12.2 Mid-Western Regional Youth Council

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the Manager, Community Services on the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council;

2. note the minutes of the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council meeting convened on 10 March 2020.

Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council of Youth Council discussions and activities.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

The Mid-Western Regional Youth Council held its most recent monthly meeting on 10 March 2020. The Youth Councillors discussed a range of matters, including activities and events for the upcoming Youth Week and Easter school holidays. Unfortunately, these events and activities have had to be postponed given the current COVID-19 situation. Council's Youth Services Officers are currently working on a range of events and activities to keep local youth engaged through social media channels whilst still complying with Council's policy on the use of social media.

The Youth Council has also been adjusting to a reduced budget given the withdrawal of KEPCO funding. As outlined elsewhere in this Business Paper, however, Council has been successful in obtaining a grant under the Stronger Country Communities funding model in order to continue the Youth Services program for a further two years from 1 July 2020.

Community Plan implications

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<td>Strategy</td>
<td>Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups</td>
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Strategic implications

Council Strategies
Council’s Youth Strategy provides direction and recommendations for Council and the community to benefit local youth. The Mid-Western Regional Youth Council also takes direction from this document when considering future planning.

Council Policies
Not applicable

Legislation
Not applicable

Financial implications
Reference is made to the report on the extension of the Youth Services Program with the assistance of Stronger Country Communities Funding elsewhere in this Business Paper.

Associated Risks
The current COVID-19 climate has resulted in limiting opportunities for Council to engage with local youth. Council’s Youth Officers continue to explore viable opportunities to continue that engagement wherever possible.

FIONA TURNER
MANAGER, COMMUNITY SERVICES

1 April 2020


APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER
MINUTES OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 10 March 2020
VENUE: Mudgee Council Chambers,
86 Market Street, Mudgee
COMMENCEMENT TIME: 4:10 pm

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1. In Attendance

Youth Councillors: Courtney Boxsell (Deputy Youth Mayor, Chair), Fen Fraser, Rhiannon McPherson, Ayden Seis

Councillors: Councillor Sam Paine (Deputy Mayor)

Council Staff: Fiona Turner (Manager, Community Services), Sam Sible (Youth Services Officer; Minutes)

1.2. Apologies: Councillor Russell Holden; Christopher Barry (Youth Mayor); Lucah Hill; Zowee Roberts (Youth Councillor); Cathy Meyers (MWRC Youth Services Officer)

Motion: Acceptance of apologies
Moved: R. McPherson
Seconded: F. Fraser
- Carried

2. MINUTES – 25 February 2020

Motion: Acceptance of minutes
Moved: C. Boxsell
Seconded: R. McPherson
- Carried

3. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

3.1. None.

4. BUDGET

4.1. F Turner reported that Council approved proposed budget amendments. The majority of the remaining budget for 2019/2020 is allocated to salaries and wages in orders to continue the Youth Services programme to the end of financial year. Remaining activities for this financial year will need to limit use of paid facilitators, so the Youth Services Officers will be running the majority. Council is still waiting to receive information about the Stronger Country Communities grant application.

5. EXISTING BUSINESS

5.1. Youth Council Events


Due to the timing of Youth Week 2020 [YW2020] the Department of Community and Justice [DCJ] has given approval for activities run during the first week of the April school holidays to be branded as YW2020 activities, and grant monies can be spent on those also.

Owing to limited advertising time it was decided not to conduct the Short Film Competition this year, but to run it with more preparation next year. Should sufficient funding be available, the option of hosting film workshops during a school holidays next financial year in the lead up to the competition will be investigated. Additional Skatepark BBQs will now be held across the region. Youth will be given the opportunity at these to record their suggestions and opinions about the MWRC [Mid-Western Regional Council] region at these events.
The Mocktail Workshop partnership event with MWRC Library is going ahead, and the possibility of involving Mudgee TAFE’s Hospitality Department is being investigated.

YYW2020 branded promotional giveaway items supplied by the DCJ have been ordered. Advertising for the events will be finalised and sent to the MWRC Events team for approval shortly.

