



#### Our Values

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Innovation

## YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP MEETING

Date: 14 October 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 14 October commencing at 3:30pm and concluding at 5:00pm.

### 2. ATTENDEES

Arron Minchin Director Community Services (Chair)  
Cr Peter Long (Mayor)  
Cr Kelly Nunn (Deputy Mayor)  
Cr Pablo Miller  
Cr Joanne Waterstrom Muller  
Charlotte Ball, Youth Representative  
Zoe Waterstrom Muller, Youth Representative  
Sophia Holmes, Youth Representative  
Emer O'Brien, Youth Representative  
Ned Van Dongen, Youth Representative  
Sho-ella Smith, Co-opted Youth Representative  
Nancy Milligan, Manager Community Programs  
Laurinda Timmins, Sustainability Officer  
Chrystal Ashby, Coordinator Youth Services (Minutes)

### 3. APOLOGIES

Lochlan Rodd, Youth Representative  
Sarah Carr, Youth Representative  
Jade Prangle, Youth Representative  
Victoria Phillips, Youth Representative

### 4. WELCOME (Chair)

### 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 5.1 Sustainability Strategy – Sustainability Officer  
Refer to attachment 1.

Members of the YAG participated in a workshop to review the draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and to provide their input and priorities for the Strategy. YAG members reviewed the list of initiatives and added suggestions. YAG members were then given five voting dots per topic to vote on their top priorities. Below is a summary of the new initiatives suggested by the YAG and the initiatives that received two or more votes. This information will be used to improve the suggested actions in the Strategy and will also help when developing an implementation plan down the track.

New suggestions by YAG	Top priorities from existing and new suggestions
<p><b>1. Energy and Climate Action</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Push for another power supply company.</li> <li>• Investigate hydro energy potential.</li> <li>• Incorporate wind and solar into renewable energy ideas.</li> <li>• Solar panel shades in our supermarkets to park cars under and save power to shopping centre and allow cars to charge if on solar.</li> <li>• Storage of solar energy at sporting facilities for nil cost lights.</li> <li>• Offer subsidies for low emission car purchases for community.</li> <li>• Easier to contribute to power supply (especially with Rio Tinto).</li> <li>• More solar panels on all buildings.</li> <li>• Solar panel cars.</li> <li>• Electric car charging points.</li> <li>• Provide local information on environment and change in the Pilbara.</li> <li>• Provide suggestions for positive changes we can do ourselves.</li> <li>• Whole town food scrap bins.</li> <li>• More pathways (Pt Samson to Wickham to Roebourne).</li> <li>• More shade on footpaths.</li> <li>• Commitment to plant more trees.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement an energy team to progress adoption of renewable energy technology with an emphasis on solar, renewable hydrogen and hydro power.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activate footpaths, cycle ways and provide end of trip facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More solar panels on all buildings.</li> <li>• Solar panel shades in our supermarkets to park cars under and save power to shopping centre and allow cars to charge if on solar.</li> <li>• Implement organic waste recovery system with a community education program to reduce greenhouse gases.</li> <li>• Advocate for partnerships and subsidies that encourage use of renewable energy in homes and businesses.</li> <li>• More pathways (Pt Samson to Wickham to Roebourne).</li> <li>• Provide suggestions for positive changes we can do ourselves.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek solutions to store excess renewable energy generated at City solar farms.</li> <li>• Accelerate uptake of low and zero emission vehicles in City fleet, community and public transport.</li> <li>• Provide information to all on ways to reduce living costs and greenhouse gas emissions through building design, retrofits and behavior changes.</li> <li>• Offer subsidies for low emission car purchases for community.</li> <li>• Electric car charging points.</li> <li>• Provide leadership to the community on climate change.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Waste</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a smaller waste bin and a larger recycle bin with more pick-ups.</li> <li>• Use sugarcane plastic.</li> <li>• Whole town food scrap bins.</li> <li>• Ensure sufficient bins along walking paths.</li> <li>• Bigger Tip Shop.</li> <li>• Indigenous Law Grounds need joint effort to clean up and keep clean.</li> <li>• Better recycling of commercial waste (e.g. Woodside house refurbishment - old doors, kitchens, working with the community to use these unwanted items).</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace single use plastics (SUP) with biodegradable or reusable products across City operations, facilities and events.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce initiatives to tackle illegal dumping including promoting the Report It App.</li> <li>• Partner with community organisations and the Keep Australia Beautiful Council program to conduct community clean-up days.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indigenous Law grounds need joint efforts to clean up and keep clean.</li> <li>• Investigate feasibility of curbside food organics and garden organics residential bin system to convert waste to compost.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 Votes</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocate that businesses avoid single use plastics, retain responsibility for SUP packaging and adopt compostable, reusable or recyclable alternatives.</li> <li>• Use a smaller waste bin and a larger recycle bin with more pick-ups.</li> <li>• Explore phasing out refrigerant gas and exchange with a lower ozone depleting and global warming alternative.</li> </ul>
<b>3. Water</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidy for household greywater installation or for new houses.</li> <li>• Basin system toilet for public toilets.</li> <li>• Water fountains even for water bottles and other things in parks and city facilities.</li> <li>• Collect drain runoff.</li> <li>• Re-use of water.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide information on grey-water re-use systems for residential areas.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote waterwise landscaping, irrigation and water sensitive and cyclone resistant plant selection within the City.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and promote a waterwise verge, street tree and significant tree policies.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Remodel and revegetate target drainage swales with native plants to increase amenity and treat storm water before discharge into the ocean.</li> <li>• Partner with the Water Corporation and industry with programs that promote the use of recycled water, water conservation behaviours and protect surface water sources.</li> </ul>
<b>4. Natural Environment</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More trees for natural shade.</li> <li>• More community clean-up days.</li> <li>• Support community groups to manage weeds.</li> <li>• Use less plants that are vulnerable to cyclones and will cause damage. Engage unemployed people or prison crews to pick-up litter.</li> <li>• Fish sustainability / Reef Protection / Artificial Reef.</li> <li>• Provide education, physical barriers and manage dune access to protect sanctuary zones including turtle nesting, remote areas, and Indigenous history).</li> <li>• Manage dune access.</li> <li>• Don't water too much.</li> <li>• Plant more native trees / plants in the city.</li> <li>• Good job, lots covered already.</li> </ul>	<p><b>5 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a botanical garden as a demonstration site for Pilbara and Northern Australian plants.</li> </ul> <p><b>4 Votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a local nursery or secure partnerships to supply endemic species for use in City plantings and for the community.</li> <li>• Support community groups to manage weeds.</li> </ul> <p><b>3 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with Traditional Owners to incorporate traditional knowledge in the management and protection of natural areas.</li> <li>• Develop a weed management plan and mapping system that includes collaboration with other agencies.</li> </ul> <p><b>2 votes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop urban forest management plan, including verge, street tree and significant tree policies.</li> <li>• Develop an inventory of waterwise plants including locally endemic species suitable for City Landscaping and restoration.</li> </ul>

