



# MINUTES

## YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

held on 13 July 2021 at 5.30pm at the Caroline Springs Library

**Present:**

Councillor Bob Turner  
Councillor Steve Abboushi  
Councillor Moira Deeming  
Member Jayden D'Souza  
Member Binusha Pathirana  
Member Imarsha Pathirana  
Member Flynn Kellenbach  
Member Elayne D'Souza  
Member Keyara D'Souza  
Member Mauana Fepuleai  
Member Vestine Angeneye  
  
MCC Staff Member Kristie Lawson  
MCC Staff Member Katriona Gauci  
MCC Staff Member Leanne Getson-Ballan

**Quorum:** Quorum guidelines met

**Chairperson:** Binusha Pathirana and Elayne D'Souza

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**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**

Councillor Lara Carli, Member Raiina Pham, Member Marie-Claire Kasukulu, Member Stella Thangaw

**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*

**5. Business Arising****5.1 Update Youth Summit****Katriona Gauci**

The Youth Summit was a DFFH initiative with Melton City Council being successful in receiving funding.

The Summit was conducted on the 20 of May at Staughton College with the main topic; What was the social impact that COVID had on young people?

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

Council are 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.

**5.2 Feedback Youth Forum - YAC**

Youth Forum – what are the outcomes and the vision moving forward.

This was conducted on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2021, with an emphasis on Education, Training and Employment

The original plan was to conduct the forum at Fraser Rise Community Centre face to face, however due to the COVID lockdown the forum was moved to an online platform.

One of the main reasons for lack of promotion was that the flyers were not posted by the schools on Compass for students to know about the forum.

Consensus by the group was to have the next forum face to face as it is much more engaging.

Cr Deeming mentioned that it is easier for a few students to be taken off-site to attend forums rather than a whole class.

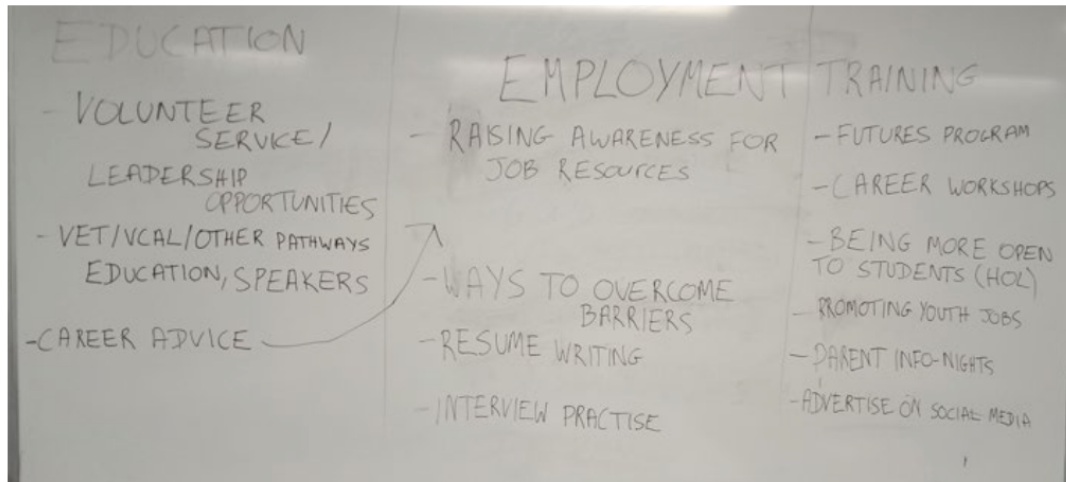
Cr Abboushi mentioned that Moana added lots of energy to the forum, a natural born MC.

Cr Abboushi congratulated the YAC on being organized and for a job well done.

Below highlights the outcomes and learnings from the forum and what the YAC time will focus on for the coming 12 months.



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### 6. General Business

#### 6.1 Goals for 2021/22

#### YAC & Members

Cr Deeming mentioned to YAC that the power of volunteering is an untapped opportunity to learn new skills. Other ways can be finding someone in the community to serve. An initiative that Council did during COVID was to organise community members to knit garments for people in hospital as this provides inter-generational opportunities. VCE/VET/VCAL students did not know the difference between the options. Schools find it difficult for their students to get placement or volunteering opportunities and career pathways.

Look at what external organisations are providing in relation to training programs on offer for the cohorts of years 9,10 & 11.

Think about organizing parent information nights covering VCE/VCAL/VET and training opportunities.

#### 6.2 Upcoming projects/events/training

#### YAC & YC Team

Carry over for the next meeting.

### 7. Other Business - Nil

### 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 commencing at 5.30pm, venue Melton Youth Centre. (Pending COVID-19 restrictions)

### 9. Close of Business

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.