

Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Federation Youth Council Ordinary Meeting - 2

Date: 12 June 2018

Start Time: 4:45 pm

End Time: 6:45 pm

Location: Council Chambers, Corowa Civic Centre

Record Ref: 18/26064

Invited Participants: Amber Harvey, Jenny Bevis, Caitlin Moir, Dylan Forge, Liam Summons, Noah Little, Olivia Hughes, and Tyler Martin.

Attendees: Amber Harvey, Caitlin Moir, Dylan Forge, Liam Summons, Noah Little, Olivia Hughes, and Tyler Martin.

Apologies: Jenny Bevis

Purpose: Ordinary Meeting Two of the Federation Youth Council – Discussion of Project

Agenda

Item 1:	<p>Opening of Meeting</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are meeting today, the Bpangerang people, and acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in this area. I extend that respect to Elders – past and present of the Bpangerang nations.</p> <p>Call quorum – enough members to start.</p> <p>Welcome and Acknowledge of Federation Youth Councillors</p>	Cr. Dylan Forge	Duration
Minutes:	<p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Apology from Jenny Bevis. Amber Harvey to speak on her behalf on Agenda Item 3.</p> <p>Quorum was called.</p> <p>Dylan welcome the Youth Councilors and opened the meeting.</p>		
Action:	Enter resulting action	Responsibility	Due Date
Item 2:	<p>Minutes – Workshop 8 May 2018.</p> <p>Minutes were distributed via email and Facebook Messenger on 17th May.</p>	Cr. Dylan Forge	Duration

Minutes: Youth Mayor Dylan made a motion that the minutes of the workshop on 8th May 2018 be accepted.

Moved: Caitlin Moir

Seconded: Noah Little

Action: Minutes from 8th May Workshop are carried. Responsibility Due Date

Item 3: **Thanks to Caitlin Moir** Jenny Bevis 5 mins
Thanks to Cr. Caitlin Moir for her assistance to at the Festival of Fun for Kids.

Minutes: Amber Harvey thanked Caitlin Moir on behalf of Council for her assistance at the Festival of Fun for Kids on the 20 May and presented Caitlin with a “thank you” letter from Jenny Bevis, Community Projects and Events Officer.
Letter and thanks accepted.

Action: Enter resulting action Responsibility Due Date

Item 4: **Economic Development** Amber Harvey 15 mins
Open discussion regarding
Attracting families
Keeping shops open
Retaining young people
Refer to report prepare by Economic Development Officer, Greg Aplin.

Minutes: Youth Mayor requested the meeting to be moved to an open discussion to discuss the Report on Youth Council- Population Growth – Economic Development

How do we keep young people from moving to larger towns, capital cities or overseas?

Young people move to get employment or education or family.

A university but that is unrealistic for this area.

It is a rite of passage to move away and go to uni and experience new cultures and learn.

Only people staying are farmers or apprentices and that is limited.

Can't stop young people leaving, the Council should focus on bringing them back once they have families.

There is real potential for young families to come and learn and build their families here.

For the youth that leaves, what can be done to attract them back to Federation?

Number one jobs.

Promote the lifestyle

Close knit communities – been a part of a community

Local events brings people back to the area even if just for the weekend and continues their association with the area.

Promotion of good local schools and education for young families.

Promote small business. Perhaps as incentive for business to open here.

More professional jobs. There are jobs like piggeries but that need other options

The number one still has to be employment and jobs that offer a pay structure relevant to the city.

Promote the cost of living versus the city.

Target the needs of the community in the areas they want and have the jobs open

Have grad students to undertake the roles allowing for the young student to build a life and family in the area.

Promote that by moving to regional areas you can move quicker through their chosen fields, more likely to get promotions and have more opportunities to do a broader range of work.

Country schools can offer more opportunities in education with smaller class sizes and more one of one teaching / mentoring.

Encourage businesses to take people on with work experience as it is a great opportunity for young people to experience roles and meet potential employers.

Discussed schools in country versus city.

Proposed that Council advertise with real people and their personal stories. For example, young people talking about their school and how great it is to show prospective families why they should move here.

What attractions or infrastructure are missing?

Indoor pool

Pools and attractions at the pool such as a diving board

UNI but need to leave to have other experiences and grow

Country unis don't support all the courses and you are forced to move where ever in Australia to do the course you want.

In unis where more connected allowing transfers so people can start in the big uni and then return back to the regional unis

Needing infrastructure such as shops and cafes and reasons for people to come here.

Need more attractions to get people to visit and then once here business to support their visits. E.g. people visit the Big Spider at Urana. There is no sign to tell you what it is. People should be then encouraged to go the café for lunch or do something else why in town.

Water is the key element in each town.

Each towns needs to sell themselves with their own brand or the whole council needs to focus on what is it that makes it special here.

A visual river attraction in Corowa. E.g. Echuca has the paddle steamers, Swan Hill has the pioneering. Federation for here? Won't attract young people.

Need a café on the river.

More events on the river to showcase what is special about this area.

Need a soccer ground. Could be at the Rugby Club.

Focus on pulling people from Albury Wodonga through a day trip

What are the attractive elements of our community?

The water.

The close knit communities.

