

Youth Council Informal Meeting

Minutes



Date:	Monday 3 February 2025
Time:	4.30pm – 6.30pm
Venue:	Nillumbik Youth Hub
Chair:	Youth Mayor Orianna Edmonds
Minute Taker:	Katie Camilleri
Committee Members:	Elysia Cheche, Emily Yin, Kai Biviano, Niamh Coffey, Orianna Edmonds, Samuel Kelso, Sophie McDonald, Soren Kean
Councillor Representative	Cr Kate McKay
Guests:	Mayor Cr John Dumaresq, Deputy Mayor Cr Naomi Joiner, Cr Grant Brooker, Carl Cowie, Bianca Caruso
Other:	Nichole Johnson, Corrienne Nichols, Katie Camilleri, Nicola Clutton
Apologies:	Ayelet Yahav Zloof, Emmika Kent, Scarlett Magnanini, Cr Kelly Joy, Cr Peter Perkins, Cr Kim Cope

Order of business

1. Welcome

Introductions of Councillors and Youth Councillors.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

Youth Mayor Orianna Edmonds

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which Nillumbik is located and pay our respects to Elders, children, and young people of past, present, and future generations.

We extend this respect to all First Nations People. We honor their enduring strength, continuing connection and care for the land and waters, and the truth that sovereignty was never ceded. We acknowledge all Bubups – children and their right to play, learn and have a voice on Country.

We acknowledge the past and walk together for our shared future.

3. Councillors and Youth Council meet and greet

Youth Councillors were provided time to introduce themselves and have two on one discussions with Councillors. At the conclusion of the formal introductions, Councillors and Youth Council were invited to have a short break and continue discussions.

Councillors Mayor Cr John Dumaresq, Deputy Mayor Cr Naomi Joiner and Cr Grant Brooker left following this part of the agenda.

4. Conflict of Interest and Informal Meetings of Councillors Record

No conflicts of interest.

Observers were reminded their role is to observe only, unless called upon by the Chairperson to participate.

5. Minutes of previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held 2 September 2024 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes moved by: Niamh Coffey

Minutes seconded by: Kai Biviano

6. Outstanding Action Items

No outstanding action items.

7. Item of business 1: Nillumbik Now and Beyond Youth Survey Review

Nicola Clutton, Team Leader Youth Development

Following on from feedback at the December Youth Council Meeting, Officers presented the updated draft Nillumbik Now and Beyond 2025 Youth Survey and sought final input and feedback from Youth Council. The survey aims to gather valuable insights from the youth community to inform future youth priorities for Nillumbik.

Feedback included the following...

Introduction:

- Reminder that responses are anonymous for questions that are more sensitive (e.g., questions about alcohol and other drugs)
- Bold statement that questions are voluntary and anonymous to better highlight this at the start (hidden within the large section of text)
- Add services at end of survey as well as the introduction

About you:

- Q1 – Separate survey for parent/carers, professional and community
- Q2 – Separate ages rather than grouping them together
- Q4 – Add 'Cisgender' as an option
- Q6 – Add options: 'Aboriginal'; 'Torres Strait Islander'; 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander'; 'None of the above'; 'Prefer not to say'
- Q8 – Update 'Do you speak a language other than English at home'
- Q9 – Add: 'Are you religious' – Yes/No to pre-empt prior to options; Add: 'Other – please specify'
- Q10 – Add examples for culture and make it open (no limit on number of options to select)
- Q11 – Add as a scale rather than yes/no (but also include N/A option)

- Q12 – Add definition of term in hint and move up to Q5 before suburb/town
- Q14 – Add ‘Actively seeking employment’ as option
- Add question after Q15 – Are you currently studying? *Options* – Primary; Secondary; Further study (part time/full time); Apprenticeship; Other
- Q16 – Add ‘other’ option
- Q18 – Remove options and keep open ended
- Overall, break this section down into separate pages to make it easier to follow

Issues for young people in Nillumbik:

- Q19/20/21 – Ensure all the options are in the same order
- Q19 – Make it clearer that this is about **all** young people in the community and Q20 – make it clearer it is about **you** personally
- Instead of ‘Being Undervalued’ change to ‘Not being taken seriously’
- Q21 – Smoking, vaping, alcohol and other drugs – make it clearer it is about reducing harm from these. Add ‘recreation’ to physical activity

Health and Wellbeing:

