

Youth Council Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes



Date:	Monday 4 April 2022
Time:	4.00pm – 6.00pm
Venue:	Council Chambers
Chair:	Youth Mayor Fieke van der Kamp
Minute Taker:	Molly Jessop, Youth Development Officer
Committee Members:	Bailey Cumming, Brianne Keogh, Fieke Van Der Kamp, Jack Linehan, Joseph Bowman, Lachlan Wadsworth, Maali Kerta-Rice, Maverick Knight, Orianna Edmonds, Indi Sandwell, Kirra Imbriano, Niamh Coffey, Martina Charalambous, Ava Grzechnik
Councillor Representative	Cr Natalie Duffy
Other:	Katie Camilleri, Nicola Clutton, Molly Jessop, Corrienne Nichols
Apologies:	Rhys Warrillow, Maverick Knight

Order of business

1. Welcome

Youth Mayor Fieke van der Kamp welcomed all members to the April Youth Council meeting 2022.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

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:

Youth Council member Rhys Warrillow was unable to attend due to a clash with school camp. Maverick Knight was unable to attend.

4. Introductions

Introductions were made by all present to new Youth Council members. Youth Council welcomed new Youth Council members, Ava, Martina, Niamh and Rhys.

5. Conflict of Interest and Informal Meeting of Councillors Record

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

6. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held 7 March 2022 are confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting except for the following amendment as listed below.

Note in change to minutes, save the date for Youth Summit now moved to 25th May as previous date clashed with National Sorry Day. Previous meeting minutes listed this date as the previous now incorrect date.

No outstanding actions remain from the previous meeting.

Minutes moved by: Bailey Cummings

Minutes seconded by: Lachlan Wadsworth

7. Ice Breaker

Youth Council members participate in a series of icebreakers facilitated by Nillumbik Youth Staff.

8. Item of business 1: Mayor Elections Speeches (30 minutes)

Youth Council nominees for Youth Mayor are each provided with three minutes to speak to the room on why they would like to be Youth Mayor.

A summary of each nominee's speech is below:

Kirra Imbriano

- Within the past year Kirra has learnt a lot about leadership and what it would take to fulfil the role.
- Areas of interest include the environment, LGBTQIA+ inclusion, mental health and reconciliation.
- Kirra is also a volunteer at non-for profit Big Group Hug and has gained experience in talking at board meetings and engaging with community members.
- Personal skills that she could bring to Youth Mayor include being approachable and fighting for her passions are hard as she can.
- Goals for this year's Youth Council include getting Youth Council more involved in social media and the community to engage with young people as well as ensuring Youth Council is a safe space where everyone's opinions can be heard without judgement.

Jack Linehan

- Jack has been connected to Nillumbik his whole life, lives and breathes the community
- Areas of interest include youth violence in the community and shifting the youth culture.
- Goal's for this year's Youth Council include further community engagement with schools and community groups, implementing a leadership program and further progressing Youth Hub and BMX projects.

Brianne Keogh

- Brianne's personal skills she could bring to the Youth Mayor role include a passion for the community, a love for championing other people's ideas and being a voice the Youth Council can rely on.
- Brianne believes leadership is about action and wants to help Youth Council implement what was strategised in 2021.
- Areas of interest include: women in leadership, safer spaces and places for young people and youth financial wellbeing.

Orianna Edmonds

- Orianna would like to be Youth Mayor as she believes she has capability to do more in the community and wants to help young people's hope, dreams and goals come to life

- She has lived in Nillumbik her whole life and was voted Nillumbik Young Women Business Leader of the Year for 2022.
- Her areas of interest include: the environment and building resilience in young people.
- Personal skills she could bring to the Youth Mayor role include: being team focused, inclusive of everyone and having the ability to lead and energise young people.

Lachlan Wadsworth

- Lachlan is heavily involved in the local community playing an active role at the Eltham Junior Football Club and founded the club's All Abilities Football Team.
- His personal skills include being a great and confident communicator and bringing forward other people's ideas.
- Lachlan is a great communicator and loves having conversations with all sorts of people.
- Lachlan also lives with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and has learnt a lot through other young people living with ASD.

