12.4 Mid-Western Regional Youth Council

REPORT BY THE MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES

TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING GOV400088, COS300610

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. receive the report by the Manager, Community & Cultural Services on the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council;
- 2. note the minutes of the Mid-Western Regional Youth Council meetings convene on 9 February, 9 March and 11 May 2021;
- 3. endorse Imogen Barrett as Mid-Western Regional Youth Council Mayor;
- 4. endorse Kirilee Besant as Mid-Western Regional Deputy Youth Council Mayor; and
- 5. note the resignations of Nicola Hayes and Christopher Barry from Mid-Western Regional Youth Council.

Executive summary

This report seeks to inform Council of Mid-Western Regional Youth Council discussions and activities.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

The most recent Mid-Western Regional Youth Council meetings were convened on 9 February, 9 March and 11 May 2021. There was no meeting in April 2021 as quorum was unable to be achieved

Youth Councillors discuss a range of matters, including school holiday and Youth Week activities and how it can provide support to activities and events for the benefit of youth living in the region, such as through the Local Youth Employment Expo and through initiatives such as the One Young Adult Book One Community project.

Further detail of the abovementioned discussions are contained in the minutes attached to this report.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Meet the diverse needs of the community and create a sense of belonging

Strategy Support programs which strengthen the relationships between the range of community groups

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Mid-Western Regional Council's Youth Strategy provides direction and recommendations for Council and the community to benefit local youth. Mid-Western Regional Youth Council also takes direction from this document when considering future planning. A review of this document is forthcoming following community consultation.

Council Policies

Not Applicable.

Legislation

Not Applicable.

Financial implications

Not Applicable.

Associated Risks

Not Applicable.

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MANAGER, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL

SERVICES

SIMON JONES
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

1 June 2021

Attachments: 1. Minutes - February 2021.

2. Minutes - March 2021.

3. Minutes - May 2021.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM GENERAL MANAGER



MINUTES OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 9 February 2021

VENUE: Mudgee Council Chambers,

86 Market Street, Mudgee

COMMENCEMENT TIME: 4:22 pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.1. Mid-Western Regional Youth Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. In Attendance

Youth Councillors: Immi Barrett, Kirilee Besant, Ayden Seis (Chair), Joshua Smith

Councillors: Councillor Sam Paine (Deputy Mayor)

Council Staff: Fiona Shearman (Manager, Community Services), Cathy Meyers (Youth Services Officer), Sam Sbisa (Youth Services Officer; Minutes)

2.2. Apologies: Courtney Boxsell (Youth Councillor), Fen Fraser (Youth Councillor), Nicola Hayes (Youth Councillor)

Motion: Acceptance of apologies.

Moved: A. Seis Seconded: J. Smith - Carried

3. MINUTES – 8 December 2020

Motion: Acceptance of minutes.

Moved: J. Smith Seconded: C. Meyers - Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

4.1. Letter from Mid-Western Regional Council Library - 09.02.2021

Youth Council have received communication (see Fig 1) detailing the Library's plan to initiate a new strategic plan, as part of which community consultation is being undertaken. Youth Council were invited to partake in the various forms of consultation, especially the dedicated 'Youth Focus' small group session https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/focusing-on-youth-services-programs-tickets-140952856789

5. EXISTING BUSINESS

5.1. Youth Council Events

5.1.1. Summer school holiday activities; update

A general discussion of the activities run over the January school holiday period occurred. Feedback overall was that the programme of events was well received. Bookings and attendance at all events was good, with the exception of those occurring in the Kandos and Rylstone area. Ideas on how to change this was discussed – advertising is undertaken as much as possible, with Kandos High School regularly promoting the events held in that area. K Besant suggested promoting through appropriate youth organisations such as Scouts and volunteered to assist with this. The Youth Services team expressed that the schedule of events was very ambitious and planning/organisation for some of the events (especially excursions) was greater than expected; that moving forward the amount of time involved in preplanning during the school holiday period would need to be considered when planning the schedule of

activities, especially over January when the Council shutdown period affects the planning time prior/during the school holidays.

Activity	Date	Location	Available places	Bookings	Attendance
Keyrings and	6 Jan	Event Zone – Mudgee	10	10	7
necklaces		Library			
Keyrings and necklaces	7 Jan	Kandos Community Hall	9	0	0
Short film workshop (day 1)	11 Jan	The Stables Mudgee	15	19	12
Short film workshop (day 2)	12 Jan	The Stables Mudgee	15	19	11
Tenpin bowling excursion	13 Jan	Dubbo	20	41	18
Yoga session	14 Jan	Gulgong Memorial Hall	12	8	8
Video game design workshop	18 Jan	The Stables Mudgee	15	29	12
Kokedama workshop	19 Jan	Rylstone Memorial Hall	10	1	Session cancelled due to material supply issue
Laser skirmish excursion	20 Jan	Bathurst	22	53	21
Kokedama workshop	21 Jan	Gulgong Memorial Hall	10	14	8
Water photography competition	25 Jan	Online	N/A	N/A	18 entries
Water photography competition – People's Choice Award	3 Feb	Online	N/A	N/A	18 entries

It was noted that the winner and placegetters of the photography competition will be displayed at the Gulgong RSL, with the printed photographs being gifted to the winners after the display period.

