

Minutes

Youth Council Meeting

Monday 11 November 2024 at 6pm

Council Chamber 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

Esha Serai

Tanya Sharma

Sandy Tran

Emily Tricarico

Elly Watson

Sophie Winter

Officers

Jacinta Stevens

Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Bobbie-Lea Bright

Unit Manager Compliance & Governance

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1 Opening

1.1 Meeting Opening and Introductions

The Youth Mayor opened the meeting at 6pm.

“Welcome to this Youth Council Meeting of 11 November 2024 which is being held in person in the Council Chamber at Civic Centre, 25 Ferres Boulevard, South Morang.

I am Zachary Melvaine, Youth Mayor and I would like to introduce the Youth Councillors in attendance tonight:

Angelica Banquil
Dean Connelly-Carpenter
Bavleen Kaur
Mustafa Khraim
Angela Rolevska
Tanya Sharma
Sandy Tran
Elly Watson
Sophie Winter

We also have in attendance Bobbie-Lea Bright, Unit Manager Compliance & Governance.”

1.2 Apologies

Deputy Youth Mayor, Kaynat Virk
Youth Councillor Emily Tricarico
Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO, Jacinta Stevens

Absent

Youth Councillor Esha Serai

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:

Media Training

In September, many of our Youth Council members attended a media training session presented by the City of Whittlesea Public Affairs team. This hands on session provided us with some great insights and tips, and we wanted to say thank you to the staff who took the time to put on this engaging training session for us.

Council Elections

Local Council elections were held in October, and a new group of Councillors were announced today to represent the community. We would like to thank the outgoing Administrators for their support of the Youth Council, and we look forward to working with the new Council.

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No declarations.

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved: *Youth Councillor Angela Rolevska*

Seconded: *Youth Councillor Mustafa Khraim*

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

- Youth Council meeting held on 2 September 2024.

CARRIED

4 Officers' Reports

4.1 Community Insights Study

Director/Executive Manager: Director Customer & Corporate Services

Report Author: So Pyay Thar, Research Officer

In Attendance: Sarah Rowe, Chief Customer Officer
 Ezgi Sahin, Unit Manager Advocacy & Stakeholder Engagement
 So Pyay Thar, Research Officer

Executive Summary

The Community Insights Study is a research program for residents to share their experiences living in the City of Whittlesea. This annual program consists of three survey waves with each round of the survey exploring different aspects of community life including local life, social and civic participation, and health and wellbeing.

While survey response rates are high, there is a need for increased engagement from young people who are currently underrepresented in these surveys. This is to ensure young people’s experiences are captured and the findings from these surveys are representative of all age groups in our municipality.

Officers’ Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council advise on incentives/approaches to increase the participation of young people in the Community Insights Study.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved:	<i>Youth Councillor Sandy Tran</i>
Seconded:	<i>Youth Councillor Dean Connelly-Carpenter</i>

THAT the Youth Council advise on incentives/approaches to increase the participation of young people in the Community Insights Study.

CARRIED

YOUTH COUNCILLOR/S WHO SPOKE TO MOTION

Nil

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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 formally closed the meeting at 6:21pm.

Confirmed this 2nd day of December 2024.

Zachary Melvaine
Youth Mayor