Bailey Cummings

- Bailey believes being Youth Mayor is an opportunity to become more involved within the community and further develop his leadership skills.
- He has previous experience in leadership roles including running a national Ventures activity for scouts and being a student representative on Parade College's Safety Committee. He also won his school's Long Tan award last year, which is awarded to a young person demonstrating leadership and teamwork qualities.
- Bailey is actively committed and involved in youth council and champion's young people's aspirations. He is also passionate about social connection opportunities for young people.
- Personal skills he could bring to the role include leadership, communication, teamwork, and an ability to delegate and make decisions.

Fieke van der Kamp

- Fieke believes this is a year of action for Youth Council and wants to focus on implementing the Youth Strategy.
- Fieke's two most important values are empathy and action. She believes that even if an action seems small it can set off a ripple effect of positive change.
- She wants to combat misconceptions that young people aren't able or interested in making change to ensure young people have access to change making before they lose their drive.
- Her areas of interest include the environment and helping young people find their passions.
- This year, she wants Youth Council to focus on breaking down barriers for young people interested in politics and council to encourage more of the youth community to get involved in shaping our future. She also wants to focus on the quiet voices within the youth community to ensure their voices are heard.

Niamh Coffey

- Niamh acknowledges that they are brand new and the youngest member of youth council so not an obvious choice for Youth Mayor but would make a great leader.
- Niamh has developed leadership skills through their schools leadership team and has organised events, surveys and forums to ensure students are being heard throughout school. Additionally, Niamh has strong public speaking skills and stays calm in difficult situations.
- Niamh strives for equality and equity and is passionate about empowering others to do what they love and climate justice.
- Niamh wants to create a community that's safe and enjoyable for everyone. Their goals for Youth Council this year include ensuring everyone is respected and listened to and that the voices of both youth council and other young people in the community

9. Item of business 2: Mayor Elections Voting (10 minutes)

Youth Council members are invited to silent vote for their preferred Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor.

If a candidate received a clear majority of votes – with a clear majority being one more vote than the other Committee members nominated they will be declared that Committee member duly elected as Youth Mayor by majority decision of the Committee. The Committee member with the second most votes will be declared Youth Deputy Mayor.

Based on clear majority votes the following Youth Council members were elected as Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Mayor: Brianne Keogh

Deputy Mayor: Kirra Imbriano

10. Item of business 3: Group Photo (20 Minutes)

Youth Council members were directed outside to take a group photo and profile photos of the newly elected Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor.

The photos will be published on the Nillumbik Youth website and social media.

11. Item of business 4: Guest Speaker - Redevelopment Plan Diamond Creek (Andrew Feeney)

- Nillumbik Council are currently creating a Redevelopment Plan for Diamond Creek.
- This is a long term plan, consisting of an investigation into what community facilities are required for the suburb and where they would be best located as determined by industry benchmarks.
- The plan aims to provide the community facilities that Diamond Creek needs for its population while keeping the culture and community of Diamond Creek intact.
- This benchmarking considers that Diamond Creek has a 15,000 projected population by 2036 and that the suburb services the whole rural community of Nillumbik as well as residents.
- The study has found Diamond Creek needs a multipurpose community centre, library, Youth Hub servicing whole of the shire, more neighbourhood houses and an aquatic leisure centre.

- Some facilities need to be relocated to more appropriate locations including Living & Learning Centre and the Occasional and Long Care Centre.
- Other facilities need upgrading including the Diamond Creek Community Centre, Senior Citizens Centre, Community Bank Stadium and Community Pool

What a Youth Hub would look like:

- Rooms for events, games and meetings
- Rooms for service provision (mental health, counselling, employment services)
- Shared kitchen, lounge and chill zone
- Criteria for location: Accessible via public transport, close to food and shops, close to the bike trails and walking paths.

Options for the Youth Hub:

1. Standalone Youth Hub at the Netball Courts
2. Youth Hub as part of a community facilities hub including the library, neighbourhood house, and multipurpose room at the existing Diamond Creek Community Centre Site
3. Youth Hub as part of a Youth and Leisure Hub being located in or next to a new Aquatic Centre at the current Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool site.

Youth Council were invited to partake in an open discussion:

Should the Youth Hub be a standalone facility or group with other community facilities?

