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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 14th September 2021 at 5.00pm via Zoom

Present:

Councillor	Bob Turner
Councillor	Steven Abboushi
Councillor	Moira Deeming
Councillor	Lara Carli
Member	Jayden D'Souza
Member	Binusha Pathirana
Member	Elayne D'Souza
Member	Vestine Angeneye
Member	Keyara D'Souza
MCC Staff Member	Kristie Lawson
MCC Staff Member	Frank Newah-Jarfoi
MCC Staff Member	Leanne Getson-Ballan

Quorum: Quorum guidelines met

Chairperson: Binusha Pathirana and Marie-Claire Kasukulu

1. Welcome

The Chairperson welcomed all attendees to the meeting and proceeded with the Acknowledgment of Country. *'Melton City Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations, and pays respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.'*

2. Apologies

Raiina Pham,
Imarsha Pathirana
Flynn Kellenbach

3. Declaration of interests and/or conflict of interests

Nil

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting

Motion/Noted

Noted – all actions have been completed

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5. Business Arising**5.1 Presentation Youth Charter****Frank Newah-Jarfoi**

DFFH and Melton Youth Council, partnered together to run The Youth Summit which was conducted on the 20 May at Staughton College with a number of local school participants in attendance.

The main topic of discussion was What was the social impact that COVID had on young people?

One of the major outcomes was that young people requested a mindfulness space in their schools.

Council is waiting on getting the report of the outcomes from the day from DHHF so that Council and YAC have an opportunity to carry out the actions.

Action/Recommendation

Council will advise the Councillors and YAC when the report arrives back from DHHF.

6. General Business**6.1 Lockdown Initiatives****YAC & Members**

Frank mentioned that Council is utilising social media platforms, and if YAC wants to create content for posts, he will speak with the social media team at Young Communities to discuss the option of working together and posting content. Frank will organise post lockdown for YAC and the Young Communities socials team to do an activity together and post it on socials.

Kristie mentioned the reason why this topic was placed on the agenda was to create discussion around initiatives that YAC can come up with to engage young people during lockdown. Jaydn mentioned about creating a Kahoot competition and letting the schools know to advise their students.

Frank mentioned that he will send out the flyer for the upcoming free school holiday program for young people to participate in.

Keyara mentioned that YAC could create a 30-day challenge via Instagram to keep young people busy during the upcoming school holiday period.

Cr Carli discussed the possibility of creating a live chat where young people can login into 1-2 days per week and chat and reach out and make new friends as a pillar of support and friendship. Kristie asked if the YAC would be happy to get online via Zoom or Instagram live maybe 1 hour per week or fortnight to have a chat with young people. The question of what is the most appropriate platform was asked; The YAC members indicated that zoom is not a platform young people like and Instagram would get more engagement from young people.

The YAC discussed having a Q&A on Instagram Live next year with a vibe of being more chilled and relaxing for young people, and Cr Abboushi mentioned Kahoot would be a great platform to use during these types of sessions.

Action/Recommendation

Frank will send out the free school holiday flyer to YAC.



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7. Other Business

Nil

8. Next Meeting:

Tuesday 16 November 2021 at 5-6pm venue TBC

9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 5.45pm.