- Q25 - Split physical health and mental health into two questions
- Q28 – Reminder that the survey is anonymous
- Q29 – Add option for up to 2
- Q29 – ask the questions in relation to the past 6 months
- Add ‘prefer not to say’ to Q29.2, 29.3 and 29.4
- Q30 – make this more consistent to wording in Q29
- Q32 – Have a look at the wording
- Q34 – Remove the word ‘place’

Living in Nillumbik:

- Q39 – Add ‘sometimes’ as an option
- Q44 – If possible, add map and open ended questions and ask about general and specific locations

Communication

- Q48 – Include that it is about Council services and programs

8. Item of business 2: Youth Development Updates

Nicola Clutton, Team Leader Youth Development

Youth Council recruitment

Youth Council Terms of Reference will be presented to the February Council Meeting for endorsement and recruitment for Youth Council 2025-2027 will open 26 February and close 23 March 2025. Applications can be made online via <https://www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/Programs/Youth-Council>.

Quilting Project

If you are still interested in the quilting project, please let Nicola or Frances know and we will set up a working group for this project.

Youth Council payments

Reminder if you weren't paid in October, please reach out to Frances to follow up.

Working With Children's

Reminder to anyone turning 18 requirements to obtain working with children checks.

Youth Drop in

Reminder to promote drop-in programs Tues, Wed, Thurs 3-6pm at Youth Hub.

9. Item of business 3: Council Meetings / Opportunities

Nichole Johnson

A range of advisory committees will be recruiting at the same time as Youth Council.
Action: Nicola to send through details via email.

10. Other Business

Nillumbik Now and Beyond Survey

Nillumbik Shire Council are seeking feedback and input to support the development of the Council Plan 2025- 2029, Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 -2029, and help us review the existing Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and the Financial Plan.

These plans will guide the direction of Council for the next four years and determine our goals and priorities.

Ways to have your say:

- Complete our [online survey](#) by 11.59pm Sunday 2 March
- Attend an in-person pop-up and chat with Council Officers
 - **Eltham Square Rotunda** - Sunday 16 February 8am-1pm.
 - **Diamond Creek (near the DC dog park)** - Saturday 22 February 10am-3pm
 - **Hurstbridge - 920 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd** - Saturday 1 March 9am-2pm

More information at <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects/now-and-beyond>.

11. Next meeting date and location

Monday 3 March 2025, 4:30 – 6:30pm at Nillumbik Youth Hub – 32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek

Recreation Trails Advisory Committee

Minutes



Date:	Wednesday 12 February 2025
Time:	6:30pm – 7:30pm
Venue:	Council, Civic Centre, Greensborough
Chair:	Cr Kelly Joy
Minute Taker:	Chris Gipps, Recreation and Community Infrastructure Project Manager
Committee Members:	Cr Kelly Joy (Chair) Andrew Bakos Andrew Chau Andrew McMahon Bernie Broom Bill Penrose Brad March Cath Giles Julie O'Connell Seamer Serena Marriott
Apologies:	Janice Davies Rex Niven
Absent:	Cr Kim Cope

Order of business

1. Welcome

- 1.1. Meeting commenced at 6.30pm

2. Acknowledgement of Country

- 2.1. We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located, we pay our respects to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People. We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.

3. Apologies

- 3.1. Janice Davies & Rex Niven

4. Conflict of Interest and Informal Meeting of Councillors Record

- 4.1. No conflict of interest raised by the group.

5. Confirmation of minutes from previous meeting

5.1. Moved by Bill Penrose and carried by Andrew McMahon.

6. Actions from previous meeting

6.1. Northern Region Trails Strategy – Maroondah Aqueduct Trail
Further investigations into land ownership in location/s of draft alignment options for Maroondah Aqueduct Trail – Priority Action 2i & 2ii.

6.1.1. Council officers, Melbourne Water (MW) and Bend of Islands Conservation Association (BICA) met to discuss the proposed trail alignments.

6.1.2. The area is identified as one of Melbourne Water's sites of biodiversity significance (SOBS) and is managed in accordance with our SOBS management plan.

6.1.3. The area south of Sugarloaf Reservoir is part of the Kinglake to Yarra biodiversity corridor and has been identified as an area for protection as set out in Burndap Birrarung burndap umarkoo (BBBU).

6.1.4. At this early stage of the project MW is unable to provide any further advice or support. Further discussions would need to be undertaken as part of a future feasibility study.

6.1.5. Andrew McMahon provided the following information:
BICA is opposed to the proposal to run south of Sugarloaf Reservoir through Bend of Isles due to the conservation importance and biodiversity value of the area and how the potential negative impact a recreational trail may have on this space.

