

Agenda

Youth Council Meeting
Monday 2 December 2024 at 6pm

You are advised that a Youth Council Meeting will be held on Monday 2 December 2024 at 6pm for the transaction of the following business.

This meeting will be held in the 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 will open the meeting and welcome everyone in attendance.

1.2 Apologies

1.3 Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners Statement

The Youth Mayor will 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 personally acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging.”

1.4 Youth Council Charter

The Youth Mayor will read the following statement:

“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

2 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

3 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting/s

Recommendation

THAT the following Minutes of the preceding Youth Council Meeting as circulated, be confirmed:

Scheduled Meeting of Youth Council held on 11 November 2024.

4 Officers' Reports

4.1 Youth Council Meetings Schedule for 2025

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

Report Author: Executive Manager Office of Council & CEO

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is for the Youth Council to adopt the proposed Youth Council Meeting schedule for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

Youth Council Meetings are conducted monthly so that the Youth Council may engage with Council Officers at Youth Council meetings for the purpose of providing expert advice to Council on topics and issues relevant to young people.

It is proposed that Youth Council Meetings are conducted on the first Monday of the month commencing in February.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council:

1. **Adopt the Youth Council meeting schedule for 1 January 2025 to 30 December 2025 as follows:**

2025
Monday 3 February 2025
Monday 3 March 2025 – Election of Mayor & Deputy Mayor
Monday 7 April 2025
Monday 5 May 2025
Monday 2 June 2025
Monday 7 July 2025
Monday 4 August 2025
Monday 1 September 2025
Monday 6 October 2025
Monday 1 December 2025

2. **Attend a Council Briefing dinner with Councillors on the below dates, to inform Council of identified issues of priorities, projects and portfolio work undertaken by the Youth Council:**
 - a. **25 March 2025; and**
 - b. **26 August 2025.**
3. **Resolve that all Youth Council meetings will commence at 6:00pm and be held at the Civic Centre, Ferres Boulevard South Morang.**

Background / Key Information

Youth Council Meetings are conducted throughout the year so that the Youth Council may engage with Council Officers at Youth Council meetings for the purpose of providing expert advice to Council on topics and issues relevant to young people.

At the City of Whittlesea, Youth Council Meetings are conducted monthly in accordance with the Youth Council Terms of Reference. It is proposed that Youth Council Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month commencing in February.

Implementation Strategy

Communication

Youth Council is required to set the date, time and place of Scheduled Youth Council Meetings and that reasonable notice is provided to all the Youth Councillors.

Critical Dates

The Youth Council meeting schedule for is required to be adopted to enable meeting dates for 2025 to be adopted by all the Youth Councillors.

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Under Section 130 of the *Local Government Act 2020* officers providing advice to Council are required to disclose any conflict of interest they have in a matter and explain the nature of the conflict.

The Responsible Officer reviewing this report, having made enquiries with relevant members of staff, reports that no disclosable interests have been raised in relation to this report.

Attachments

Nil

4.2 Recap on Youth Council Areas of Focus for 2024-2025

Director/Executive Manager: Director Community Wellbeing

Report Author: Unit Manager Youth Development

In Attendance: Michael Colling, Unit Manager Youth Development

Executive Summary

At the 5 February 2024 Youth Council Meeting all Youth Councillors agreed on the key focus areas for 2024.

Discussion will take place at this meeting to recap on achievements for 2024 and revisit the priority issues, topics and areas of focus set at the February 2024 Youth Council Meeting and if these are still current for the 2025 Youth Council term.

Officers' Recommendation

THAT the Youth Council confirm the priority issues, topics and areas of focus set at the February 2024 Council meeting are still agreed upon and will form part of the Key Focus Areas for 2025.

Background / Key Information

At the 5 February 2024 Youth Council Meeting all Youth Councillors agreed on the key focus areas for 2024 as follows:

1. Health & Wellbeing
 - a. Mental health
 - b. Vaping/substance abuse/addiction
 - c. Stigma surrounding mental health in general
2. Environment & Climate Change
 - a. Waste & Recycling
 - b. Climate action
 - c. Sustainability
 - d. Education of climate change effects
3. Employment & Education
 - a. Youth Employment
 - b. Youth Mentoring
 - c. School Exam stress education/assistance
 - d. School environment – safety
 - e. School engagement/refusal
4. Accessibility & Inclusion
 - a. Youth Space
 - b. Increased safety
 - c. Sports & leisure events
 - d. Collaboration between schools/communities
 - e. Receiving ideas from youth
 - f. Receiving ideas from school/community leaders. Google Form/forum
 - g. Transport for youth
 - h. Catering for people with disabilities

Implementation Strategy

Communication

An email containing the link to the agenda on Docs on Tap will be sent to all Youth Councillors prior to the meeting and following the meeting an email will be sent with a link to the minutes on Docs on Tap.

Critical Dates

N/A.

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Attachments

Nil

5 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion

6 General / Urgent Business

No Urgent Business

7 Closure