr Cayla Pothan
Lynette Safranek, Director Corporate & Community
Hannah Sparks, Manager Community Services

1. Apologies

Holly Archer, Finn Archer

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Nil

3. Staff Reports

3.1 WHAT IS A YOUTH COUNCIL?

SUMMARY

A brief outline was provided to the youth council members about what a Youth Council is and how they represent all youth within the Yass Valley local government area.

YOUTH COUNCIL DECISION

Nil

3.2 WHAT DO YOUTH WANT?

SUMMARY

Staff conducted a session with the youth council members to discover how often they want activities to be held; would young people enjoy trips outside Yass Valley; what topics would young people like to hear/learn about; and what kind of free activities/events do young people want.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The youth council recommend that:

- *Youth would like events held monthly, seasonally, and on weekends;*
- *Youth would enjoy trips outside Yass Valley;*
- *Young people would like to hear/learn about mountain bike racing; music; pottery; woodcraft; first aid; parkour; authors; engineering; cooking; marine biologist; pilot; captain; teachers; nurse; surgeon and doctors*
- *Young people would like to have the following free activities/events: fundraisers such as greatest shave; movies/outdoor; horse riding; spring fair; bowling; scavenger hunt; fishing; camping; archery; music festival (rock music); history tour; rock climbing; bush trails; snow visit; mini golf; RC track; summer pool party; youth pride festival; something in front of the commercial hotel; paintball; laser tag; disco; archery; tea shop; and youth book club.*

4. Other Business

Nil

5. Next Meeting

Thursday 21 July 2022, at 6.00pm at Tootsie's Gallery & Cafe.

The meeting closed at 7.00pm



Minutes of the Youth Council Meeting

Wednesday 21 July 2022

6.00pm

Tootsie's Café & Gallery

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Present

Bella Williams, Blake Hollingsworth, Maddy Richardson, Hayleigh Scorgie, Riley Hankin, Erin Ballenger, Nevaeh NW

Also Present

Cr Cayla Pothan
Lynette Safranek, Director Corporate & Community

1. Apologies

Jo Hoare, Jake Shepherd, Holly Archer, Finn Archer, Hannah Sparks

2. Confirmation of Minutes

Nil – will be provided next meeting

3. Staff Reports

3.1 ELECTION OF YOUTH MAYOR AND DEPUTY YOUTH MAYOR

SUMMARY

The Youth Council members need to elect both a Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor.

YOUTH COUNCIL DECISION

That Maddy Richardson is elected as Youth Mayor, and Blake Hollingsworth is elected as Deputy Youth Mayor.

3.2 REGIONAL-WIDE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SUMMARY

This report was to present opportunities for the Youth Council to be involved in the region-wide youth mental health awareness month from 8 September to 8 October 2022.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The youth council recommend that:

- *The Region-wide Youth Mental Health Awareness Month report be noted.*
- *The Youth Council suggested a lunch with a speaker, sausage sizzle, and to hand out care packages.*
- *Youth Council members will help Council staff run a social media campaign.*

3.3 YOUTH GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The NSW Department of Communities and Justice is offering grant funding for a project that focuses on giving young people the opportunity to develop a range of skills, including life skills and healthy behaviours; leadership, communication, and teamwork; event management and planning; and providing volunteering opportunities that link young people to further education and training.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The youth recommend that they would like to see a summer music festival, ice skating rink, or bumper cars.

3.4 YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

SUMMARY

This report sets out the meeting dates for the remainder of k2022 and early 2023.

COMMITTEE DECISION

The youth recommend that they meet on the following dates: 11 August, 8 September, 13 October, 10 November and 8 December 2022, and 9 February 2023.

5. Other Business

NIL

6. Next Meeting

Thursday 11 August 2022, at 6.00pm in Yass Valley Council Chambers.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

3.1 YOUTH COUNCIL LOGO

SUMMARY

The Youth Council members have been asked to create a Youth Council logo for use on documentation and the Youth Council uniform

COMMITTEE DECISION

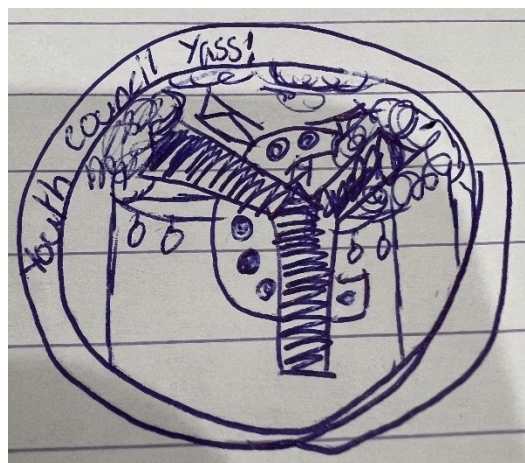
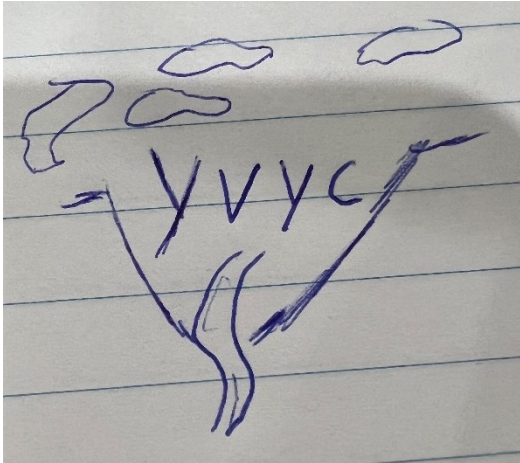
That Council allow the Youth Council to use the logo selected at this meeting.