6.1.6. Query from Andrew Bakos regarding plantings that have occurred on the Aqueduct.

Action: Any evidence and/or documentation of land use and/or land ownership for the section of proposed trail alignment through Bend of Islands- that would be of value to RTAC- can be shared with the committee at the next RTAC meeting in March.

6.2. Maroondah Aqueduct Trail Stage 1:
Andrew Chau to investigate and follow up on the crossing at Plenty River Bridge and if there is current funding for construction.

6.2.1. Andrew has been in contact with Parks Victoria who have provided the following updates:

6.2.2. The Hawkstowe section is going well and is nearing completion (expected by the end of the year), except for the new toilet block sewer connection which will be confirmed by Yarra Valley Water shortly.

6.2.3. Northern Section: expected to start in the first half of 2025, subject to Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) approval. Everything in the Northern section is fully funded assuming there are no further design changes required as part of the CHMP process.

6.2.4. Central & Southern Section: Anticipated to start late 2025 however designs are yet to be finalised and are subject to CHMP requirements.

6.2.5. Link to project page: <https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/projects/melbourne-region/plenty-gorge-park-upgrades>

Action: Andrew Chau to provide updates to RTAC as they occur and relate to interests of Nillumbik trails/connections.

6.3. Diamond Creek Trail - Diamond Street, Eltham:

Council officers to investigate current works in progress at this site. Consider engaging in conversations with St Vincent's Aged Care if current works support opportunity for trail realignment.

6.3.1. Officers have conducted a desktop assessment on this proposal. Key findings were:

6.3.2. There are a number of Planning controls and Strategy considerations (including the Eltham Major Activity Structure Plan 2020) that will need to be considered, however the concept of a Shared Use Path in this area is plausible.

6.3.3. Closer to the train line the zoning changes to Transport Zone (TRZ) and a permit would be required for use of the land, as well permission from VicTrack.

6.3.4. The entire area is a Cultural Heritage Sensitive Area due to its proximity to the Diamond Creek and a Cultural Heritage Management Plan may be required.

6.3.5. In summary, the initiative is feasible from a planning perspective, subject to design and permissions from landholders.

Action: Officers to provide updates as they occur.

6.4. Alistair Knox Trail realignment:

Council officers to investigate plans and opportunities for planting along the embankment.

6.4.1. Planting to occur in this area in the coming months.

6.4.2. Suggestion from Andrew B to engage Melbourne Water to discuss opportunities to help prevent future erosion.

7. Active Transport Fund - Confidential

7.1. An application has been submitted under the Active Transport Fund through the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts, seeking funding for the design and construction of a recreational trail along the Maroondah Aqueduct pipe track from Diamond Creek to Greensborough.

7.2. As part of the application, a letter of support (in-principle) was received from Melbourne Water, who are the land owners for the majority of the proposed trail route.

7.3. Anticipated total project cost is \$3.4m

Action: Flag Plenty River Trial Bridge with Melbourne Water as a potential project opportunity

7.4. Query from Andrew B regarding gates installed that prohibit direct access to Plenty River Trail.

7.4.1. Officer investigations to date have confirmed that this is private property and the owners are within their rights to install the gates to prohibit public access.

Action: Officers will update RTAC with any further developments on this matter as they occur.

8. RTAC Member Survey

8.1. Thank you to those who completed the survey and/or provided feedback via e-mail.

8.2. The Terms of Reference have been reviewed and will go to Council for endorsement on 25 February 2025.

8.3. An Expression of interest process will be undertaken to appoint members for the next 2 year term (June 2025 – May 2027).

8.4. Bill P provided feedback on RTAC functionality and meeting procedures.

9. Trail renewal & upgrade program update

9.1. Gastons Road Underpass Improvements Feasibility

9.1.1. Preferred option identified. Finalising plans before developing designs.

9.2. Chute Street Underpass Feasibility works

9.2.1. Preferred option confirmed.

9.2.2. Next steps: Develop cost estimate, arbor report, approvals, detailed design & RFQ.

9.2.3. Murrays Reserve Improvements – completed.

9.2.4. DC Trail improvements at Eltham North Oval – design completed. Proceeding to RFQ.

9.2.5. DC Trail improvements at Barrack Bushlands – design completed. Proceeding to RFQ.

9.2.6. Research Trail at Zig Zag Road – due to scope this will be unable to be completed within current programs and will be subject to future funding opportunities.

Action: Provide update on Wattle Glen Public Realm project including potential trail crossing.

