



NOTICE OF TUMUT YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a Tumut Youth Council Committee Meeting of Snowy Valleys Council will be held in the Community Development Meeting Room located at 181 Wynyard Street, Tumut on, **Wednesday, 08 November, 2017**, commencing at **4:30 PM**.

Distribution: 25	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
Councillor			
Council Representative-Evan Saunders (Delegate)			
Executive:			
Chairperson –Jeane Van Der Merwe			
Deputy Chairperson - Joe Post			
Treasurer –Jeremy Hannah			
Secretary – Daisy James			
Publicity Officer – Lori Webb			
Members:			
Charlie Dodds			
Nate Wood			
Aiden Rossiter			
Joshua Veitch			
Brendon Castle			
Caleb Francis			
Lachlan McDonald			
Lulu Saunders			
Hannah Veitch			
Oscar Thornton			
Adult Facilitators:			
Teagan Fava – Adult Facilitator			
Barb McKimmie – Adult Facilitator			
Information Only			
Mental Health Worker			
Samantha Hughes			
Batlow Technology School SRC			
Tumut TAFE Students			
Batlow Interact			
Public			

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David Aber
Acting General Manager

TUMUT YOUTH COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING – AGENDA

Wednesday, 08 November, 2017, commencing at 4:30 PM.

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The next meeting date is scheduled to be held TBA

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MEETING COMMENCEMENT:

PRESENT:

Participants:	Present:	Apology:	Absent:
Councillor – Cate Cross	x		
Council Representative – Evan Saunders	x		
Chairperson – Jeané Van der Merwe	x		
Deputy Chairperson - Joe Post	x		
Treasurer – Jeremy Hannah	x		
Secretary - Daisy James	x		
Publicity Officer – Lori Webb	x		
Charlie Dodds		x	
Kiera Beavan			x
Aiden Rossiter			x
Caleb Francis			x
Brendon Castle		x	
Lachlan McDonald	x		
Joshua Veitch	x		
Lulu Saunders	x		
Hannah Veitch	x		
Oscar Thornton	x		
Teagan Fava – Adult Facilitator		x	
Barb McKimmie – Adult Facilitator			x

Council staff in attendance were **Evan Saunders**. Councillors present were Clr Cate Cross, Clr Adrianna Benjamin and Clr James Hayes.

APOLOGIES:

YC13 RESOLVED that the apologies from Charlie Dodds, Brendon Castle and Teagan Fava be received.

J Hannah / L Saunders

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

YC14 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Youth Council Committee held on 02-August-2017 be accepted as read.

J Hannah / L Saunders

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- Thank you to members of the Youth Council who volunteered their time to run games for kids at the Boys Club Hall on Sat the 30th of September for the Lions Club 100 year anniversary of volunteering in Australian towns.
- Jeané said The Lions 100 year anniversary celebrations was not well attended.
- Games were organised by the local Lions Club. Youth Council members assisted with helping run the games for kids.
- Feedback from Youth Council members about the event indicates that it wasn't advertised enough or possible not enough through the right avenues for more potential participants to hear about it.

- The NSW Ryde Youth Council Conference over the weekend of the 22nd to 24th of September was attended by eleven Tumut Youth Council members and one Tumberumba Youth Council member, Imogen Radford. The accompanying adults with the group were Evan Saunders and Kylie Jensen.
- The group stayed at the Courtyard by Marriot in Ryde.
- All positive comments about the weekend away were made by the Youth Council members following the conference.
- Highlights for members include the Friday and Saturday night activities consisting of mini Olympics at the Macquarie University Field and the evening Sydney Harbour boat cruise on board a chartered boat carrying all the youth councils at the conference.
- The Youth Council members all were involved in youth leadership workshops across the weekend and got to hear a range of engaging and interesting presentations. These include but were not limited to; a Q&A discussion with various state MPs from three different political parties, the use of social media in telling positive stories, how to engage audiences, how to create community projects that work.
- Other participants in the conference over the weekend were Youth Development officers and local government representatives such as Councillors and youth workers from LGAs and NGOs.
- The design your community project was a popular workshop hosted by youth peak body Youth Action. This workshop taught the Youth Council the steps necessary in designing and implementing a community project from the ground up.
- The Tumut community project road tested at the workshop was about redesigning the Tumut Skate Park into a more functional and inclusive space.
- Tumut members learnt how to develop a pitch to potential partners and funding bodies who could partner with the Youth Council in the project idea.
- Further discussions about engaging the community in conversations to do with youth spaces and community infrastructure were held amongst the group over the weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Youth Matters for October and November 2017 (YC1)

