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# WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

to be held at Council Chambers, Rangiora, **6pm on Tuesday 27th February 2024.**

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## 1. **Attendance:**

In person – Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Hannah Wells, Lexie Mealings, Zero Andrew, Aaliyah Raja, Niki Mealings (WDC), Emily Belton (WDC & Minute Taker).

Online – Zack Lappin (Co-Chair)

## 2. **Apologies:**

Dan Gordon (WDC Mayor), Oscar Bai, Thalia Rae, Jason Goldsworthy (WDC), Lucy Paterson

## 3. **Whakatauki:**

‘We may not have it all together, but together we have it all’

‘Māwherangi a tama roto ka taka, kāpuia ake ka pūrangiaho’

- Youth Week 2024 Theme

**Next Month:** Charlotte Nihoniho

## 4. **Presentation for Eris:**

Ruby presented Eris with a certificate and chocolate as a small token of gratitude that Youth Council have for all work Eris has done for Youth Council over the last 6 years.

## 5. **Approval of February 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting was not approved as members did not have adequate time to view the document. Approval will be sought via email after this meeting.

## 6. **Matters Arising:**

### ***Actions from previous meeting:***

1. Emily to send request for promotional material to be updated by the Communications team in Council to include the closing date. **Result:** Emily requested the change via the Comms team, unfortunately due to Emily being on annual leave on Thursday and Friday we were not able to get the updated version on the WYC’s social media pages.
2. Values and Expectations 2024 document to be created and all members are to sign the document at the next meeting. **Result:** All members who attend the meeting in person was able to sign the document. All other members will sign the document at the next meeting.

## 7. **Recruitment Update:**

Emily reported back to WYC regarding the current stage of the recruitment process. The applications closed on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February and WYC and WaiYouth had received 10 applications. All applicants will be offered an interview as the next stage of the recruitment process.

## 8. **Pegasus Youth Space: (Guest Speaker – Grant Stephens)**

Grant Stephens introduced himself to Youth Council and the work that he is undertaking alongside the support from Emily Belton in Pegasus.

The project is to understand, firstly, what would young people want in a youth space. Then to consult with the public on their thoughts. The project aims to champion and highlight the voice of youth in the Pegasus area. There is a small budget available for this project and some examples were given to Youth Council.

The space is intended to be a built landscape rather than a building specifically for youth. There was three primary questions Grant asked Youth Council.

1. *What are some ideas of activities, equipment or other things that would create more safe and comfortable spaces for youth?*

There were good discussions from all members about what could be installed into Pegasus. Some of the ideas were:

- Tables to hang or to catch up.
- Bench seats facing one direction.
- Picnic table that are circular that face each.
- Something like the swing in Pearson Park (Oxford)
- Funky chairs like the ones in Conway Lane (Rangiora) placed a circle.
- Good Street, renovations
- Conversational spaces
- Tables for card games, no gaps
- Giant Games
- Space that is a little private, maybe with Trees.

There was also a discussion about completing a ReVision Youth Audit in Pegasus. Grant and Emily both responded that at this point that an Audit would be more beneficial once the “what” has been decided, rather than during the initial consultation.

2. *Should the youth space be all in one space or spread over the space?*

If split up the equipment could be utilised by another demographic. But it would be mean that more youth are able to easily access a youth space near their home rather than coming to a designated space.

3. *How to engage with youth?*

- Schools, Pegasus, Woodend, Kaiapoi
- Grace Vineyard Church at Plains/Pegasus Campus
- The youth that have just aged out, what they wished they had in this area?
- Halberg – Mitchell

Grant left 7:44pm

**9. Values & Expectations:**

Those in attendance all signed the document for 2024.

**10. Reports for Discussion:**

**Niki**

*Long Term Plan (LTP):* Niki reported to Youth Council that a lot of time has been consumed by Long Term Plan (LTP). This week the LTP passed a big milestone, it has been approved the LTP to go out for community consultation.

Topics for feedback

- How to prioritise the natural environment
- Building the right facilities at the right time, community, youth, library facilities
- Extension of the Trevor Inch Library – Apparently Rangiora outgrew the library 6 years ago. What the communities’ expectations and aspirations.
- Funding flood response
- Rangiora-eastern link road

Niki encouraged WYC to make a submission.