10. Any other business?

10.1. Carried over to next meeting

11. Next meeting

11.1. Wednesday 19 March 2025
6:30pm-7:30pm
Civic Centre (Council Chambers)

12. Meeting close – 7.55pm

Date: Friday 14 February 2025

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: Nillumbik Shire Council; Chamber and via Zoom

Chair: Rhonda Allen, Acting Manager Community Programs
Was elected interim Chair by PAAC as Councillor Perkins was an apology.
Committee members: Tanya Cottrell, Sandra Verdam, Ann Hutchinson, Kate Puls, Tom Fisher, Chantal Blitenthall, Richard Kottek, Janice Crosswhite, Joy Ferguson, Deanna Finn and Mahshid Ghorbani

Present: **Council:** Jodie Hoskins (Acting Coordinator Community Support Services), Rhonda Allen (Acting Manager Community Programs), Cassie Zurek (Social Planning and Policy Officer), Rebecca Burton (Manager Recreation and Leisure), Heather Macmillan (Positive Ageing Officer) and Julie-Anne Grech (Business and Program Support Officer)

Guest Speakers: Nil

Apologies: Cr Perkins, Narelle Hart, Sheila Cheary and Greg Bourke

Order of business

1. Welcome

Acting Manager Community Programs welcomed all to PAAC and acknowledged apologies.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Acknowledgement of Country was read by Chair.

3. Conflict of Interest and Informal Meeting of Councillors Record

Nil

4. Minutes of previous meeting & Outstanding Action Items

That the minutes of the meeting held on Friday 2 August 2024 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Moved: Kate Puls

Seconded: Janice Crosswhite

Carried Unanimous vote

5. Business Arising

Nil

6. **Rebecca Burton, Manager Recreation and Leisure following up on recommendation from 2-August PAAC meeting: 'That PAAC advises the Council to support free use of their leisure indoor facilities for 80+ aged users'.**

The Manager of Recreation and Leisure provided background for PAAC regarding the current contract terms between Nillumbik Shire Council and Aligned Leisure who are contracted to run leisure facilities within the Shire.

Any changes to the contract requesting 'free use of leisure indoor facilities for 80+ aged users' would require a variation and endorsement by both parties.

Manager Recreation Leisure highlighted the fees and charges at the Leisure facilities, the Supported Access Program (SAP) and a range of free programs offered in the north of the Shire available to and supporting older residents.

PAAC highlighted classes were often full and due to the size of venues in the northern part of the Shire there was limited option to expand class sizes.

Action: Rebecca will agenda this item at the next contract meeting with Aligned.

The Committee questioned why there wasn't any formal / Councillor support for their recommendation. The Committee Chair advised that their recommendation went to Council via the PAAC 2 August 2024 Meeting Minutes, which were presented to the new Council on 10 December 2024 - these were noted, with no uptake for a formal resolution to be actioned.

PAAC expressed the importance of acknowledgement and respect for participating and putting forward recommendations and would like affirmation that the matter has been followed up according to the Terms of Reference of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee.

Action: To follow up with Executive Leadership Team and next steps.

7. **PAAC 2025-2027 update**

- The Positive Ageing Officer discussed preparations for the new term of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee 2025 to 2027.
- The last meeting of the current committee will be 4 April 2025.
- The Expression of Interest (EOI) will be advertised on 3 March 2025 for a 5-week period closing on 7 April.
- Current members who are eligible to and want to serve another term on the Committee **must reapply** and submit an application.
- Council is looking for a diverse group of individuals and organisations including a mix of ages, genders, rurally located and metro residents, carers, people with a diversity of thought, opinions and experiences.
- Expression of interest applications will be available on the PAAC page of the Nillumbik Shire Council website (www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/PAAC).
- Positive Ageing Officer will send the link to the EOI form to PAAC when this goes live.

- Support is available from the Positive Ageing Officer (Heather) should assistance be required to complete the EOI form online.
- PAAC was requested to promote the Expression of Interest for the next term of PAAC 2025-2027 through newsletters and networks.
- If Committee Members are not eligible to reapply for PAAC please consider the [Inclusion and Access Advisory Committee](#) and the [Recreations Trails Advisory Committee](#); details available on the website.

There was some discussion around eligibility and consistency of Terms of Reference with different Advisory Committee's at Council which the Positive Ageing Officer responded to.

Richard also queried whether new PAAC could be briefed by previous PAAC members about priorities. Positive Ageing Officer advised that there would be continuity with staff and some current PAAC members likely to be part of new 2025-27 PAAC.

