

NOTES

NORTHERN BEACHES YOUTH STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP MEETING

held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre Dee Why on

THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2017

Notes of the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group Meeting

held on Thursday 15 June 2017

in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre Dee Why

Commencing at 5.10pm

ATTENDANCE:

To Committee Members

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| Kylie Ferguson (Chair) | Implementation Advisory Group |
| Roslyn Harrison | Local Representative Committee - Economic |
| Grace Blackford | Resident – Manly Ward |
| Eve Clark | Northern Sydney Local Health District |
| Isabelle Edwards | Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward |
| Justene Gordon | The Burdekin Association |
| Olivia Murray | Resident – Pittwater Ward |
| Brittany Ryan | Resident – Pittwater Ward |
| Amy Warren | Resident – Manly Ward |
| Sam Wilkins | Resident – Frenchs Forest Ward |

Council Officer Contacts

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| Suzi Pawley | Youth & Families Coordinator |
| Fiona Winter | Community Development Officer - Social Planning |
| Emma Marshall | Governance Support Officer |
| Neil Cocks | Sustainable Urban Planning Manager |

Quorum

Majority of members (excluding vacant positions)

1.0 APOLOGIES

That apologies be received from Jessica Chignell, Philip Stone, Lindsay Godfrey, Hannah Schultz-Fulham, Leeanne Kelly, Ian Bowsher, Kevin Harris, Ryan Lagois, Su Young Lee, Georgia Llewellyn, Matthew Butterworth and Brandon Wescott.

2.0 DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY AND CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

3.1 NOTES OF NORTHERN BEACHES YOUTH STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUP HELD 27 APRIL 2017

DECISION

R Harrison / S Wilkins

That the Notes of the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group held 27 April 2017, copies of which were previously circulated to all Members , are hereby confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

4.0 AGENDA ITEMS

4.1 KEY ISSUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DISCUSSION PAPER

DISCUSSION

Suzi Pawley thanked the members for their attendance this evening for the last Northern Beaches Youth SRG and presented the Key Issues for Young People Discussion Paper.

The following four themes from the Key Issues for Young People Discussion Paper were reviewed by the group:

- Places and Spaces for Young People
- Effectively Engaging with Young People
- Learning and Engagement with Young People
- Health and Wellbeing of Young People and Their Families

In addition to the content of the report, the following additional points were discussed by the group.

Places and Spaces for Young People

Public art was discussed, the group agreed that it would be good to see more in the Northern Beaches area to liven up spaces, similar to how public art is utilised in the Sydney CBD, and something other than graffiti-style street art. The art's relevance to the place or space that it is located in was highlighted as an important factor. It was noted that public art should ideally be created through community contributions and not just contracted out.

Another opportunity highlighted was the role for Council to facilitate partnerships with schools for access to their resources, such as halls with sophisticated sound and lighting equipment, sports facilities, and hospitality facilities.

Effectively Engaging with Young People

The use of social media for targeting young audiences was discussed. Facebook Ads were noted to be an effective use of advertising to reach young people.

It was reported that some of the Northern Beaches Youth SRG members attended a Council Identity Workshop. Council understand the importance of young people participating in Council's community engagement opportunities..

Learning and Development Opportunities for Young People

Intergenerational programs were discussed, such as internships for young people that are more meaningful than just undertaking unpaid work.

The Young Entrepreneurs Project being delivered by the Youth & Families Team was discussed. S Pawley reported that a range of activities are available for young people interested in creating a business that has a social impact. Included are workshops focusing on social enterprise, business skills, public speaking, and marketing. These are being delivered in partnership with Northern Beaches Community College and held in Brookvale, Dee Why, Narrabeen and Mona Vale in June and July. In August, the Young Minds Big Ideas Conference will be taking place. Participants will register as a team, they will learn skills and gain insights from social enterprise and business experts, and will pitch their idea to a panel of judges at the end of the weekend. Post event support and opportunities will be available after the conference. .

Health and Wellbeing of Young People and Their Families

Stigma surrounding Mental Health was discussed. It was noted that more complex presentations of mental health issues are appearing. A potential contributing factor for young people of this

generation is the impact of social media on health and wellbeing. Challenges were noted around young people having to navigate the type and volume of content of various social media platforms. The benefits on the other hand included access and insights around useful themes and topics. Attendance at parent engagement opportunities were discussed. Feedback from parents have included their hesitation to attend parent engagement workshops out of concern they might see someone they know and what they might think.

Challenges were also discussed around parents having access to too much information and not being able to easily decipher what is useful and relevant. It was suggested that Council play a role in providing parents with a variety of options to obtain information, such as fact sheets, online forums and workshops. Information and engagement can be delivered in a way which empowers parents and the role they play in their family's dynamics, and promotes parent-to-parent peer support.

E Clark identified physical health, nutrition and exercise as a gap in the report. The group noted that there is not a lot taught about physical health in school.

NOTE: Eve Clark left the meeting at 6:12pm.

The SRG members were encouraged to give feedback on the Key Issues for Young People Discussion Paper. Feedback is due by 30th June.

DECISION

That the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group are invited to provide comments on the draft discussion paper by 30 June, 2017.

4.2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY ADOPTION

DISCUSSION

NOTE: Neil Cocks joined the meeting at 6:12pm.

Neil Cocks, Sustainable Urban Planning Manager, attended the meeting to report on the Affordable Housing policy that he has been working on.

