

# NOTES

## **NORTHERN BEACHES YOUTH STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING**

held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2017**

**Notes of the Northern Beaches Youth  
Strategic Reference Group Meeting  
held on Thursday 9 February 2017  
in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, Dee Why  
Commencing at 5.08pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Kylie Ferguson (Chair)	Environment Local Representative Committee
Roslyn Harrison	Economic Local Representative Committee
Grace Blackford	Resident – Manly Ward
Jessica Chignell	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Isabelle Edwards	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Justene Gordon	The Burdekin Association
Kevin Harris	Resident – Manly Ward
Ryan Lagois	Resident – Narrabeen Ward
Su Young Lee	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward
Olivia Murray	Resident – Pittwater Ward
Brittany Ryan	Resident – Pittwater Ward
Phillip Stone	Sydney North Primary Health Network
Rheza Tan	NSLHD - headspace Brookvale
Amy Warren	Resident – Manly Ward
Sam Wilkins	Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward

**Council Officer Contacts**

Kate Lewis	Executive Mgr Community Engagement (Operations)
Suzie Pawley	Youth & Families Co-Ordinator
Leeanne Kelly	Principal Officer- Spc&Edc
Lynne Jess	Secretariat Officer

**Visitors:**

Julie Action	Mission Australia
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## Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

NOTE: Kylie Ferguson gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

## 1.0 APOLOGIES

That the following apologies be noted:

- Eve Clark
- Ian Bowsher
- Georgina Llewellyn

## 2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

## 3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

### 3.1 NOTES OF NORTHERN BEACHES YOUTH STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 9 NOVEMBER 2016

#### DECISION

*R Harrison / I Edwards*

That the Notes of the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group held 9 November 2016, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members, are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

NOTE: Sam Wilkins joined the meeting at 5.18pm.

## **4.0 AGENDA ITEMS**

### **4.1 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – KATE LEWIS**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Kate Lewis, Executive Manager Community Engagement (operations) introduced herself and gave a presentation on the process of the Community Strategic Plan Development Work (CPS).

Members participated in a workshop to consider the goals and strategic considerations and to suggest any additional goals that should be considered. The items highlighted in red on the schedule were considered missing. (Attachment 1)

#### **DECISION OF EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & PLANNING**

That the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group participate in a workshop assist in the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

### **4.2 YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONNECTION AND PARTICIPATION IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES – SUZI PAWLEY**

#### **DISCUSSION**

Suzie congratulated member, Olivia Murray, on receiving the 2017 Outstanding Community Services Award at Northern Beaches Council Australia Day Ceremony.

Olivia has been a volunteer with Council helping organise and run Youth & Families events, as well as other valuable volunteering roles.

S Pawley distributed a handout and then gave members time to review before the workshop.

Members then discussed the recreational needs of young people and noted the following recreational opportunities.

- challenges exist around raising awareness about the kinds of things that are available to participate in and venues for activities to take place
- challenges for the community around how they find services, and how do they differentiate between the services, who's doing what
- promotion is most likely to happen through social media platforms and word of mouth
- potential opportunities exist for collaborative projects between local government, non-government organisations (NGO's) and businesses. Opportunities also exist for parents to play a role in creating opportunities, and linking their young people with community activities
- suggested activities / projects were for the 18+ aged young people who are no longer linked with the school community, and transition to life programs, eg. employment, life skills
- Council's role can include coordinating and/or assisting community engagement, connecting the community with activities,
- finding solutions through consultation, and running events and activities.

NOTE: Kylie Ferguson, asked members to give an opinion of the Northern Beaches Website and the members advised that it wasn't user friendly.

#### **4.3 HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING AFFORDABILITY - SUZI PAWLEY**

##### **DISCUSSION**

Suzie Pawley gave a PowerPoint presented on Homelessness/Affordable Housing.

Members then discussed homelessness and affordable housing and the difference between the two.

Members also discussed the recent community discussions around local boarding house development applications, affordable housing considerations for Frenchs Forest and Ingleside development plans.

S Pawley advised that the prevention of homelessness was more than building more houses.

There was also discussion about support services for people experiencing homelessness and what early intervention strategies were available for people at risk.

Members also questioned how people were going to be able to supported once they have the accommodation.

Julie Action – Program Manager, Mission Australia, Northern Sydney Youth Homelessness Service gave a presentation which highlighted the Challenges and opportunities available to youth

The members also discussed where people are likely to go when looking for support or help and the following areas were identified:

- Google
- Friends
- Family members
- Teachers
- School counsellors
- Student-run campaigns

#### **4.4 UPDATE ON MANLY TO PALM BEACH WALKWAY/CYCLEWAY PROJECT – KATE LEWIS**

##### **DISCUSSION**

K Lewis gave a brief outlined on the Manly to Palm Beach walkway/Cycleway Project and noted the following:

- Money and funding will be given by the State Government;
- \$6m on improving cycle path / new Blaine bus service; and
- There are some big projects coming up.

## 5.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

### 5.1 CHANGE OF MEETING DATE

#### DISCUSSION

Members discussed the potential change of the April meeting date due to Easter and the school holidays.

Several dates were discussed but members loosely agreed on the 20 April 2017 but this was to be confirmed.

Governance to confirm meeting date.

#### ACTION

Lynne Jess to confirm April meeting date.

#### NEXT MEETING

Thursday 20 April 2017, Civic Centre, Dee Why TBC

#### SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

ITEM NO.	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	DUE DATE
5.1	Lynne Jess to confirm April meeting date.	Lynne Jess	asap

*The meeting concluded at 7.10pm*

This is the final page of the Minutes comprising 6 pages numbered 1 to 6 of the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2017 and confirmed on Thursday 13 April 2017