8. **Cassie Zurek, Social Planning and Policy Officer, Nillumbik Shire Council Health and Wellbeing Plan consultation**

The Social Planning and Policy Officer led the Committee through an interactive consultation on 'ageing well priorities' for Nillumbik Shire Council's new Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) 2025-2029. This 4-year plan is a partnership plan and will work in conjunction with organisations and community groups. The Ageing Well In Nillumbik Plan and the Disability Action Plan will now be integrated into the new MPHWP.

The data concerning older people in relation to health and health trends and their implications was examined.

Key areas of importance for the Committee included:

- Highlighting the fact that Dementia is the leading cause of death in Nillumbik Shire Council – social isolation is a big indicator of dementia in later life
- The lack of dental and health care within the Shire
- The impact of technology in relation to isolation and loneliness – the need for greater access to technology training sessions
- Greater access to information regarding the supports that are available to older people within the Shire; preferably prior to them needing the actual support. Preparedness for Ageing in Place.
- The fact that housing availability and affordability is still a big factor for Ageing and staying in your community
- Advocacy for transportation in the outer reaches of the Shire including facilities to support this such as shelters and benches
- Availability of safe places in times of danger for people within the Shire
- Recommendation PAAC made to Council in August 2024 that 'Council support free use of their leisure indoor facilities for 80+ aged users'

The Committee engaged in round table discussions and voted on important issues regarding the health and happiness of older people within the Shire. All responses were collated and noted by the Social Planning and Policy Officer.

Timelines were discussed as well as priority areas according to public consultation, draft, endorsement and submission to the Department of Health.

The Positive Ageing Officer as coordinated three targeted **age specific sessions**:

1. 14 February - PAAC

2. 5 March - U3A members
3. 14 April - Hurstbridge Hub – Drop-In & focus group with Dementia Alliance

PAAC was requested to stay involved and pass information on to groups and networks.

Committee members can assist by completing the Nillumbik Now and Beyond Survey (survey closes Sunday 2 March) at the following link or use the QR code; hard copies and phone assistance available.

<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects/now-and-beyond>



9. Roundtable

Janice - enquired whether anyone was going to the Council run International Women's Day event, looking to get a table together.

Panton Hill Tennis Club received a small grant and hosted a Pickleball day as part of the Seniors Festival in October – successful fun event that connected the local community

Deanna – thanked the Chair for stepping in and Sandra for keeping the Memory Care Café's going. Has joined Rotary in Diamond Creek.

Sandra – Sandra advised this is her last PAAC meeting as she will be away in April.

Highlighted the event run at Opal Aged Care where volunteers made sandwiches for 'Eat Up Australia' - 1800 sandwiches made in 38 minutes. Sandwiches are frozen then toasted at a later date to feed children in the community who have no lunch or breakfast.

Sandra provided update on the Memory Care Cafes which are experiencing some issues working in partnership with healthAbility.

The café's will keep operating but Open Minds are considering a number of options going forward to keep providing the Memory Care Café's.

Open Minds have approached Bendigo/Community Bank for funding but have been advised they need to be incorporated, so Open Minds is looking at progressing this.

Reflecting on all the work that volunteers have done for the Café and Open Minds the hours and sustained effort is staggering.

Everyone thanked Sandra for all she does at PAAC and in the Community.

Ann – Link is going very well; food pantry is always full and requires filling up every second day. Quite often empty demonstrating the need in the Shire. Getting good support to fill it.

Joy – Attended the 'Eat Up Australia' volunteer morning at Opal. Downsizing and moving to Centennial in Bundoora, but keen to still stay connected to all her activities and volunteering in Nillumbik.

Kate – mentioned the update of new Aged Care Act – OPAN is hosting a webinar titled '*What the new Aged Care Act will mean for you*' on Tuesday 25 February from 12.00-1.00pm. Please use the following link to register: <https://opan.org.au/event/new-aged-care-act/>

Chantal – back to normal programming at the Eltham library and at the Hurstbridge Hub; programs such as Storytime, Tech Help, low impact free exercise, Yack and Yarn group (great for forming new friendships), Chatty Café, Advanced Care Planning in conjunction with Nillumbik Shire Council, writers' groups and many more. For more information and times please view the website: <https://www.yprl.vic.gov.au/locations/eltham-library/> or call 9439 9266.

Mashid – thanked the Committee for such a wonderful and informative time attending the Committee and advised that she is intending to reapply for the next PAAC term.