Expected schedule of events for YYW2020, currently is:
- 1 April 2020, Wednesday, Skatepark BBQ – Gulgong
- 3 April 2020, Friday, Mocktail Workshop – Mudgee
- 7 April 2020, Tuesday, Skatepark BBQ – Rylstone
- 8 April 2020, Wednesday, Disney Trivia - Mudgee
- 14 April 2020, Tuesday, Skatepark BBQ – Kandos
- 15 April 2020, Wednesday, Cosplay & Anime – Mudgee
- 16 April 2020, Thursday, Level Up Extended/ Marathon (availability of volunteer Games Masters dependant) - Mudgee

5.1.2. Autumn School Holidays; update
Events for the second week of the school holidays are expected to be:
- 20 April 2020, Monday, Soccer Workshop with Football NSW – Gulgong
- 21 April 2020, Tuesday, Terrarium Workshop – Kandos
- 22 April 2020, Wednesday, Real Teens – Mudgee
- 24 April 2020, Thursday, Neon Signs - Mudgee

Action: Youth Services team to circulate advertising for both YYW2020 and Autumn school holidays events and activities as soon as possible. Youth Councillors to assist Youth Services in promotion prior and during event schedule.

6. BUSINESS ARISING
6.1. Book Bouncers and The Write Stuff – C. Boxsell
C Boxsell reported on the success of the Book Bouncers programme at Mudgee Library, which Youth Council has been supporting through donations of book packs and refreshments. Similar success of the MWRC Library initiative The Write Stuff (a monthly creative writing programme run by the Library) was discussed. C Boxsell asked if Youth Council could continue financial support of the programme through another donation of books. All agreed that this would be a good programme to continue supporting, but it wouldn’t be possible this financial year; should the budget be available another donation will be made next financial year.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS
7.1. None.

8. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING
8.1. Tuesday 28 April 2020, Mudgee Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee.

4:33PM Meeting closed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

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<td>Email One YA book suggestions to S. Sbisa</td>
<td>All Youth Councillors</td>
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<td>Follow up with Mal Rock re youth radio</td>
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<td>Prepare submission for TARP funding</td>
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Item 13: Urgent Business Without Notice

URGENT BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

As provided by Clauses 19 & 20 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice (Clause 14 LGMR).

GIVING NOTICE OF BUSINESS

19. (1) The Council must not transact business at a meeting of the Council:

(a) unless a Councillor has given notice of the business in writing at least two (2) days prior to the day on which the agenda and business paper is prepared and delivered to Councillors; and

(b) unless notice of the business has been sent to the Councillors in accordance with Clause 6 of this Code. (see Section 367 LGA & Clause 14(1) LGMR)

(2) Subclause (1) does not apply to the consideration of business at a meeting if the business:

(a) is already before, or directly relates to a matter that is already before the Council (see Clause 14(2)(a) LGMR); or

(b) is the election of a chairperson to preside at the meeting as provided by Clause 12(1) (see Clause 14(2)(b) LGMR); or

(c) is a matter or topic put to the meeting by the chairperson in accordance with Clause 21 (see Clause 14(2)(c) LGMR); or

(d) is a motion for the adoption of recommendations of a committee of the Council; (see Clause 14(2)(d) LGMR); or

(e) relates to reports from officers, which in the opinion of the Chairperson or the General Manager are urgent;

(f) relates to reports from officers placed on the business paper pursuant to a decision of a committee that additional information be provided to the Council in relation to a matter before the Committee; and

(g) relates to urgent administrative or procedural matters that are raised by the Mayor or General Manager.

BUSINESS WITHOUT NOTICE

20. (1) Despite Clause 19 of this Code, business may be transacted at a meeting of the Council even though due notice of the business has not been given to the Councillors. However, this can happen only if:

(a) a motion is passed to have the business transacted at the meeting; and

(b) the business proposed to be brought forward is ruled by the Chairperson to be of great urgency. Such a motion can be moved without notice. (see Clause 14(3) LGMR)

(2) Despite Clause 30 of this Code, only the mover of a motion referred to in subclause (1) can speak to the motion before it is put. (see Clause 14(4) LGMR)
Item 14: Confidential Session

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1993

10A WHICH PARTS OF A MEETING CAN BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC?

(1) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises:
   (a) the discussion of any of the matters listed in subclause (2), or
   (b) the receipt or discussion of any of the information so listed.