Bring together and showcase the attractions we have, e.g. the water - river in Corowa and Howlong, lake in Mulwala and the dam in Urana.

The art work such as the Boree Creek Swagman, spider in Urana and the horse in Morundah.

The pubs, every town has them – make it a trail. Run a competition such as eat a steak in each pub and receives a prize for those that complete.

Suggestions for public art such as the silo murals or the street art in Benella. Need to create a reason to come here and then work with local business to keep people here.

Showcase the theatre in Morundah and the story.

The chocolate factory is one the main attractions.

How do we better market them?

The chocolate factory is a poor second to the Junee. Need to focus on the marketing the whiskey. Not just as part of the Chocolate Factory, but it could be something the whole town is proud of. A design the label competition for Corowa.
 Yackandah is a good example of been hipster. The culture of super cool people. You can go access and play musical equipment and be engrossed in the lifestyle.
 Performers / karaoke / something to attract people.
 The whole town needs to be on board and drive the coolness.
 We are not labelling ourselves as a young people area. It is a retirement village.
 An initiative for young people to start businesses. Grant to start a new business / award for successful business.
 Promote the cafes, pubs as somewhere to visit.
 Help businesses by running smaller events and activities at different places to bring them together.

Who are the target audiences for any marketing campaign?
 Young families to move here.
 Hipsters and Melbourne people on weekends away for tourism.

How do Youth Councilors think refugees would be accepted into the community?
 Yes I think it would be great.
 Open to it, but the community might be concerned as to who they are.
 Need to educate the community by telling stories – about who they are and why they have come here.
 Young families to move to Corowa. Create opportunities for people to learn more about people’s culture. Young people move away from Corowa to be cultured. Perhaps we can bring culture to the area.
 Creates opportunities for businesses.

Action:	Provide feedback to Council’s Economic Department	Amber	22 June
Item 5:	Draft CSP, Delivery Program and Budget Youth Council to provide feedback on the draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Budget. Refer to report prepared by Heidi Neumeister, Council’s Governance Officer.	Councilors	15 mins
Minutes:	Youth Council addressed the report on the Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Budget. Youth Councilors agreed that the content was appropriate. Thought there could be a focus on Youth Spaces as part of the playgrounds / skate parks / green fields. No other responses.		
Action:	Amber to report back to Council’s Governance Office on the group’s response and include minutes.	Amber	22 June
Item 6:	Discussion on having the piano placed in Federation and made a part of the projects listed for the year	Cr. Noah Little	5 mins

Minutes: Recommended the Youth Council group's initiative for 2018 is to create a number of Community Pianos across the Federation Council area.

Moved: Noah Little

Second: Olivia Hughes

Carried to make the Community Pianos the group's project.

Meeting move to open discussion about the Community Pianos Project

The project would include securing of five upright pianos for Corowa, Howlong, Mulwala, Oaklands and Urana.

Location of the pianos to be determined. Work with local businesses that could move the pianos in and out each day. All agreed a central location is important.

Suggestions included alley way near Memorial Hall in Corowa, Coronation Park rotunda in Oaklands, and near mural in Howlong.

Three month trial and if the community and Council don't feel the pianos are appropriate or there is sufficient concern donate to the preschool / schools / community groups.

Some concerns include noise, piano tuning, vandalism, getting the pianos to and from the point of purchase and to the end site,

Idea is to lure people to listen the people playing on the piano and creating the crowd and interesting scene for people to come and join in. Gather all people from all parts of the community together.

The painting on the piano could be of the towns main attraction with address or indication of location.

Initiative could extend to a map where the piano a located and encourage tourists and locals to visit the pianos.

Next step to find an amount of pianos for the locations allowing for 5 to be found to get the project going

Need up right pianos that are in working order.

Advertise for pianos online, in paper and on buy swop sell pages on the internet.

Speak to the Men's Shed in Corowa, Howlong and Oaklands to see if they can help repair / do any maintenance to the pianos and make pianos seats for the project.

Discussion on how to protect the pianos from the weather and vandals- built a box over them, make a local business owner responsible for wheeling in and out.

Focus on the pianos and still aim for the movie nights if time permits

Action:	Youth Mayor to call the Cube in Wodonga and find out logistically how the pianos work, any issues they have had, tuning of the piano etc. Amber to develop project plan. Start advertising for old pianos.	Responsibility	3rd July
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Item 7:	Brain storming Ideas for events and activities Making a statement – the PURPOSE. Open discussion on ideas and dates An outdoor table tennis table Movie Night – late November or early December School holiday activities Decision and project plan and responsibilities	Councilors	1 hr
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Minutes: Discussion addressed in Agenda Item 6

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Item 8:	Request to move September workshop to September 18th. CWA Oaklands have agreed to allow us to use the rooms for meetings.	Amber Harvey	Duration
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Minutes: Recommended that next meeting is changed to 3rd of July.
Moved: Caitlin Moir
Second: Olivia Hughes
Motion carried that next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd July.
Tyler Martin is an apology.

Recommended that September meeting is moved to the 18th September.
Moved: Caitlin Moir
Second: Noah Little
Motion carried to hold the September meeting on the 18th.

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Next Meeting Council Workshop on 10th July 2018

Youth Secretary Olivia Hughes