Richard – is also experiencing trouble with healthAbility with regards to the regular running of their Social Connections group. Questioned the merit of PAAC bring back the feedback cards –which can be handed out in the community as a way of getting feedback on issues facing older people within the Shire. **Action/** Positive Ageing Officer to look into these cards, how they worked and whether this is something Council would consider re-introducing.

10. Other Business

Nil

11. Next Meeting

When: Friday 4 April, 2025

Time: 10.30am – 1.30pm

Where: Nillumbik Shire Council Chambers and via Zoom

Meeting closed 1.30pm

Action Summary Table			
Action	Who	Due	Completed?
Look into the merit of feedback cards.	Positive Ageing Officer	April PAAC meeting	

Current and upcoming Council engagements:

Engagement	Details
<u>Nillumbik Now and Beyond</u>	<p>Share your thoughts to help shape the future of the Shire.</p> <p>Your feedback will support the development of the Council Plan 2025- 2029, Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025 -2029, and help us review the existing Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and the Financial Plan.</p>

Date: Wednesday 19 February

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Council Chambers

Chair: Cr Kate McKay

Minute taker: K Reedy

Order of Business

1	<p>Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country</p> <p>Nillumbik Shire Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the Country on which Nillumbik is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future, and extend that respect to all First Nations People. We respect the enduring strength of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.</p> <p>Present: Anne-Marie King, Malcolm Cock, Vasundhara Kandpal, Sue Rosenhain, Katrina Naish, Andrew McMahon, Lynlee Tozer; Cr Kate McKay; Frank Vassilacos, Kirsten Reedy, Ian Culbard, Cassie Zurek.</p> <p>Apologies: Cr Joy, Lily Van Eeden, Elnaz Ettehad, Lucinda Flynn.</p> <p>Absent: Orianna Edmonds, Graeme Lang</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from the new Chair • Round table introductions 	Chair
2	<p>Conflict of interest</p> <p>Conflict of interest provisions are contained in section 80C of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>, the Councillor's Governance Code, the Employee Code of Conduct and the Volunteer Handbook. No conflicts of interest declared.</p>	Chair
3	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Confirmation that the minutes of the previous meeting were a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p> <p>Moved: Katrina Naish Seconded: Malcolm Cock</p>	Chair
4	<p>Outstanding Action Items</p> <p>All complete or on track. Refer table at bottom of minutes.</p>	Chair
5	<p>Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan</p> <p>Discussion on the process and timing for the development of the new:</p>	C Zurek

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (which must give regard to climate change). Discussion about environment and climate priorities and needs in regard to health. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matters raised included financial stress, climate anxiety, biodiversity-loss anxiety, global trends, polarised stresses regarding vegetation presence and loss, heat impacts, water availability, hospital capacity, housing quality and cooling ability, access to healthy food. ○ Opportunities to reduce impacts raised included Council advocacy, compliance enforcement, weed management, restoring landscapes, ongoing/supported education, tree canopy, supporting solar, sustainable building codes, regenerative agriculture. • Council Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion point raised, questioning Council budget processes and expressing the need for greater equity in budget allocations to assign adequate funding for environment and sustainability works. <p>Ways to have your say / consultation details are listed at: Nillumbik Now and Beyond Nillumbik Now and Beyond Participate Nillumbik. This includes completing a survey (due by 2 March) and providing feedback on the draft plans in July.</p> <p>Action: Request to discuss the draft 2025/26 council budget at an upcoming ESAC meeting. Officers to follow up.</p>	
8	<p>Climate Action Plan</p> <p>Climate Action Plan overview e-training was provided to ESAC as a collective (the same induction training that is provided for all new Council officers).</p> <p>Discussion on Climate Action Plan 2022-2032 <i>Focus Area 5 – Achieving Council and community zero emissions energy use:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on progress to date in implementing the Council operations zero-emissions 10-year roadmap, and the types of projects being undertaken during years 1-3. Currently on track. • Overview of achievements and status of climate action work to date, on progress in achieving goals/targets, and 24/25 action is available at: Climate action - Nillumbik Shire Council • Discussion on community emissions deferred to a future meeting. 	I Culbard K Reedy
9	<p>Other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Implementation Plans for the Urban Tree Canopy Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy are now available on Council website: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nillumbik Biodiversity Strategy 2024-2034 - Nillumbik Shire Council - Nillumbik Urban Tree Canopy Strategy 2024-2040 - Nillumbik Shire Council • Organisation Chart – Action: Provide a copy of Organisation Chart to ESAC members. 	K Reedy
	Next meeting: Wednesday 16 April 2025 6pm – 8pm	

