



YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date: 2 September 2020
Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Meeting Room: Council Chambers

1. MEETING OPENED

The Youth Advisory Group meeting was held at the City of Karratha Administration building, Welcome Road on Wednesday 2 September commencing at 3:30pm and concluding at 5:00pm.

2. ATTENDEES

Arron Minchin Director Community Services (Chair)
Cr Kelly Nunn (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Pablo Miller
Cr Joanne Waterstrom Muller
Charlotte Ball, Youth Representative
Sophia Holmes, Youth Representative
Emer O'Brien, Youth Representative
Sarah Carr, Youth Representative
Ned Van Dongen, Youth Representative
Victoria Phillips, Youth Representative
Nancy Milligan, Manager Community Programs
Chrystal Ashby, Coordinator Youth Services (Minutes)

3. APOLOGIES

Cr Peter Long (Mayor)
Zoe Waterstrom Muller, Youth Representative
Lochlan Rodd, Youth Representative
Jade Prangle, Youth Representative
Sho-ella Smith, Co-opted Youth Representative

4. WELCOME (Chair)

For those wanting to attend a Council Meeting, the next one is Monday 21 September at 5:30pm in Council Chambers (City of Karratha Admin Building)

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Public Transport in the City of Karratha – Coordinator Youth Services

Connectivity and safety have been identified by the YAG as priorities. Connectivity relates to transport, specifically “more buses more often”.

Why or for what purpose do/would young people use public transport?

- To and from school
- Have no license and/or those that will drive them around
- Travelling from Karratha → Dampier return on weekends
- Travelling from Wickham and Roebourne → Karratha return on weekends
- To and from work

- Attending homework group after school, then heading home to outlying towns
- Hanging out at friend's houses on weekdays

What is the problem? How would the service be better?

Identified Problem	Possible Solution
No stop in Nickol, Bayview Rd/salt flats side. Too far to walk to Tambrey stop for everyone in Nickol	New bus stop in this area
No stops along Bayview Rd.	Potential stops could be Cattrall Park, Millars Well (even if not official pick up points)
Timetables available to the public are not all the same, some are not up to date	Up to date timetable in one place
Timetables are not user-friendly, or youth-friendly. Hard to read, confusing. Not all young people understand 24-hour time	User-friendly timetable created with young people in mind
Service doesn't run on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. This is a barrier to connecting young people to friends, social events, work, particularly when these occur in other towns	Daily service operating
Large buses seem to be quite empty, and are also slower	Smaller size buses such as 12-28 seaters
If you miss a bus, the next bus is quite a while after	Several loops/routes that have buses operating concurrently. For e.g. if someone wants to go from Dampier to Point Samson they may need to change buses in Karratha

Other comments

- Fares are reasonable
- Additional new stops recommended at Tambrey Village Shopping Centre, Dampier Foreshore
- Additional new stops discussed but not needed – Andover Park (Roebourne) and Walcott Drive (Wickham south)
- Many young people aged 17+ have their license so do not use public transport, however it was identified that those who do not have their license often end up stuck at home. This can be isolating for some young people.

City of Karratha staff are consulting with key user groups such as young people and older adults, to determine if the current public transport service is adequate. The City will also review the usage data provided by the Public Transport Authority (PTA). All of this information will enable effective discussions between the City and PTA, and positive changes to the PTA service that best meets the needs of the community. Updates will be given to the YAG.

5.2 The Youth Shed, activation ideas for the empty indoor area – Coordinator Youth Services

The Indoor Play Centre will soon be relocated from The Youth Shed, leaving a large empty space. The space is the same size current youth centre. The empty space is adjoined to a kitchen space (may not have appliances, but can be used for food preparation). The YAG discussed potential uses for this space, listed below. In regards to time and day for activation, the priority for the YAG was creating a safe space, after dark that enables young people to stay up late in a safe environment.

Multipurpose uses	
Art space – workshops, exhibitions	Courses (e.g. First Aid, tickets)

Roller skating	Co-location of services, accessible for young people such as Centrelink, Dept of Transport
Virtual Reality	Young adults exclusive lounge/hang out space
Laser Tag	Big Screen Gaming/Cinema
Radio station – run by and featuring young people	

Semi-permanent uses
Bounce
Bowling Alley
Rock Climbing set up with abseiling

5.3 Youth Strategy Update – Coordinator Youth Services

Chrystal presented an update on the Youth Strategy's 17 initiatives and discussed how the City was performing in relation to each. The YAG discussed some of the initiatives, giving ideas and feedback. Please refer to the attached PowerPoint presentation titled *Youth Strategy Update Sept 2020*.

- Green – actively progressing/delivering the initiative
- Amber – some progression/delivery related to the initiative but needs more work
- Red – limited progress of the initiative

Arron talked to the Liveability slide, the graph shows the community's rated performance and importance of the Liveability Pillars. Please note that two Liveability Pillars are not shown – Connectivity and Sustainability.

6 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 14 October 2020, 3:30-5:00pm, location City of Karratha Administration Building.