1. New Youth Council Logo Competition

- A rough draft for the terms and conditions for a logo design competition was passed around the committee meeting.
- The competition for a new logo came after the Council merger. Seeing as the Youth Council no longer uses the TSYC acronym it was suggested by members this year that a new logo design is necessary for our branding to remain current.
- The competition will be open to all ages above twelve years. Josh and Daisy suggested that the competition should be open to adults too.
- Youth Council representatives will liaise with head teachers and other staff about when is the most appropriate times to promote this competition to classes.
- The winning logo design has been decided to be a \$70 gift card to JB-HIFI.
- The new log will feature on future Youth Council shirts, on all letter heads, stall signs and online promotions.
- The competition will close at the end of the term with the winning design to be chosen by the youth committee and council communications staff.

2. Common Connections Activities

- Members agreed that common connections can include a range of sporting activities over the Summer months in January and February.
- A question posed to the committee was what are some possible activities the youth council could organise that promote good mental health for youth?
- Lori suggested that a mini Olympics event with teams competing at the Bull Paddock.
- Josh proposed that there could be one event each week for a limited number of weeks in a row.
- Hannah suggest a pool party meets movie night.
- Evan suggested that the Tumut Youth Council could organise the Tumut and Adelong pool parties with their respective swimming clubs for support while the Tumbarumba Youth Council could help organise the Tumbarumba and Khancoban pool parties with assistance from pool staff and clubs.
- Evan mentioned he will send an invite to the Batlow Interact committee to ask if they would take on the role of helping co-organise a Batlow pool party with their town's swimming club and pool staff.
- All pool parties will take place in the month of January during the school holiday period. Evan will liaise with relevant Council staff and both Youth Councils to work on making these activities happen.
- Jeané added that as a member of the Tumut Swimming Club she will talk to them about the committee's plans and see if they can help.

3. Tumut Skate Park Community Consultation

- At the Tumut High School wellbeing day on RUOK? Day the Tumut Youth Council asked students to sign a petition if they were interested in upgrading the Tumut skate park.
- This follows previous discussions with local regular skaters, bike and scooter riders about suggestions on how we can work with Council to improve the youth area in and around the skate park.
- The Youth Council received over two pages of signatures from teenagers during the lunch period when the stall was open.
- Members told Councillors the background behind the calls from regular users of the park for improvement upon the Tumut skate park that would enhance it's appeal and function.
- Solar powered lights set to a timer system have been requested to improve visibility and safety in the early evening at the space.
- An extension of the skate park to include a new street skate section with lower obstacles and more flat surfaces and rails has been recommended.
- Currently the park is too hard for many beginners to use and limits the type of use for all skaters and riders.
- Councillor Cross suggested groups like Blakeney Millar would be good to approach for support and partnership too.
- Following group discussion Evan and the youth council will write to potential partners who could help provide funding and support to campaign locally for an improved space.
- The Youth Council indicates that it wants to help initiate conversation with inclusion from people in the community about what the space could incorporate.
- A skate park design consultant would need to be hired to work out costings of a locally supported design.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council contribute funding and assistance towards redesigning and building an improved and more functional youth space at the Tumut Skate Park.