Table of Open Actions

Meeting date	Action	Owner/s	Status	Comment
19/02/25	Request to discuss the draft 2025/26 budget at an upcoming ESAC meeting. Officers to follow up.	Officers		
19/02/25	Provide a copy of Council organisation chart to ESAC members	Officers		
21/08/24	ESAC members to review the list of actions in the Biodiversity Strategy implementation plan and suggest items that they would like to discuss further	ESAC	Complete	<i>No specific items suggested at this stage.</i>
19/06/24	New ESAC members to email Laura their bios for the website (for examples refer to Environment and Sustainability Advisory Committee - Nillumbik Shire Council). Existing members can provide an update to their 22-24 bio - or keep as is.	ESAC	In progress	<i>Awaiting bios from some members</i>
19/06/24	Discuss the Climate Action Plan (CAP) at upcoming meeting.	Officers	Complete	<i>Agenda item at this meeting.</i>

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Councillor Representative	Cr Kate McKay
Other:	Nichole Johnson, Katie Camilleri, Nicola Clutton, Frances Biggar, Cassie Zurek
Apologies:	Niamh Coffey, Soren Kean, Ayelet Yahav Zloof, Scarlett Magnanini, Samuel Kelso, Sophie McDonald, Elysia Cheche, Emily Yin,

Order of business

1. Welcome

Observers were reminded their role is to observe only, unless called upon by the Chairperson to participate.

2. Acknowledgment of Country

Youth Mayor Orianna Edmonds

We acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which Nillumbik is located and pay our respects to Elders, children, and young people of past, present, and future generations.

We extend this respect to all First Nations People. We honor their enduring strength, continuing connection and care for the land and waters, and the truth that sovereignty was never ceded. We acknowledge all Bubups – children and their right to play, learn and have a voice on Country.

We acknowledge the past and walk together for our shared future.

3. Conflict of Interest and Informal Meetings of Councillors Record

No conflicts of interest.

An Informal Meeting of Councillors Record has been completed at the meeting in accordance with Item 19 of Council's Governance Rule - Meeting Procedure.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting held 3 February 2025 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Minutes moved by: Kai Biviano

Minutes seconded by: Orianna Edmonds

5. **Outstanding Action Items**

No outstanding action items.

6. **Item of business 1: Nillumbik Public Health and Wellbeing Plan**

Cassie Zurek, Social Planning and Policy Officer

Officers presented on the upcoming Nillumbik Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029. The plan outlines our commitment to address health and wellbeing priorities and needs and reduce inequalities over the next four years. The Plan aims to create environments and communities where everyone has the best opportunities to be physically and mentally well, and socially connected throughout every age and stage of their lives.

Presentation is attached with the meeting minutes.

More information also available at <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects/now-and-beyond/page/public-health-and-wellbeing-plan>.

Group Discussion 1

What are the main health and wellbeing issues and needs for young people in Nillumbik?

- In rural Nillumbik – experiencing loneliness, poorer mental health due to lack of social connection (connected to issues like lack of transport and distance from friends/peers, services, activities etc.)
- High issues/concerns on vaping
 - Particularly in local high schools starting from year 9 (however have noticed younger children in late primary school vaping)
 - Cigarettes seem to be less of an issue for young people
 - No supports available for people to 'stop' vaping
 - Older young people (over 18) buying vapes for underage
- Nutrition
 - high intake of energy drinks and caffeine
 - healthy food often 'too expensive'
- Young women dropping out of sport
 - to hang out with friends and keeping up with study
 - it is hard to start again or try something new once you stop
 - not enough people to make up teams for age group for women/girls (as opposed to men/boys)

- limited options in rural Nillumbik (especially if you don't have access to travel).
- Age transitions around year 9 – puberty/hormones, school getting more serious/stressful, dating/relationships, underage drinking, bullying.
- Loop boxes / games (e.g., genshin impact) – don't think of it as gambling but pay money (often underage).
- Sexual & reproductive health for queer people
 - Example given was that parents' of students attending a secondary school where parents complained about text references in sexual education relating to LGBTIQ+ relationships. The material was taken back from students and 'cut out' of the textbook. This is really damaging for young people learning about safe queer sex.
- Cyber safety
 - Use of AI and bullying
 - Access (or restriction) of social media – impacts on young people (example given in particular to queer young people who rely on online connections to connect and get support with peers).

Are there any health or community services that young people need and don't have access to in Nillumbik?