REPORT

The Youth Council members represent all the youth of the Yass Valley when they are in public.

A logo on documentation or the Youth Council clothing allows them to be quickly identified, and provide a sense of belonging to the member.

Council staff have already received the following nominations, with more to be presented at the meeting.



ATTACHMENTS: Nil

3.2 YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 2023

SUMMARY

The NSW Government is providing funding through the *Creating Opportunities for Young People in NSW* Program. This report outlines an option for the Youth Council to hold a “Yass Valley Rising Star” event in February 2023 as part of this grant program.

COMMITTEE DECISION

That Council assist the Youth Council to develop and hold a Youth Music Festival in February 2023.

REPORT

At the first Youth Council meeting in June, the youth identified a need for more music events, especially for local talent. This has been used by Council staff to help identify a project that meets the requirements for Creating Opportunities for young people in NSW.

The Youth Opportunities Program provides one-off, time-limited grants between \$10,000 and \$50,000 to local councils for youth-led and youth-driven community projects that have a positive youth development focus.

Projects funded under the Youth Opportunities program are to involve young people at every stage of the project - from identifying the need, through to design, project delivery and final review and recognition. Organisations applying for funding must have spoken with young people and involved them in developing the project proposal prior to submitting an application.

As the applications must be completed and submitted online via SmartyGrants by 5:00pm on Monday, 8 August 2022, staff have developed a music program and are looking for the Youth Council to endorse and assist with the planning and hosting of this event.

We would like to propose a “Yass Valley Rising Star” event at Tallagandra Hill Winery. The event would include the following:

- Indoor main music program
 - 4 hour festival-style music program with 1 headline act x 60 minutes; 5 local support acts x 30 minutes; dance performance from Kulture Break (youth program); and focus on youth/supporting youth.
 - Suggested headline acts we could approach are Kate Ceberano and her band; Mahalia Barnes and the Soul Mates; Vance Joy; Boy and Bear; and Amy Shark
 - Suggested local supporting acts could be Lucy Sugerman; Koebi faumui, Liv Li; Marty K, or Muesli
- Outdoor picnic site (back of the truck) with small scale acoustic performances from up and coming local artists.
- Outdoor picnic site for kids: jumping castle, other activities.
- The estimated cost for such an event would be approx. \$50,000.
- Possible timing would be 21-22 January, 4-5 February or 18-19 February 2023.

Due to the closing date of the grant, Council staff have submitted an application. We recommend the Youth Council support this recommendation. If it does not wish to support this event, we can withdraw the application.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil

3.4 REGION-WIDE YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SUMMARY

At the 21 July 2022 meeting, the Youth Council noted a report on the Region-Wide Youth Mental Health Awareness Month. This report provides an update on the event component.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be noted.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil. The Department of Regional NSW will provide Council with a \$5,000 grant to cover the costs of participating in the Region-Wide Youth Mental Health Awareness Month.

POLICY & LEGISLATION

Nil.

REPORT

Event update

The latest research shows young people are most likely to reach out to their peers with a problem. Therefore, the aim of Yass Valley's event will be to help young people check in on a friend, navigate a tricky conversation and know what to do if a friend needs help.

Following discussions with other councils and Yass High School Deputy Principal Andrew Facer, the following event is proposed to be held between 19-23 September at Yass High School:

- Sausage sizzle breakfast with agencies such as PCYC, Headspace, TAFE etc.
- 150 care packs handed out during breakfast
- Youth Mental Health First Aid training delivered to 10-15 students from years 8-10
- Workshop with participants on ideas to continue to develop a healthy culture around mental health at the school i.e. implementation of mental health ambassadors or a special mental health day - best idea will receive a prize
- Youth Mental Health First Aid training delivered to 10-15 students from years 8-10 OR presentation to whole of school by qualified youth mental health worker

Council will work with Upper Lachlan Shire Council, Goulburn Mulwaree Council and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council to coordinate the event at Yass, Crookwell, Goulburn and Queanbeyan High Schools.

ATTACHMENTS: Nil