

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY GROUP

Wednesday 19 January 2022 at 6pm

Venue: Community Hall  
City of Vincent Community Centre  
99 Loftus Street, Leederville

### Attendees:

#### City of Vincent Councillors:

Cr Alex Castle (Chair)

#### Community Representatives:

Daniel Langlands (DL)

Fiona Buswell-Smith (FBS)

Laura Dunlop (LD)

Maria Daniele (MD)

Nicci Sailey (NS)

Shari Stockdale (SS)

#### City of Vincent Officers:

Gemma Carter- Manager Marketing and Partnerships (GC)

Karen Balm – Coordinator Community Development (KB)

Courtney Aylett – Community Development Advisor – Children, Young People & Community Funding (CA)

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### 1. Welcome/Declaration of Opening

The Chairperson opened the meeting at 6.05pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country.

### 2. Apologies

Cr Ron Alexander

Suzanne Lawrence

Virginia Miltrup – Executive Director Community & Business Services

### 3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirmed minutes from 30 September 2021.

### 4. Business

#### 4.1 Update on recent youth programs and initiatives

##### *Spirit of Christmas Banners*

CA provided update on Spirit of Christmas Banners. 52 artwork submissions were received, 22 of which were printed and installed onto banner poles on Fitzgerald Street and Scarborough Beach Road. Award winners were presented with certificates and framed artwork at school assemblies by Council Representatives.

##### *Student Citizenship Awards*

CA advised that submissions were received from 9 schools with the project being delivered in line with the [Community Funding Policy](#). Award recipients and schools were presented with certificates and prizes during November and December 2021 by Council Representatives.

##### *Young Makers Market*

CA provided an update on the success of the Young Makers Christmas Market held on 12 December at North Perth Common. There were 43 stalls with 102 young makers participating with an estimated attendance of over 500 community members throughout the course of the morning.

CA also advised that should the event continue to increase in size and demand the City would potentially need to investigate an alternate location. SS suggested holding the event at Woodville Reserve. AC mentioned the event activated the North Perth Common space, for further discussion.

## 4.2 Upcoming key priorities

### Youth Action Plan (YAP)

CA provided an overview of the City's YAP advising that it contains a series of broad deliverables which had been determined through consultation with local young people and endorsed by Council.

NS, who was employed by the City to develop the YAP advised that the benefit of the YAP tracker is that it identifies where deliverables may be falling short.

KB advised that the deliverables of the current YAP conclude at the end of this calendar year, so consultation for the revision and update of these deliverables will be a key priority over the upcoming year. Consultation is to take place with young people that live, work, study, do sport or attend organisations within the City of Vincent.

AC highlighted the challenges of engaging with the 12-24 age group. Engagement plan should encourage responses from a broad cross section of young people throughout the community. MD mentioned that P&C's are a good way to engage as schools, particularly high schools.

CA briefly discussed Youth Engagement Summit as an engagement opportunity. AC mentioned that historically schools sent leadership representatives, targeting a skewed representation of the school cohort. CA advised that this year due to COVID-19, staff had discussed working with each high school individually rather than hosting a Youth Forum.

Discussion were held around whether there should be a plan developed for children under the age of 12. CA outlined resourcing issues and KB outlined that these age groups are well serviced within the community and regularly represented by parents, not themselves.

**ACTION: CA to distribute copy of the Youth Action Plan (YAP) to CYPAG members.**

### Edinboro Reserve Pop Up Play

CA advised that a meeting with Parks took place onsite and location for the obstacle course style pop up play was decided. Equipment will be placed on the woodchip area under the tree canopy with design elements suitable for the space, budget, and target cohort currently being determined.

### Mt Hawthorn Skate Park

AC advised that the City received \$200k funding from John Carey's Office for a skate park in Mt Hawthorn. Two (2) locations at Britannia Reserve are being reviewed. A small skate element and budget estimate will be presented for each with the local sporting clubs being consulted with. AC advised that outcomes of the consultation will be brought back to CYPAG for feedback, with the next skate park meeting being in March.

**ACTION: CA and AC to bring information to CYPAG meeting for discussion and feedback when available.**

### YMCA HQ Leederville

CA advised that there are currently discussions with YMCA HQ regarding the continuance of Youth service provision. A report will be presented to Council in February.

LD provided an update on The Y advising that the Freedom Centre have officially moved into YMCA HQ. Freedom Centre are expected to be operating fully out of The Y from February 2022.

### Vincent Youth Network (VYN)

CA advised that there are currently changes being made to the VYN to target improved diversity, commitment, and retention of members.

KB mentioned that Youth Advocacy groups already operating could be harnessed so duplication does not occur. LB advised that The Y has a 'Youth Squad', with members aged 16-25.

**ACTION: CA to discuss the Youth Advocacy Groups with LB to see if there can be collaboration.**

### COVID-19 and suite of events for young people

CA acknowledged that COVID-19 has had a significant impact on young people in Western Australia and shared the Youth Affairs Council of WA (YACWA) COVID-19 Youth Survey (the Survey) with the group. The survey canvasses issues that have been heightened for young people due to COVID-19.

CA advised that a current priority is in planning the suite of events and workshops for young people, including those over Youth Week 2022, whilst taking into consideration the implications of COVID-19 and the needs of young people.

LB made mention of challenges young people are facing including access to be able to get the vaccine and being able to provide proof of double vaccination (some may not have smartphones and some may not have ID requirements).

DL advised that Foyer run some pop-up vaccination clinics.

AC mentioned that The Vincent Library is currently running drop-in sessions for people that need assistance to set up their ServiceWA app.

**ACTION: CA to distribute YACWA COVID-19 Youth Survey to CYPAG members.**

#### Local Schools Debating 2022

This has been booked with the WA Debating League for Thursday September 15. There will be three debates across the day, held in Council chambers for all schools that elect to participate.

#### 4.3 Terms of Reference

The current CYPAG Terms of Reference were discussed. It was evident that changes need to be made to include positive language, ensure consistency with YAP and provide a better reflection of the diverse range of organisations and spaces that impact young people.

**ACTION: CA to distribute current Terms of Reference to CYPAG members for comment and feedback.**

#### 4.4 Proposed meeting dates for 2022

Bi-monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month were initially proposed, however with key calendar items impacting discussions it was anticipated that meeting dates will need to be mapped against upcoming projects and activities. It was discussed that AC would sit down with officer to map out key projects and how CYPAG can support. Next meeting was to be approximately one month before Youth Week.

**ACTION: CA to provide CYPAG members with proposed dates for future meetings.**

#### 4.5 Other Business

##### CYPAG Purpose

NS commented that throughout the meeting there had been some thematic areas observed, particularly the collaboration across agencies. NS commented that there was evidently a huge wealth of passion and knowledge within the group and asked how the group could best support administration to achieve deliverables?

CA commented that the group offer knowledge, support and can provide feedback on initiatives and how they are being implemented. The group also act as a connection point with the community.

KB advised that the group bring a greater level of expertise with all representatives embedded in community groups or professional organisations. KB reiterated that this was not a decision-making group.

AC reiterated that the advisory group must provide value to its members and asked that if at any point members feel as though the group it is not meeting this intention, to please bring it up for discussion.

## **5. Close/Next Meeting**

The meeting was closed at 7.46pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 9 March 2022.

Signed

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**Councillor (Chairperson)**

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

**ACTIONS**

Summary of Actions	Date	Status
CA to distribute copy of the Youth Action Plan (YAP) to CYPAG members.	January	Completed
CA and AC to bring Mt Hawthorn Skate Park information to CYPAG meeting for discussion and feedback when available.	January	In progress
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