

## CM14.8. Youth Council Summary Report - July-October 2024

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### Purpose of Report

To provide to Council for noting, the Youth Council Summary Report of achievements, contributions and activities the Youth Council has been involved in between July 2024 and October 2024.

### Background

AlburyCity's Youth Council provides young people with leadership opportunities, where Youth Council members act both as advisory and consultative groups. It enables young people to voice their concerns and aspirations for young people within the Albury community. The Youth Council partake in many projects and events that support the well-being and social connections of young people in Albury.

At the Council Meeting held on 26 July 2021, a report was presented to Council that provided an overview of changes to the Youth Council's governance documents and outlined a reporting process that would be adopted to enable Council to receive updates on the Youth Council's activities. This report outlined that Council would receive two written summary reports, and an additional final report (including a PowerPoint presentation), each calendar year for inclusion in the 'for noting' section of the relevant Council agenda.

This report constitutes the second of the Youth Council's annual written summary reports for 2024.

### Issues

The Youth Council plays an important part, both in the community and within Council. The Youth Council provides an opportunity to develop future community leaders, which is a strategic action identified in the Community Strategic Plan, *Towards Albury 2050*:

4.4.1 *Facilitate the growth of future community leaders by providing resources and development opportunities.*

The Early Years and Young People's Plan has been endorsed by Council. The plan will provide a guide in planning and delivery of services, programs, and activities for young people in the Albury Community.

The Youth Council meet, in person, on a weekly basis, with 11 Youth Council Meetings being held to date in 2024.

During the reporting period of July – October 2024, the Youth Council have been involved with several activities and projects, including:

- Youth Council representative members attended various Council Committees, which included: Albury/Wodonga Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Crime Prevention Committee. The Youth Council and the Retro Youth Management Committee were involved in the consultation by the NSW government, the topic for this was Supporting Quality Engagement with Children's Project.
- Youth Council provided input into the MAMA Strategic plan.
- Assisted with the coordination of the Silent Disco as part of the Winter Glow event.
- Youth council cleaned off 45 tags and painted a rear fence at the Albury skate park as part of AlburyCity's Clean up Graffiti Day.
- Participated in the educational halve waste tour.
- Youth Councillors are currently planning the Kool Skools awards night at the Retro Lane Café.
- Youth Council assisted with promoting Wear it Purple Day in their school and provided assistance with the setup & pack down of the event.

Through the Youth Council, Council continues to provide young people with leadership opportunities and a voice within Council. Within the first reporting period of 2024, the Youth Council has provided input for Council plans and has commenced advocacy work regarding bullying and planning for community events. A full summary of the Youth Council's achievements can be seen in Attachment 1.

### **Risk**

- **Business Risk** – Youth Council is a group that can provide feedback on Council's plans and priorities that relate to young people. Without this group, Council could find it difficult to have a regular and consistent platform to hear the voices of young people. This risk is mitigated by Council's commitment to having a Youth Council and to broader community engagement.
- **Corporate Risk** – An up-to-date Terms of Reference provides the governance structure for the Youth Council to operate within. It provides clear procedures and processes for the Youth Council to follow and assists with mitigating risk in this area.
- **WHS and Public Risk** – No risks identified.
- **Environmental Risk** – No risks identified.
- **Delivery Program Risk** – No risks identified.

### **Community Engagement**

The Youth Council has continued to provide feedback on proposed Council strategies and plans. They have been actively involved in promoting upcoming events and youth programs held at the Retro Lane Café, in their respective schools and the wider community.

Community Groups such as the Winter Solstice Committee, Carevan and Mission Australia and other agencies regularly connect with the Youth Council to listen to their views and to seek feedback and assistance for many community-led projects.

### **Conclusion**

The Youth Council meets on a weekly basis and has met 11 times during this period. The Youth Council representatives continue to participate in community-led programs, events, and activities. Feedback has been provided to the Council on plans and strategies which ensures that the voices of young people are considered when planning for the Albury community.

The Youth Council is proud of its achievements and how it contributes to the Albury community. The summary report highlights the Youth Council's achievements from July 2024 to October 2024.

### **Recommendation**

That Council receive and note the Youth Council achievements as outlined in the Youth Council Summary Report July 2024– October 2024.

### **Attachments**

1. Youth Council Summary Report – July - October 2024 (DOC24/262148)