5.1.2. Youth Week 2021 (16 to 24 April 2021) - "Together more than ever"

It was noted that due to the official dates of Youth Week 2021 and the April school holidays (2 -18 April) that planning for and discussion of the programme of events for the three week period would generally be referred to as 'Youth Week' – this may change around advertising.

In light of the comments from Youth Services regarding needing to be more realistic in regards to event management and planning time required during the event schedule period, a general discussion of potential events and scheduling of events for the Youth Week period was discussed. There was discussion about the possibility of facilitator schedules affecting preferred activities and timetabling. The destination for the April excursion was discussed – it is hoped that the Ice Skating opportunity at Bathurst would be viable for July 2021, with that in mind it was felt that travelling north for April would be preferable. As Flip-Out Dubbo has closed, and Bowling was included in the schedule for January, Youth Services suggested the Wellington Caves as a possible venue (a previous science themed excursion 'Mudgee Observatory' had good take up), the group agreed that this should be investigated. I Barrett expressed interest in assisting with the running of any shoe decorating sessions. S Sbisa also suggested a cupcake decorating workshop to tie into the theme of Youth Week 2021.

The majority of conversation revolved around the proposed short film competition. Some basic rules and guidelines for the entries were determined (for example there will be a strict 3 minute maximum film length), with final details regarding legalities etcetera for the Youth Services team to discuss with Council's Economic Development team. All agreed using Mudgee Money for the prizes would be ideal, suggestions for prize amounts were also discussed. I Barrett suggested the 'signature item/concept' for the films be 'book' – after a brief discussion all agreed that this was an excellent idea. The Youth Services team will commence working on the advertising and associated required forms for the short film competition as soon as possible in order to maximise creation time for entrants.

Action point: Youth Services team to commence work on short film competition collateral as soon as possible and begin contacting and booking facilitators for Youth Week events.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. Office bearer elections – carried over until next meeting

6.2. Youth Councillor resignation

N Hayes formally resigned from Youth Council via email on 27 January 2021, due to moving away from the region for further education reasons. Youth Council thanks N Hayes for her service over the past years.

This resignation lowers the current Youth Council membership to eight young people. S Sbisa reported there may be another one or two resignations submitted in the coming weeks, but that four young people from across the region have recently requested information on how to join Youth Council. It is anticipated that some nomination forms may be received for voting on at the March 2021 meeting.

6.3. Flying minute outcome - Youth Council nomination; 14.12.2020

The flying minute regarding the Youth Council nomination received for Kirilee Besant, passed. Votes were received from I Barrett, C Boxsell, N Hayes, F Fraser, and R McPherson.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. None

8. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

8.1. Tuesday 9 March 2021, Mudgee Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee.

5:23 PM Meeting closed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMPLETION
Commence work on Short Film Competition collateral and begin sourcing and booking facilitators etc. for Youth Week programme		9.03.2021

Figure 1





MINUTES OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 9 March 2021

VENUE: Mudgee Library Event Zone

64 Market Street, Mudgee

COMMENCEMENT TIME: 4:14 pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.1. Mid-Western Regional Youth Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. In Attendance

Youth Councillors: Immi Barrett, Kirilee Besant, Ayden Seis (Chair)

Councillors: Councillor Sam Paine (Deputy Mayor)

Council Staff: Fiona Shearman (Manager, Community Services), Sam Sbisa (Youth Services Officer; Minutes)

2.2. <u>Apologies</u>: Christopher Barry (Youth Mayor), Courtney Boxsell (Deputy Youth Mayor), Rhiannon McPherson (Youth Councillor), Joshua Smith (Youth Councillor), Cathy Meyers (Youth Services Officer),

Motion: Acceptance of apologies.

Moved: A. Seis Seconded: I. Barrett - Carried

3. MINUTES - 9 February 2021

Motion: Acceptance of minutes.

Moved: A. Seis Seconded: K. Besant - Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

4.1. Resignation from C. Barry - 08.03.2021

Youth Council have received a resignation email from C. Barry; he is moving out of the area C. Barry thanked Youth Council for the opportunities and the skills acquired while being a member. All thanked C Barry for his service over the past two years.

