

## Meeting Minutes

### Federation Youth Council Workshop 1

**Date:** 8 May 2018

**Start Time:** 4:45

**End Time:** 6:45

**Location:** Community Meeting Room, Corowa Civic Centre

**Record Ref:** Enter record no

**Invited Participants:** Amber Harvey, 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:** No apologies

**Purpose:** Initial workshop of ideas for 2018/19 Federation Youth Council

### Agenda

**1. Opening of meeting**

Yth Mayor Dylan Forge

**Minutes:** Yth Mayor Dylan Forge opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of country. A quorum was present.

**Action:** Enter resulting action

Responsibility

Due Date

**2. Confirmation of Minutes**

Yth Mayor Dylan Forge

**Minutes:** Cr Olivia Hughes moved to accept the minutes, Cr Noah Little seconded. The minutes were carried.

**Action:** Enter resulting action

Responsibility

Due Date

**3. Introduction of Councilors**

Amber Harvey

**Minutes:** Amber Harvey introduced all Federation Councilors and gave a power point description of the roles and involvement of each Councilor. Amber asked Youth Council if they were fine for their contact details to be shared to the Federation Councilors as requested by

Shaun Whitechurch so that Council can touch base with each of them and pass on their regards.

**Action:** Send Youth Council contact details to Federation Council so they can touch base.      Responsibility      Due Date

**4. Miki City Host Families**      Amber Harvey

**Minutes:** Amber Harvey gave information and an update on the Sister City Program, and asked for people who are willing to host and be involved in the process.

Host meeting night on Tue 6 June.

**Action:** Enter resulting action      Responsibility      Due Date

**5. Skate Park Steering Committee**      Yth Mayor Dylan Forge

**Minutes:** Collection of nomination forms. Conversation around the level of commitment involved in another committee, and balancing other commitments.

Cr Caitlin Moir and Yth Mayor Dylan Forge expressed interest.

Yth Mayor raised the recommendation that the youth council be involved with the steering committee, with Cr Caitlyn Moir and Yth Mayor Dylan Forge be involved as youth council representatives.

Cr Tyler Martin moved

Cr Olivia Hughes seconded.

Motion was carried.

Adopted that Caitlin Moir and Dylan Forge would represent the Youth Council on the Corowa Skate Park Steering Committee.

**Action:** Caitlin to have signed form and return to Council. Amber to pass forms onto Sharon, Corowa Skate Park Steering Committee Project Officer Enter resulting action      Responsibility      Due Date

**6. Festival of Fun for Kids**      Amber Harvey

**Minutes:** Call for volunteers, Amber Harvey raised discussion around people who can coordinate the main stage — stage management. Description of event planning. People to help at front gate, handing out programs, info desk roles. 20 May 2018, Sun 1-5pm. Corowa Racecourse.

Discussion around target audience — little kids. Amber to provide flyers so that Cr Caitlin Moir and Cr Olivia Hughes can announce at school assembly. Cr Caitlyn Moir interested in being involved.

Online form as expression of interest to help out.

**Action:** Jenny Bevis to contact Caitlin regarding volunteering. Responsibility      Due Date

**7. Benchmarking — Youth Councils** Amber Harvey

**Minutes:** Amber Harvey provided an update on other youth councils:

Wangaratta Youth Council - Amber gave an update on some events that the youth council has been involved in previously: GeekCon, SongWriting Workshops, RockPool (live music and movies during summer), North East skate park events, pop up music in parks — accessible events to

Albury Youth Council : youth connect card initiative (in conjunction with Wodonga Youth Council, giving discounts to youth for local businesses), kool schools awards night (songwriting, trips to Melbourne to record), Leadership conferences (festival vibes), Clean up graffiti day, all abilities ball

Lismore Youth Council: Zombie walk, geeky performance art,

Mitchell Youth Council: australia day festival, Christmas toiletry drive, cyber tattoo presentation, Haywire/RAGE grant (Rural Australians for Gender Equality)

Shepparton Youth Council: Grant through Haywire — Magnify Mentoring idea — transitioning from final years of high school with a local mentor

Eurobodalla Youth Council: Back to Bush — youth led tourism campaign — business initiative

Blue Mountains Youth Councils: public outdoor ping pong table, Christmas giving tree, Youth Councilors serve as Assistant Mayor and co-chair of a meeting, youth-specific “have your say” webpage

**Action:** Enter resulting action Responsibility      Due Date

**6. Focus for Next few meeting** Amber Harvey

Amber Harvey advised that Council received a grant of \$25,480 through the NSW Government's Youth Opportunities Program to establish and drive this youth development program.

The suggestion is that it involves at least one youth focused initiative — but possibilities to run several different initiatives — with the possibilities of events, community facilities (ping pong/youth space). Largely autonomous from main council, reporting back to council as required.

Following this discussion, Youth Council did a SWOT analysis on the needs of Federation Council area in relation to Youth:

### **SWOT ANALYSIS ON THE NEEDS OF YOUTH IN THE FEDERATION COUNCIL AREA**

**Strengths** Beautiful surroundings, Sports, Interactive, Small-close knit community, Interconnecting, People currently hang-out at home, McDonalds, youth groups, skate park, river, parks, Time between football and cricket seasons key for potential events, relatively short distances to other towns, space.

**Weakness** Lack of interaction between social groups, lack of working together, Youth aren't as connected to older people, Lack of socialising (tech), Young people leave, Not much entertainment, cinema - can't go under 18, lack of diversity, Isolation/lack of interests and hobby options

**Opportunities** Hang out space(s)/cafe type with free WIFI that was "youthful"/cool, Technology / communication, app for connection, social media connections, youth council page, Skate Park -Youth Space, Pool, TAFE (new TAFE to provide new opportunities, Sporting grounds, more funding for schools and sports, new Sport, interests (Soccer/basketball?), Youth Centre -- space for interaction, using spaces already available, engaging resources across community groups

**Weakness** Lack of opportunity, Unwillingness to be uncomfortable, Fear of never being comfortable, Fear of Judgement from others, Space for safe interaction, Must be marketed right/done well to be effective

Current events with some focus on youth- Skate Park Event, Oaklands Truck Show, Billy Carts, Show, Carols, Easter Egg Hunt, "Flicks In The Sticks", Festival of Fun for Kids,

Main issue - inclusiveness and belonging.

Respected. Space that is available.

Multi purpose field. Multi purpose building.

Other ideas raised:

Uno club in the library, Social space at schools — building connections within schools, building connections with the community, Ping pong table, Outdoor gym equipment. Wodonga junction-type space.

Councilors to mentor one youth council, business cards, each to have business cards. Youth face book page, generic email, Facebook page. Youth council were all keen to have own page as a space for receiving and sharing ideas

Action: Amber Harvey to send the logo to Tyler and Olivia

Meeting closed at 6:45 pm. Next Meeting Tuesday 12 June 2018 at the Corowa Council Chambers.  
Youth Secretary Tyler Martin