Prior to the amalgamation, the former Warringah Council was working on an Affordable Housing Policy and now work on the policy has started again under Northern Beaches Council.

Currently, the State Government has allowed Willoughby, Sydney and Leichhardt Councils to put planning rules in place to ensure a percentage of new developments are given back to the council to be allocated for affordable housing. This model is what is proposed in the Northern Beaches Affordable Housing policy, which still requires approval from the State Government. The model for Northern Beaches Council states that this percentage allocated to affordable housing is in place forever and will not expire after a certain period of time.

Neil provided an overview to the group of the Greater Sydney Commission's "Draft North District Plan". This plan has housing targets in place and the Ingleside and Frenchs Forest developments will contribute towards meeting these targets.

Over the next few months, Council will initiate an expression of interest to form relationships with community housing providers. If community housing providers are already managing housing in the area their ability to continue was discussed.

It was noted that a competitive tendering process for a community housing provider can be

damaging if the decision is heavily based on financial reasons.

NOTE: *Roslyn Harrison left the meeting at 6.29pm.*

Housing affordability on the Northern Beaches was discussed, it was noted that statistics constantly show a trend of young people leaving the area.

The Affordable Housing Policy has been adopted by Council and can be viewed on the Council website under "Your Say".

NOTE: *Isabelle Edwards left the meeting at 6:32pm.*

DECISION

That the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group members:

- A. Note the community feedback and amendments.
- B. Participate in a discussion around prioritising the Action Plan.

4.3 COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN - UPDATE ON STAGE TWO

DISCUSSION

Fiona Winter reported that the Community Strategic Plan is in the final draft stage and will go to the Council Meeting on 27 June, then on public exhibition where there will still be opportunities to give feedback via the "Your Say" section on the Council website.

DECISION

That the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group note the update on the development of the Community Strategic Plan.

4.4 ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE STRATEGIC REFERENCE GROUPS

DISCUSSION

Nil

DECISION

That the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group members:

- A. Note the acknowledgment of their valuable contribution and commitment
- B. Provide survey feedback to Council on their experience as an SRG member

5.0 UPDATE ON ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING

Nil

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

| ITEM NO. | ACTION | RESPONSIBLE OFFICER | DUE DATE |
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6.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

S Pawley reported that feedback on the Merger Savings Fund can be given until 30 June, 2017. Please see Attachment 1.

The Digital Transformation Strategy is on exhibition and feedback can be given via the "Your Say" section on the Council website until 2 July, 2017.

The B-Line bus plan was released online today, the members were encouraged to have a look. It was noted that there are conflicting interests in the community that will result in differing opinions about the new bus services.

The Northern Beaches Youth SRG members will be sent an email to give their feedback on their experiences whilst participating in the SRG meetings.

Kylie thanked the members for coming to the SRG meetings and giving an insight into how issues in the community affect young people. The members were encouraged to continue sending their feedback to Council.

The meeting concluded at 6.41pm

This is the final page of the Notes comprising 7 pages
numbered 1 to 7 of the Northern Beaches Youth Strategic Reference Group
meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2017 and confirmed on

ATTACHMENT 1

Merger Savings Fund – Proposed Funding Stream: Youth

To further support young people and their parents the Youth & Families Team suggests focusing additional investment in the following areas to enhance the impacts, opportunities and interactions between the organisation and the community:

- **PCYC: Major events and activities**
Opportunity to conduct major youth events and bring young people to the PCYC who may not otherwise come. The venue has a capacity of 700 people.
- **Northern Beaches Youth Spaces**
Current community facilities are not designed to be youth-friendly and require additional improvements, equipment and furnishings to be appealing to young people. Opportunity to invest and make venues more suitable and easily used by Council, other youth services, and young people.
- **Parenting Programs and Support**
Provide more comprehensive, coordinated, integrated program of seminars, workshops, and peer to peer programs.
- **Youth Wellbeing Hubs**
Ongoing interest expressed by organisations with a desire to provide outreach support to young people and their families. Challenges exist around venue options, accessibility, and rental costs. Investment in social infrastructure is vital for the health and wellbeing of the community. Opportunity to create two Youth Health Hubs, one at Mona Vale and another at Frenchs Forest.
- **Young Entrepreneur's Program**
Emphasise the strengths of young people with a passion for social issues and connect with local business, education, and social enterprise sectors. Providing skills and mentoring to young people to start their own business, build positive connections, and continue creating positive impacts with their local communities through small business, events, and promotion.
- **Arts & Culture**
Opportunity to expand opportunities for young people considering the interest, passion, and talent that exists amongst local young people. Programing could include a range of artistic, creative, and cultural opportunities such as film, visual arts, textiles and design, photography, exhibitions, and term-long programs.
- **Youth Friendly Spaces**
Development of play and youth-inclusive public spaces that enhance current sites or support the development of new spaces. Activities could include multi-purpose courts, handball, parkour, graffiti walls, play maze, giant slides, ropes and wall ball.

- **Pop Up Music Events**

Mobile stage and equipment that provides opportunities to schools, youth bands, buskers to perform, practice, and compete. Activate underutilised or unused spaces and enhance community amenity through performance of various music genres.

- **Large Outdoor Events Incentive Program**

Minimise or fast-track bureaucratic processes and make available suitable locations (when appropriate) such as Brookvale and Manly Ovals, and Rat Part Warriewood.