5. EXISTING BUSINESS

5.1. Youth Council Events

5.1.1. Autumn school holiday and Youth Week activities; update

A general update of the booked activities and competitions was provided. Promotional material has been forwarded to Council's Graphic Designer for final approval. It is hoped the programme will be available to the public early next week. The Short Film Competition details have been finalised, and promotion has commenced (See Fig 1 to Fig 2.2). Members commented that both Gulgong and Kandos high schools have been promoting the film competition. Promotion of the photo competition will commence this week (See Fig 3). All members are asked to assist with promoting the upcoming events and activities.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. Office bearer elections

5.1.1. Election of Youth Mayor

- K. Besant nominated I. Barrett; nomination accepted
- I. Barrett has been elected Youth Mayor. Congratulations to I. Barrett

5.1.2. Election of Deputy Youth Mayor

- . I. Barrett nominated K. Besant; nomination accepted
- K. Besant has been elected Deputy Youth Mayor. Congratulations to K. Besant

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. None

8. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

8.1. Tuesday 11 May 2021, Mudgee Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee.

4:55 PM Meeting closed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMPLETION
Promote Autumn school holiday and Youth Week activities and competitions.	All members	23.04.2021

Figure 1



\$300 Mudgee Money Grand Prize
+ runners up. People's Choice and more to be won

Short Film Challenge

Enter the challenge and show off your filmmaking skills

- Films can be in any style, a maximum of 3 minutes long, must contain "book", and be made by amateur filmmakers
- Entries close 4.30pm on 15 April 2021
- Entry form on Council's website (midwestern.nsw.gov.au), listing full terms and conditions
- Enquiries to youth.services@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

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Figure 2.1



FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	THIRD PRIZE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (Voting closes 4 May 2021)
\$300	\$200	\$100	\$250
Mudgee Money Gift Card	Mudgee Money Giff Card	Mudgee Money Gift Card	Mudgee Money Gift Card

Terms and Conditions

- 1) Films must be no longer than three (3) minutes this includes any credits.
- 2) "Book" must appear somewhere in your film this can be a physical item (such as a book) or a concept (booking tickets). The time stamp of your "book" must be included on your entry form.
- There can be no more than five (5) people on your creative/production team. There is no limit on the number of actors in your film.
- 4) The competition is open to amateur filmmakers only.
- Content must be appropriate for a youth competition and adhere to the Parental Guidance (PG) Australian Classification rating.
- Entries must be submitted via USB to one of Mick-Western Regional Council's Customer Service Centres or a Mid-Western Regional Council Library branch by 4.30pm on Thursday 15 April 2021.
- 7) The creative/production team must gain permission from all actors for their likeness to be viewed and screened publicly and on social media.
- 8) Films can be in any style live action, animation, stop motion etc.

(3) All entires must be original work by the creative team. 10) Enterest must be aged 12 – 25 11) All least one member of the creative/production team must be very six in the Mid-Modelm Regional Council aims. 11) Process under the up of 15 should ask permission from their particular between settings the competition. 12 permission that is a part of the between the creative particular process. 12) Process under the upper 15 should ask permission from their particular par

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Figure 2.2

Short Film Challenge Entry Form Title of film Name of contact person Address Phone Email Details of Creative/Production team Name Age Phone 2 Have you obtained permissions from all actors in your film? (this includes permission to film, use their likeness, play film publicly and place on social media) Yes No (your film is ineligible for entry) Have you obtained all other permissions for your film? (eg. songs, music, footage, images) Yes No [(your film is ineligible for entry) At what time stamp in your film does "Book" appear: _ I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the competition on behalf of myself and the full creative/ production team Yes No [(your film is ineligible for entry) Signature: (If entrant is under 18, parent/carer's signature is required) Parent/Carer's Name: Proudly funded by







Figure 3



FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	THIRD PRIZE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (Voting closes 29 April 2021)
\$50	\$30	\$20	\$50
Mudgee Money Gift Card			

Photo subjects should relate to the theme FAUNA, but contain no recognisable human faces (this is to do with publishing permissions).

Email your entry (not exceeding 10MB) by 22 April 2021 with the title of your entry, your full name, age, and postal address to: youth.services@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Farms and Conditions: 1). All errises must be original work by the entrant. 2] Entrantement be aged 12 — 25, and law, study, or work in the Mid Western Regional Countral area.
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MINUTES OF YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: 11 May 2021

VENUE: Mudgee Library Event Zone

64 Market Street, Mudgee

COMMENCEMENT TIME: 4:18 pm

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

1.1. Mid-Western Regional Youth Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging. We extend that respect to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1. In Attendance

Youth Councillors: Immi Barrett (Chair), Kirilee Besant (Deputy Youth Mayor), Fen Fraser, Joshua Smith, Hope Irwin, Blake Irwin, Bronte Furness

Councillors: Councillor Sam Paine (Deputy Mayor)

Council Staff: Fiona Shearman (Manager, Community Services), Cathy Meyers (Youth Services Officer), Sam Sbisa (Youth Services Officer; Minutes)

2.2. Apologies: Ayden Seis (Youth Councillor)

Motion: Acceptance of apologies.