## 5.2 The Youth Shed Redesign – Manager Community Programs and Project Lead, headspace Pilbara

Samara Clark, Project Lead for headspace Pilbara joined the YAG via video call. Samara is working on establishing two headspace Centres, one in Karratha and one in Hedland to be open around July 2021. Young people will be able to access help for their mental health

concerns, worries about relationships, or chat with a sexual health team member in a dedicated venue. The City's Youth Strategy supports the removal and relocation of the Indoor Play Centre currently housed inside The Youth Shed, the move is happening in Nov 2020. The empty space has been flagged for a headspace Centre however headspace need to hear from young people what they think about the location. Samara posed questions to the YAG and answers from the Group are captured below.

Questions	Answers
Do you reckon you would feel comfortable seeing a headspace worker here in this space at The Youth Shed? (Imagine comfy couches, private offices, open chill out spaces, tunes....)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yes, good location for high school students</li> <li>• No, 18-25 year olds would not come to current facility as is</li> <li>• Young adults would feel weird about going to a GP here</li> </ul>
If not, what could headspace and the CofK do to make you feel more comfortable?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different entries is a must to make the centre accessible for everyone</li> <li>• 18-25 year olds need to be considered, such as age-appropriate spaces, fit out, offerings (such as café)</li> <li>• Separate recreation/hang out areas from clinical spaces</li> </ul>
<i>Do you think young people aged 18-25 would come to headspace if it was located here?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "The Youth Shed" name could be reconsidered to better welcome/attract 18-25 year olds to the facility</li> <li>• Also the look of the building to be considered for aesthetic improvements</li> </ul>
The Youth Shed is open heaps of hours with some uber cool stuff going on – if headspace was in here, would you want headspace open the same times as The Youth Shed activities?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Youth Services is OK - great to have headspace available some nights/weekends</li> <li>• Important for headspace to be open daytime hours too</li> </ul>
If you had a session booked with headspace, how would you get there? Do you drive/bike/run?!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ride bike</li> <li>• Drive</li> <li>• Catch bus to town then walk</li> </ul>

Other comments:

- YAG members not phased about distinction between City and headspace space and the fact they would be sharing spaces/facilities
- headspace Pilbara free call number is 1800 290 626
- Reclaiming car park area to create shaded, programmable spaces is supported

### 5.3 Youth Advisory Group development workshop in November – Coordinator Youth Services

Young people of the YAG have received a calendar request to join a special Youth Advisory Group development workshop. This is a priority to attend as part of each young person's membership in the Group.

Facilitators are coming from Perth from an organisation called IZRA, especially to work with the Youth Advisory Group. You can find out more about IZRA here <https://izra.com.au/#young-blood>

Content will be tailored to the YAG and may include:

- Emotional Intelligence and taking responsibility for our emotions/experiences. How to serve our community with empathy and empowerment.
- Teamwork and engaging in healthy conflict, communication and collaboration.
- Community Project Development, planning and delivering a project as a YAG.

Some more details:

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November
- 3:30-7:30pm
- Dinner provided – please let Chrystal know if you have any dietary requirements
- Notebooks, pens etc. provided
- Transport can be provided, please let Chrystal know

## **6 NEXT MEETINGS**

Young people only – development workshop: 4 November 2020, 3:30-7:00pm (TBC).  
Location: City of Karratha Administration Building.

Next YAG Meeting: 11 November 2020, 3:30-5:00pm. Location City of Karratha Administration Building.