*Waste and Recycling:*

There have also been changes to the waste and recycling systems, it now has been nationally standardised, to make it easier for residents to travel to other locations and dispose of their rubbish appropriately and will not have to worry about putting the wrong item in the wrong bin. However, the changes do not affect Waimakariri too much. The primary changes are empty, clean pizza boxes can now go in yellow bin and Tea/coffee bags, aerosol, serviettes now go in the red bin.

*Ohoka Farmers Market:*

This year, the Ohoka Farmers Market Good Friday Great Cake Competition 2024 proceeds will go to Community Wellbeing North Canterbury. Primarily to continue their mental health services for rangatahi in North Canterbury.

*Integrated Transport Strategy:*

The strategy has also been approved by Council for consultation.

*Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan:*

At the next council meeting the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan (GCSP) will be considered for approval. Niki mentioned that the members of the GCSP have been very complementary of Youth Council in its reports.

*QUESTIONS:*

A question was raised about zoning changes announced by the Government today. Niki could not comment on it until she sees a policy statement from the Government. Waimakariri could opt out of the Medium Density Housing Strategy.

**11. 2024 Project Groups Confirmation:**

Members confirmed their project groups for 2024.

Dudley Park	Zack, Ruby
Enviro #1: River Clean Ups	Aaliyah and Lucy
Enviro #2: Plantings & Raising Awareness	Zero, Charlotte, Lexie
*Special Projects	
- <i>Elizabeth McCombs Project</i>	Hannah
WaiYouth	Thalia

**12. Project Group Reports:**

No reports were provided for the Dudley Park project group, Enviro #1 River Clean Ups group, or Enviro #2 Plantings and Awareness group.

Emily provided a summary of the work that WaiYouth has started. WaiYouth will deliver four events in 2024. Two social focused events and two "life skill" focused events. Ideas have been a cooking class, colour run, and centre stage.

**13. General Business:**

- a) Volunteer Expo – Poster
  - o If members are available they could set up a stall at the Volunteer Expo on the following dates and times:
    - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm – 7pm, Rangiora Library
    - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 5pm – 7pm, Kaiapoi Library
    - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 5pm – 7pm, Woodend Community Centre
- b) Youth Voice Takeover Survey Plan
  - o How to engage youth:
    - Bulk email to students
    - Going into schools – Food motivation
- c) Children’s Day – Volunteers and Survey Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March
  - o Youth Council will use the Children’s Day event as an opportunity to survey members of the public for the Youth Takeover Survey.
  - o If members are available, please let Emily know via Form.
- d) Upcoming training
  - o On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April there will be a Governance training day held specifically for Youth Council members. This training will be facilitated by Elle Archer. Elle has been involved in Iwi,

Business, Industry, Government, and Community development for 27yrs. With a background in Science, Geospatial Technology, Education, Infrastructure, Economic Development and Emergency Management – Elle now finds herself in varying leadership positions across the region, nationally, and globally. Her kaupapa is centred around collective leadership, progressive governance, learning futures and non-linear pathways, digital equity to digital excellence, inclusion in action, integrated ecosystems, strategic foresight, and tactical application.

- On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April there will be a event planning course delivered by Emily Belton. This is an opportunity for Youth Council and WaiYouth members to learn about how to dream, plan, run and review events.
- e) Sports Day (20th march) – Volunteers
- Emily is running a sports afternoon for young people who currently do not participate in sport, active recreation or play to have the opportunity to have a go at multiple activities, in a safe and encouraging environment. Partnering with Secondary School Sport Canterbury, North Canterbury Netball and North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
  - If you are available, please let Emily know via Form.
- f) Anything else
- g) Closing Karakia

**Actions:**

**ACTION:** If you are available to be a part of the interview process, please let Emily know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, via the form that will follow this meeting.

**ACTION:** Emily to find spreadsheet of the Op-Shop-Hop and send it to Zack

**ACTION:** Charlotte to find a date that works for her and let Emily know for Rangiora High for survey

**ACTION:** Hannah and Aaliyah will find a date that works for both of them and let Emily know for Kaiapoi High for survey.

**ACTION:** Emily to engage with Oxford School and RNLS for survey.

**ACTION:** Everyone to complete the form attached to the email that Emily sends out this week.

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Meeting closed at **9:00 pm.**

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**Next meeting is on 28 March 2024 7pm, being held at the Rangiora Council Chambers**

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Signed

Date