

**Central Coast Youth Leadership Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting held in the**  
**Gnomon Room, Wharf Precinct**  
**Thursday, 25 February 2021**  
**Commencing at 9.15am**

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**1 PRESENT**



**Sandra Ayton** (General Manager [CCC]); **Melissa Budgeon** (Community Wellbeing Officer [CCC]); **Cr Philip Viney** (Councillor/ Accountant/ Ulverstone Lions Club); **Aaron Meldrum** (Beacon Foundation, Collective ed. [USC]); **Mel Blake** (Beacon Foundation, Collective ed. [USC]); **Brodie Bonde**, **Lilly Knight** and **Matthew Brooks** (Student Reps [USC]); **Natalie Winchcombe** (Teacher – North West Christian School [NWCS]); **Alex Davidson** and **Karen Ling** (Students Reps. – [NWCS]); **Mathew Smart** (Teacher – Penguin District School [PDS]); **Brooke Maine**, **Noah Grey**, **Tyler Stretton** and **Brianna Stevens** (Students Reps. – [PDS]);

Minute Taker: **Debra Lynch** (Community Service Assistant [CCC])



**1 WELCOME and Acknowledgement of Country**

Acknowledgement to Country read out by the General Manager, Sandra Ayton.

Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked each representative to introduce themselves to the meeting.



**2 APOLOGIES/Introductions**

**Glen Lutwyche** (Principal Ulverstone Secondary College [USC]); **Brayden Morton** (Principal North West Christian School [NWCS]); **Glen Mace** (Principal Leighland Christian School [LCS]); and Student Reps Leighland Christian School.

**2.1 Letter of Resignation**

Sandra read out a letter of resignation from Mike Walsh:

Thank you for your notice of the next meeting of the CC Youth Leaders Council.

Over the years the group has evolved into a highly efficient vehicle for the participating pupils to gain an insight into community life beyond their school campus.

It also gives students the opportunity to plan, organise and take part in their own events.



I think the time has come for me to stand aside from my involvement in the council. I do so with much regret but in the knowledge that the future of the council is in very safe hands.

Regards  
Michael Walsh

Michael started on the Committee as a representative for the Leven Training Centre Inc. The committee thanked Mike for his contribution from the inception of the Youth Engaged Committee and moved that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

■ Mel Blake moved and Cr Phil Viney seconded, "That a letter of thanks be sent to Mike Walsh".

**Carried**

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

■ Brodie Bonde moved, and Ebony McCoy seconded, "That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2020 be approved".

**Carried**

### **4 OVERVIEW OF OBJECTIVES**

Melissa Budgeon gave an overview of the objectives of the Youth Leaders Council. Melissa spoke on the following documents which have been placed in a booklet for the Student Representatives.

- . Terms and Reference
- . Youth Leaders Council Mural
- . Key Actions for Focus Areas
- . Youth Leaders Council Graphic Charts

Mel Blake offered support from Collective ed. if student reps decide to go down the path of a Careers Event for 2021. The Collective ed. team would be very happy to support this by working with students to plan, organise and run this event. UTAS have also tentatively offered their support through involvement of their Associate Degree Business students who complete an events management component to their course. Collective ed. would also be happy to support Youth Voice Workshops and Youth Leadership Development via a session/s with Will Smith from JCP Empowering Youth.

### **5 OUTCOMES AND IDEAS FOR 2021 CALENDAR**

There was discussion on what the student representatives would like to focus on in 2021. Students were asked to have discussion in their groups and put forward some ideas of what they would like meeting to consist of for 2021.

#### *Penguin District School*

- Career Expo – Large space for students to attend and ask questions about career pathways.
- Raising Money or Awareness for a cause – Open up to all schools to contribute. e.g. silent auction.
- Opportunities for Guest Speakers or Leadership Days – for personal development.
- Mental Health – Still an issue for young people:
  - Something physical or doing something as a group;
  - Maybe involving professionals and workshops.

#### *Ulverstone Secondary College*

- Engage all Schools to work together;
- Local issues (network with other students from other regions);
- Combined youth leadership opportunities;
- More access across different schools;
- Career days;
- Doors to Mentors;
- Youth Voice – ways to express needs;
- Local camp/region;
- Youth camp;
- Open Mic Night – To broaden leadership for youth groups. Feature guest speakers;
- Promotion of a Charity/fundraising event – Pledge for a Plunge;
- Youth Voice – Surveying students on local topical issues;
- Guest speakers/Forums – Youth leadership and youth pathways.

#### *North West Christian School*

- Local career expos;
- Support mental health;
- Guest speakers;
- Fundraising event:
  - MND
  - Epilepsy
  - Autism
  - Cancer awareness.

## **6 Youth Leaders Council Meeting Housekeeping**

*2020 Youth Leaders Council Video* – The video created at the end of 2020 was shared at the meeting – student reps were interviewed and shared their experiences of being a Representative on the committee. This video was presented to the December 2020 Council Meeting to the Councillors.

*Central Coast Youth Leaders Council Facebook* – In the video students recommended and suggested that a closed Facebook group be developed for interaction, connection and discussion outside of monthly meetings. A Closed Facebook Group can be more private than a Page since the creator has the option to make it closed. When a Group is closed, only those who have

been invited to the Group can see the content and interact with the information shared within it.

Students Representatives at the meeting were agreeable to a closed Facebook group as it provides a platform that students were comfortable in using. Before commencing a closed Facebook account for the group, it was also suggested to look at other avenues of communication.

*Meeting Venues* – Discussion was held around the meeting venues and determining whether it is suitable to resume visiting each of the schools. The meeting unanimously agreed that there be a change in days each month e.g., holding a meeting on a Wednesday or Thursday so that students' representatives do not miss the same class each month. Returning to schools every second month was agreed upon and the alternative months to use the Gnomon Room.

Students and teachers were advised to send in their recommended dates for a meeting to be held at their School. Currently North West Christian and Penguin District Schools have major renovations happening and it was suggested that these meetings could be held at the Dial Sports Complex Function Centre.

*Timing of meetings* – The meeting agreed that the start of the meeting be 9.15am and conclude at 10.15am.

Next meeting to be held at the Ulverstone Secondary College. Mel Blake to advise if the school will be available on 25 March.

#### **4 NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting to be held on Thursday, 25 March 2021 at the Ulverstone Secondary College, commencing at 9.15am. To be confirmed.

As there was no further business to discuss the meeting concluded at 10.20am.