In favour of standalone:

- Standalone youth hub is more appropriate for privacy when young people are accessing services.
- Young people might be turned off by other community members like parents and older people being around, may not feel as youth friendly.

In favour of being grouped with other community facilities:

- If the youth hub is a standalone, young people might not know about it or know how to find it.
- Standalone means you have to have a specific reason to be going there. Whereas being near other facilities creates traction. If you don't want others to know you're accessing services you can say you're accessing one of the other facilities.
- Having everything in the one place gives young people access to everything at once rather than going to the library then the youth hub.

12. Item of business 5: Guest Speaker- Draft Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy (Lauren Treby)

- The Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy aims to inform all of decisions in council to make sure all services, programs and events organised and funded by Nillumbik Shire Council are accessible and inclusive for all community members.
- Whilst inequalities were prevalent throughout Nillumbik, the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic has increased inequality within the Shire. Specifically,

data has shown an increase residents experiencing in family violence, financial hardship and housing crises.

- Accessibility is not limited to physical access but also considers cultural, financial and lived experiences as factors that contribute to accessibility.
- Key priority groups for the Access, Equity and Inclusion policy include people who identify as: First Nations, LGBTQIA+, Low Socio-Economic, older residents, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Living with a disability or chronic disease including mental health issues, female, refugees and asylum seekers.

Youth Council was invited to have an open discussion:

What does a fair and inclusive Nillumbik look like to you?

- Same opportunity's and same access for everyone
- Combining rural and urban as sometimes it feels like there's a divide
- Everyone has access and able to go into places as rural places are often neglect to provide disability access.
- Council staff and contractors are provided with inclusion training to support community members with additional access needs.
- A walking path or bike path in St Andrews to bring both parts of Nillumbik together.
- Removing language barriers
- Ensuring everyone's voice is being heard throughout the broader public.
- Financial inequalities are prevalent for young people and limit access to sport and recreational activities. Additionally, this impacted on the skills and job readiness of young people. In an inclusive Nillumbik the cost of upskilling and employment courses should be subsidies to a reasonable price for young people to access without parental contribution.
- Currently, young people are excluded when parents can't drive them places or when parents against them being involved in certain activities.

If you have further ideas or feedback on the Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy you can visit Participate Nillumbik to contribute:

<https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/inclusive-nillumbik>

Submissions are open until Sunday 24 April.

13. Item of business 7: Youth Development Updates

Katie Camilleri and Nicola Clutton

Officers provided updates on the following Youth Development projects:

- **BMX Jump Park Update**
- Promotion of a one hour online session with the Trail Collective to hear what the community would like to see included in the pre-design concept.
- One hour online session is on 6 April from 6.30-7.30pm (link teams.live.com/join/9544996930055)
- 10 May 2022 – community invited to speak to their submissions at a PCC Meeting.

- There are a few locations which have been identified as potential site locations for the BMX facility in Diamond Creek – Melbourne Water have been engaged to assess these sites to inform a detailed feasibility on identified sites. (It is anticipated that there will be restrictions on what can be built on the proposed sites as they are in flood zone areas)
- Detailed feasibility study will be presented to Council in a briefing in June.
- **Advisory Committee Code of Conduct**
Youth Council members have been provided with the Advisory Committee Code of Conduct which they must read and sign prior to the next Youth Council meeting.

14. Other Business

Nicola Clutton notes that she will be on leave and will return on 2 May 2022, Katie Camilleri or Molly Jessop will be the main points of contact for Youth Council for the rest of April.

15. Next meeting date and location

Youth Council Informal Meeting

Monday 2 May 2022

Location: Council Chambers

16. Actions to be completed by next meeting

Action	Responsible	Due Date
Read and sign the Advisory Committee Code of Conduct	All	Monday 2 May
Provide further feedback on the Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy via Participate Nillumbik	All (optional)	Sunday 24 April
Complete Youth Council Profile Survey for Nillumbik Youth Social Media and Website	All	Friday 15 April
Submit Quarter One Payment Invoices to youth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au	All	Monday 2 May
Send through a statement by a supplier form to youth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au	New Youth Council members	Monday 2 May