D James / J Veitch

YC15 RESOLVED that the Youth Council discuss matters in this report and take action accordingly.

J Hannah / L Saunders

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Chris Horsley attended the meeting as a visitor to propose facilitating a series of youth up-cycling workshops that will help promote the new buying back of bottles and cans in the shire.
- Over summer Chris would like to host a number of workshops in various towns across the shire including Tumbarumba, Adelong, Tumut and Batlow.
- Each workshop participants would learn how to make something new from something old and realise that some items can even be potentially sold to fundraise or make a profit from.
- Jeané says it is a great idea and would support it.
- Josh was of the opinion that many his age may not be attracted to the idea.
- It was decided that the committee should go ahead and help support and take part in the workshops being organised by Chris during the holiday period in January 2018.
- The Youth Council received a letter from Tumut Rotary club asking for support once again at the Christmas Carols by Candlelight concert in Richmond Park on the 10th of December.
- The committee decided to paint faces for the kids while also explore other options as suggested by Councillor Benjamin.
- Previous criticisms of the event have indicated that there has been a lack of children's activities to choose from.
- Suggested alternatives to also consider are a waterslide or water activity of some kind or a jumpy castle for hire.
- Councillor Hayes encouraged the Youth Council to use their experience in the committee to grow as young leaders and to really take on opportunities as they come.
- Mr Hayes indicated that he would support any capacity building opportunities in leadership development for the Youth Council when they arise.
- Evan suggested that the Chairperson and a couple of other Youth Council members sit in on a Council meeting to see how the formal meetings are run.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday the 1st of November.

CLOSED:

The meeting closed at 6:47pm.

REPORT NUMBER: YC 1
SUBJECT: Youth Matters November and December 2017 (YC1)
REPORT AUTHOR: Evan Saunders
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER: nil

PURPOSE OF REPORT: To discuss matters arising to youth in November and December.

KEY ISSUES

1. Youth Holiday Program
2. Youth Public Art Project
3. Christmas Carols and Christmas Markets

COMMENTS

1. **Youth Holiday Program**
 - Plans are underway for the January Youth Holiday Program for the Snowy Valleys Shire.
 - At the October Youth Council meeting the committee talked about two things they could organise for the summer.
 - The first was a sports day featuring similar activities to the Ryde Youth Council conference including Bubble Soccer, football darts and archery tag.
 - The second was pool parties at public swimming pools.
 - Evan suggested the Tumut Youth Council could help organise the Tumut and Adelong pool parties with their respective swim clubs.
 - During the October meeting Chris Horsley also introduced the up-cycling workshops she plans to run across several towns in the shire as part of the holiday program.
 - Who can help with the up-cycling workshops?
 - Youth Council members discuss who can help and how they can help promote any of the activities.
2. **Youth Public Art Project**
 - As part of the Snowy Valleys Community Strengthening Grants the Tumut Youth Council was successful in obtaining a grant of \$1,600 to fund two local public art murals.
 - The first mural site was chosen because of the vandalism that has occurred at the site, the steps leading up the Tumut KFC drive thru.
 - Evan has sought attention from two professional artists who are excited about running aerosol art workshops for youth before painting up a colourful mural to cover up the illegal graffiti.

- The Youth Council should discuss ways that they can be involved in the project and promote it to others in their network.
- Who can help with this project?

3. Christmas Carols and Christmas Markets

- Following last meeting's invitation from Rotary Tumut to participate in the Christmas Carols event again on December 10th.
- Who can help paint faces at the event?
- What other activities that are relatively low in cost can we approach Rotary with to do for kids?
- Christmas Markets and night shopping on Thursday the 14th of December on Wynyard Street in Tumut.
- The committee has asked if the Youth Council would like to help create some chalk art designs on the street with the kids.
- Who can help draw some chalk art and encourage kids to draw something?

RECOMMENDATION

That the Youth Council discuss matters in this report and take action accordingly.

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil