

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting
Monday 3 June 2024 at 6pm

Conference Room 2 at Civic Centre,
25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang

Youth Councillors

Zachary Melvaine	Youth Mayor
Kaynat Virk	Deputy Youth Mayor
Angelica Banquil	
Dean Connelly-Carpenter	
Bavleen Kaur	
Mustafa Khraim	
Angela Rolevska	
Masina Salesa	
Esha Serai	
Tanya Sharma	
Sandy Tran	
Emily Tricarico	
Sophie Winter	

Officers

Jacinta Stevens	Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO
Bobbie-Lea Bright	Unit Manager Governance

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Youth Mayor opened the meeting at 6:01pm.

“Welcome to this Youth Council Meeting of 3 June 2024 which is being held in person in Conference Room 2 at the Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang.

I am Zachary Melvaine and I would like to introduce the Youth Councillors in attendance today:

Angelica Banquil
Bavleen Kaur
Mustafa Khraim
Angela Rolevska
Esha Serai
Tanya Sharma
Sandy Tran
Emily Tricarico
Kaynat Virk
Sophie Winter

We also have the following officers in attendance:

Jacinta Stevens, Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

1.2 Apologies

Youth Councillor Masina Salesa
Youth Councillor Dean Connelly-Carpenter

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Youth Mayor read the following statement:

“On behalf of Council, I recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

I would also like to acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

1.4 Youth Council Charter

The Youth Mayor read the following Youth Council Charter:

“We, the members of the City of Whittlesea Youth Council, commit to advocating for and being the voice of the youth within our municipality. We ensure a safe space for all, to engage in constructive collaboration on matters affecting young people. We aim to empower and foster community connectedness in our youth so they feel valued and supported to achieve their aspirations.”

1.5 Acknowledgements

The Youth Mayor made the following acknowledgements:

IDAHOBIT Day

On Wednesday 15 May the City of Whittlesea hosted an event for IDAHOBIT Day (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia). The event was a huge success, and I am happy to announce that Youth Councillor Emily was one of three panelists who spoke at the City of Whittlesea IDAHOBIT Event. She was the only young person represented on the panel which was facilitated by Debbie Wood, Director Infrastructure & Environment, and provided her thoughts, insights and feelings towards a range of questions around why IDAHOBIT is important and what work still needs to be done in the LGBTQ+ space.

Well done to Emily for taking part.

National Sorry Day

On Monday 27 May the City of Whittlesea hosted an official event for National Sorry Day in the Great Hall. This is the official day of Healing and commemorates the Stolen Generations. It is part of the ongoing efforts towards reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. There was a smoking ceremony for the staff and various Community Elders as special guests in attendance.

I am pleased to announce that Youth Councillor Angela attended this event in her capacity as a City of Whittlesea Intern, working with the Communications Team taking photos of the event.

Thank you Angela.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

COUNCIL RESOLUTION	
Moved:	<i>Youth Councillor Mustafa Khraim</i>
Seconded:	<i>Youth Councillor Bavleen Kaur</i>

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding meeting as circulated, be confirmed:

- **Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 6 May 2024.**

CARRIED

4 Officers' Reports

4.1 Audit & Risk Committee Introduction

Director/Executive Manager: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Report Author: Councillor Support Officer

In Attendance: Unit Manager Governance

External in Attendance: Audit & Risk Committee Member

Key Highlights

Independent member of the City of Whittlesea Audit & Risk Committee, Bruce Potgieter provided the Youth Council with a presentation on the role and purpose of the committee and invited the Youth Council to attend as observers to the next Audit & Risk Committee Meeting being held on the 10 September 2024.

4.2 Youth Development Team Presentation

Director/Executive Manager: Director Community Wellbeing

Report Author: Youth Development Coordinator

In Attendance: Youth Development Coordinator

Key Highlights

The Youth Development Coordinator provided a presentation to the Youth Committee regarding the Youth Development Team's new structure and discussed the importance of Youth Services within Local Government and the role that this team provides. The Youth Councillors were also advised on ways they can participate and assist the Youth Development team with their upcoming work and projects within the municipality.

5 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion

6 General / Urgent Business

No Urgent Business

7 Closure

There being no further business the Youth Mayor closed the meeting at 6:52pm.

Confirmed this 5th day of August 2024.

Zachary Melvaine
Youth Mayor