(2) The matters and information are the following:
   (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors),
   (b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer,
   (c) information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business,
   (d) commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed:
      (i) prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or
      (ii) confer a commercial advantage on a competitor of the council, or
      (iii) reveal a trade secret,
   (e) information that would, if disclosed, prejudice the maintenance of law,
   (f) matters affecting the security of the council, councillors, council staff or council property,
   (g) advice concerning litigation, or advice that would otherwise be privileged from production in legal proceedings on the ground of legal professional privilege,
   (h) information concerning the nature and location of a place or an item of Aboriginal significance on community land,
   (i) alleged contraventions of any code of conduct requirements applicable under section 440.

(3) A council, or a committee of the council of which all the members are councillors, may also close to the public so much of its meeting as comprises a motion to close another part of the meeting to the public.

(4) A council, or a committee of a council, may allow members of the public to make representations to or at a meeting, before any part of the meeting is closed, as to whether that part of the meeting should be closed.

10D GROUNDS FOR CLOSING PART OF MEETING TO BE SPECIFIED

(1) The grounds on which part of a meeting is closed must be stated in the decision to close that part of the meeting and must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

(2) The grounds must specify the following:
   (a) the relevant provision of section 10A(2)
   (b) the matter that is to be discussed during the closed part of the meeting,
   (c) the reasons why the part of the meeting is being closed, including (if the matter concerned is a matter other than a personnel matter concerning particular individuals, the personal hardship of a resident or ratepayer or a trade secret) an explanation of the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.
DISCLOSURE AND MISUSE OF INFORMATION

(1) A person must not disclose any information obtained in connection with the administration or execution of this Act unless that disclosure is made:

(a) with the consent of the person from whom the information was obtained, or
(b) in connection with the administration or execution of this Act, or
(c) for the purposes of any legal proceedings arising out of this Act or of any report of any such proceedings, or
(d) in accordance with a requirement imposed under the Ombudsman Act 1974 or the Freedom of Information Act 1989, or
(e) with other lawful excuse.

1. (1A) In particular, if part of a meeting of a council or a committee of a council is closed to the public in accordance with section 10A (1), a person must not, without the authority of the council or the committee, disclose (otherwise than to the council or a councillor of the council) information with respect to the discussion at, or the business of, the meeting.

2. (1B) Subsection (1A) does not apply to:

(a) the report of a committee of a council after it has been presented to the council, or
(b) disclosure made in any of the circumstances referred to in subsection (1) (a)-(e), or
(c) disclosure made in circumstances prescribed by the regulations, or
(d) any agenda, resolution or recommendation of a meeting that a person is entitled to inspect in accordance with section 12.

(2) A person acting in the administration or execution of this Act must not use, either directly or indirectly, information acquired by the person in that capacity, being information that is not generally known, for the purpose of gaining either directly or indirectly a financial advantage for the person, the person’s spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person.

(3) A person acting in the administration or execution of this Act, and being in a position to do so, must not, for the purpose of gaining either directly or indirectly an advantage for the person, the person’s spouse or de facto partner or a relative of the person, influence:

(a) the determination of an application for an approval, or
(b) the giving of an order.

Maximum penalty: 50 penalty units
MOTION

I move that pursuant to the provisions of Section 10 of the Local Government Act, 1993 the meeting be closed to the public.

After a motion to close the meeting has been moved and seconded and before the vote, the Chairman will ask if there are any other matters, besides those listed on the agenda which should be considered in Confidential Session.

He will then announce those matters to be considered in Confidential Session. In doing so, the Chairman will give reasons why those matters are to be considered in Confidential Session and explain the way in which discussion of the matter in an open meeting would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest.

CHAIRMAN

The following matters have been listed for consideration in Confidential Session:

14.1 Commercial Property Rent Relief

The reason for dealing with this report confidentially is that it relates to information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the Council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business in accordance with Section 10A(2)(c) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it involves discussion of details of commercial lease arrangements.

9.2 Financial Assistance - Western NSW Public Health Network

The reason for dealing with this report confidentially is that it relates to information that would, if disclosed, reveal a trade secret in accordance with Section 10A(2)(d)(iii) of the Local Government Act, 1993.

Discussion of this matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest as it involves discussion of Information in this report would reveal confidential information, not currently authorised for release.

The Chairman will then ask the General Manager if there are any written representations from the public on the proposed closure of the meeting.

The General Manager will read out any written representations received.

The Chairman will ask if anyone in the gallery would like to make verbal representations in regard to the matters now to be considered in Confidential Session.

The Chairman will then put the motion "to close the meeting" to the vote.