

## **CUMBERLAND COUNCIL YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 26 August 2019 at 7pm in the Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.

### **1. Open of Meeting**

Clinton Colaco gave an Acknowledgment of Country and welcomed all attendees to the Youth Advisory Committee of Cumberland Council.

### **2. Record of Attendance, Introductions and Apologies**

#### **Attendance List:**

Clr Suman Saha	Councillor and Committee Member
Clinton Colaco	Committee Member (Chair)
Hayatullah Akbari	Committee Member
Maddison King	Committee Member
Madeleine Soyer	Committee Member
Oscar Iredale	Committee Member
Roydon Ng	Committee Member
Skandan Siva Kumaradas	Committee Member
Trina Anupoma Das	Committee Member

#### **Council Staff in Attendance:**

Merryn Howell	Executive Manager Community and Place
Victoria Franji	Senior Coordinator Children and Youth Development (Minutes)

#### **Apologies:**

Clr Kun Huang	Councillor and Committee Member
Ibrahim Taha	Committee Member
Jennifer Dang	Committee Member
Fiona Nguyen	Committee Member
Benazir Alizada	Refugee Youth-Led Project Representative

#### **Non Attendance:**

Brindha Srinivas	Committee Member
Jack Zhang	Committee Member
Zoya Fazil Shah	Committee Member

### **3. Conflicts of Interest**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

### **ITEMS DISCUSSED BY THE COMMITTEE:**

#### **4. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting held on 17 June 2019, were passed and adopted as a true and accurate record. Moved by Oscar Iredale and seconded by Roydon Ng.

## **5. Business Arising**

### Women in Construction Project (Youth Strategy Actions 2.3.2, 3.1.3)

Maddison King provided an update on the Female High School Students in Construction Program. This is being planned with the University of Technology Women in Construction Committee. The event is planned for 15 November 2019 and targets Grade 9 and 10 students. Schools within the LGA have been invited to attend. Three schools have responded to date. The aim is to have eight female students attend from six schools. Committee members (Trina Anupoma Das, Roydon Ng and Skandan Siva Kumaradas) have elected to assist in the event.

### Youth Week 2020 EOI (Action 3.1.1)

Youth Week 2020 Expressions of Interest are now open. An email has been circulated inviting applications which close on 6 September 2019. The Committee have been asked to circulate the email widely.

### Cumberland Youth Strategy Update

Council is refocusing on the implementation and delivery of the Youth Strategy. This includes aligning staffing in the structure to deliver specific actions with the support of the Cumberland Youth Interagency. The recruitment and staffing of the Youth Team will further resource implementation.

### Youth for Youth Network

Skandan Siva Kumaradas and Roydon Ng provided an overview of a proposed extension of the Youth Week Planning Group to become a broader Youth for Youth Working Group.

- The purpose of the group would be to implement youth-led actions and report back to the Committee.
- The group would have an aim to work on improving outcomes for young people in the priority areas of the Youth Strategy, initially focusing on community connection and communication.
- Council's Australia Day event is an initial opportunity to have a Youth for Youth presence. Beyond this the group could have representation at other Council and partner-run initiatives.
- Youth for Youth would use specific branding to promote and engage wider with young people in Cumberland.
- The Youth for Youth Working Group would work within Council's engagement, communications and marketing frameworks and aim to increase the promotion of Council programs and services to local young people.

### **Actions or Recommendations Arising:**

- 5.1 Evaluation tool for Women in Construction Project and logistics are to be confirmed.
- 5.2 Committee members (Trina Anupoma Das, Roydon Ng and Skandan Siva Kumaradas) to assist in the Women in Construction Project event.

- 5.3 The Youth Week 2020 EOI to be posted on Council's *Have Your Say* page.
- 5.4 Ensure that the Youth Week 2020 EOI email be circulated to all schools, youth services and sporting groups within the LGA.
- 5.5 Publish newspaper advertisement in the Auburn Review and Parramatta Advertisement to promote Youth Week 2020 EOI.
- 5.6 Extend the closure of the EOI to allow additional promotion and wider reach. EOIs to be accepted until Monday, 16 September 2019.
- 5.7 Committee to circulate the Youth Week EOI to their networks.
- 5.8 Roydon Ng to represent the Committee at Cumberland Youth Interagency meetings.
- 5.9 Following the closure of the Youth Week 2020 EOIs, to approach this group with proposed extension of scope and Youth for Youth model.

### Young Refugees Project

An update was provided on the Refugee Youth-Led project supported by Family and Community Services (FaCS) Sponsorship. A project plan was been submitted and accepted by FaCS. A Refugee Youth-Led group has been formed and will undertake further planning for the project which needs to be delivered within 12 months.

## **6. General Business**

### Measuring Impact and Outcomes with Young People Event

On 13 September 2019, Council and Social Impact Measurement Network of Australia (SIMNA) Western Sydney will host a networking event to explore how outcomes and impact can be measured for young people. The event is targeted at services working with young people in the Cumberland LGA and Greater Western Sydney.

### Action Tracking Table

Councillor Suman Saha requested an action tracker be established to document all actions arising from the Committee and to track progress. This is consistent with other Committees.

### Committee Attendance: Teleconference or Video

Clinton raised the request to allow members to participate in Committee meetings via teleconference or video call when they are unable to attend in person. This would allow members who are interstate, overseas or who have difficulty with transport to still participate.

### **Actions or Recommendations Arising:**

- 6.1 Action table to be added to future Committee agendas and minutes.
- 6.2 Council to investigate the use of video call technologies to trial for future meetings where members are not available, such as being out of Sydney. Members will be required to give sufficient advance notice to the Council convenor.

**7. Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 7:57pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, 25 November at 7pm in Committee Rooms, Council Administration Building, Merrylands.