Moved: F. Fraser Seconded: J. Smith - Carried

3. MINUTES - 9 March 2021

Motion: Acceptance of minutes.

Moved: I. Barrett Seconded: K. Besant - Carried

4. CORRESPONDENCE IN/OUT

4.1. None

5. EXISTING BUSINESS

5.1. Youth Council Events

5.1.1. Autumn school holiday and Youth Week activities; evaluation

A general discussion about the activities was held. Overall, it was felt that the range of activities were well received. It was noted that feedback received suggested a longer parkour event in Mudgee may have been a better option. All agreed the excursion was worthwhile and that another visit to the Caves for a different tour might be a good future excursion. K Besant made some suggestions as to activities that may be well received in Kandos and Rylstone, including candle making – these will be investigated for future holiday periods. Participation was as follows for both the school holiday and Youth Week period:

Activity	Date	Location	Available places	Bookings	Attendance
Custom shoes and caps	6 Apr	The Stables Mudgee	12	21	9
Parkour introduction	7 Apr	The Stables Mudgee	20	22	17
Parkour introduction	7 Apr	Gulgong Memorial Hall	20	7	4
Custom shoes and caps	8 Apr	Kandos Community Hall	12	4	8

Cupcake Decorating Workshop	12 Apr	The Stables Mudgee	10	13	7
Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Introduction	13 Apr	Rylstone Rollers BJJ	20	2	2
Wellington Caves	14 Apr	Wellington	16	24	16
Excursion					
Short Film Challenge	15 Apr	Online	N/A	N/A	3 films
D & D Extravaganza	15 Apr	Event Zone – Mudgee Library	6	14	6
Fauna Photography	22 Apr	Online	N/A	N/A	12 entries
Competition					
Short Film Challenge	23 Apr	Mudgee Town Hall	60	8	Session
premiere screening		Theatre		at time of cancellation	cancelled due to technical issues
People's Choice Award	29 Apr	Online	N/A	N/A	214
Voting for Fauna					
Photography Comp					
People's Choice Award voting for Short Film	5 May	Online	N/A	N/A	170
Challenge					

5.1.2. Winter school holiday activities and competitions

A draft of the proposed winter school holiday activities was presented and discussed. It was decided that the theme for the online photography competition would be 'My place'. Suggestions for back up events/activities should the proposed events not be possible, were raised including indoor rock climbing. All agreed the paint your own ceramic travel mug idea should be a well-received Plastic Free July activity.

6. BUSINESS ARISING

6.1. One YA Book One Community 2021

The novel selected was *The Left-handed Booksellers of London* by Garth Nix. The Youth Services Officers had difficulty in sourcing 150 copies of the book, but managed to get them through small orders at multiple suppliers. The books were able to be ready to launch during Youth Week. Due to COVID-19 related restrictions it was once again decided that businesses would not be involved in hosting copies of the novel – it is hoped that they can be invited to be involved again next year. All four local high school libraries and the TAFE Library have agreed to host copies of the book (they are responsible for adherence to COVID-Safe practices for their copies); between them they are hosting about 50 copies. The remaining 100 copies are available from all four MWRC Library branches (some are barcoded, and some are available for non-library members. Additionally an online trivia competition relating to the theme will be run on the Youth Council socials between April and the end of June.

6.2. Mudgee Readers' Festival 2021

The Mudgee Readers' Festival [MRF] committee has contacted the Youth Services Officers on behalf of the Youth Council. MRF have asked if the Youth Council would like to sponsor up to 5 workshops by a Young Adult author to occur over the Mudgee Young Readers' Festival period (all four high schools would be asked if they would like to host a talk, with an additional one at the Mudgee Library to cater for home school or other relevant aged people who may not attend a local high school), as well as a *Body Love Project* talk and workshop for young people aged 12-25 over the MRF Festival weekend. The Youth Services Officers reminded the group that part of the NSW Government funding grant said that events like this would be sponsored/partnered on. All agreed that the proposed events would be suitable and appropriate events for the Youth Council to sponsor.

Action point: YSOs to contact MRF regarding outcome of the discussion.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1. Local Youth Employment Expo

The Youth Services Officers presented information on the Local Youth Employment Expo that they are running in May (see Fig 1).

8. DETAILS OF NEXT MEETING

- 8.1. Tuesday 8 June 2021, Mudgee Council Chambers, Market Street, Mudgee.
- 4:58 PM Meeting closed.

SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK / ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	COMPLETION
Inform MRF Committee regarding sponsorship request outcome	Youth Services Officers	17.05.2021

Figure 1



Local Youth **Employment Expo**