- Lack of access to bulk billing GP services
- Wait times for psychologist and mental health services
 - difficult to get access to help you need in crisis
 - even school services are under pressure and more difficult to access
- No services in rural Nillumbik
 - Community services and programs that do exist are always targeted to older people – there is nothing for young people

Group Discussion 2

What should Council do to improve health and happiness for young people in Nillumbik?

- Information and resources about services and sexual and reproductive health
- Advocate for more mental health services
- Crack down on selling vapes to underage people
- Advocacy for queer people – e.g., LGBTIQ+ advisory committee, more visibility and celebration, support against homophobia, more frequent programs/events for queer young people (e.g., rainbow group).

Voting activity

Which areas should Council focus on to support everyone in Nillumbik to be happy and healthy?

- Top areas included:
 1. Mental Health
 2. Food
 3. Active living
 4. Social inclusion
 5. Climate change
 6. Sexual and reproductive health
 7. Vaping
 8. Training and employment
 9. Housing transport

7. Item of business 2: Youth Consultation planning

Nicola Clutton, Team Leader Youth Development

Following on from feedback at the February Youth Council Meeting, Officers ran a discussion to collect feedback and ideas from the Youth Council on the upcoming Youth Survey consultation plans. Youth Council were encouraged to consider how the Youth Development team can best promote the Survey and ensure a high number of diverse responses.

Group discussion 1 – Who should we be communicating with to share this survey?

- Social media ads – Instagram targeted best to local yp
- Sporting clubs
- Posters up near bus stops and train stations
- Local businesses who employ young people

Group discussion 2 – What creative ways can we ensure a variety of voices are collected?

- Giveaways – e.g., chance to win 1 in 3 gift cards
- Infographics and reels on social media

8. Item of business 2: Youth Development Updates

Frances Biggar, Youth Development Officer

Youth Summit recommendations update

- Climate Action & Sustainability

- Edendale received a grant to establish an environmental youth group – hopefully commencing in the coming months (being co-designed by young people).
- Working with young people from Youth Summit to develop workshops that can be delivered at the Youth Hub during the school holidays. First event coming up will be a wildlife walk in Diamond Creek.
- Physical Activity & Recreation
 - Rec & Leisure team at Nillumbik will be running 'pop up' tennis come and try day as a pilot with one sport. If goes well will exploring expanding to other sports.
- Education & Training
 - Collaborating with Living & learning to deliver quarterly life skills and job readiness workshops and programs at the Youth Hub (e.g., resume writing, RSA, barista etc.).
- Mental Health
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid training being rolled out to community and schools.
 - Currently developing up the mentorship program.
- Cultural diversity and racism
 - Working with schools to understand what resources that would be useful that we can co-design to young people.
- Social connection
 - Last year we piloted an intergenerational tech program with Indie school which will now be ongoing.
 - Nillumbeats will be looking at planning and delivering a range of social connection events throughout the year – e.g., movie night coming up and music event later in the year.
- Bullying
 - Funding local high schools to deliver school workshops based on their specific needs.
 - Still working with schools to look at education and resources for schools in this space.
- Alcohol, vaping and other drug
 - Organising school workshops around vaping, alcohol and other drugs (harm minimisation approach).
- LGBTIQA+ inclusion
 - Working with schools who would like to upskill school pride groups to deliver events/activities.
 - Co-designing resource pack for schools.
 - Signage changed out at the youth hub to be all gender bathrooms and made a submission to advocate for all gender baths in building code.
- Gender Equity
 - Continuing work with Women's Health in the North around affirmative consent workshops.

- Providing additional workshops and support for schools around respectful relationships.
- 16 days of activism campaign will continue in 2025.

Nicola Clutton, Team Leader Youth Development

- Youth team updates – Katie Camilleri finishing up as Coordinator Youth & Community Development at Nillumbik Shire Council and moving onto a role at Maribyrnong City Council.
- Youth Council recruitment – now live. Applications can be made online at <https://www.nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/Programs/Youth-Council> and close Sunday 23 March 2025. First meeting will be June 2025.
- Working With Children Checks – reminder anyone turning 18 will need to apply for and supply a working with children check. Please email Frances or Nicola for support.
- Reminder Youth Drop in program Tues, Wed, Thurs 3-6pm at Nillumbik Youth Hub.

9. Item of business 3: Council Meetings

Nichole Johnson

Upcoming Council Briefings, Meetings and PCC speaking opportunities

- Draft Domestic Management plan out for engagement and closes 4 April. More information at <https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects/damp-2025>

10. Next meeting date and location

Monday 7 April 2025, 4:30 – 6:30pm at Nillumbik Youth Hub – 32-34 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek