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# WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

*to be held via Rangiora Service Centre at 7pm on Tuesday 26th March 2024.*

**WYC Citizenship definition:** Community involvement which builds a sense of identity and belonging. Helping the community to understand their rights, duties, and opportunities.

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## 1. Opening Karakia

## 2. Welcome and apologies

**In Attendance:** Lucy Paterson, Aaliyah Raja, Ruby Wilson (Co-Chair), Hannah Wells, Lexie Mealings, Niki Mealings (Councillor), Emily Belton (WDC & Minute-taker)

**Apologies:** Oscar, Charlotte, Dan, Zack, Thalia

## 3. Whakatauki

Nāu te rourou, nāku to rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket, and my food basket, we will thrive.

Charlotte said she believes this whakatauki talks about how when we put ourselves together, we can create and do great things.

**Next Month:** Aaliyah Raja

## 4. Approval of February minutes

**Motion** “that the minutes of the February 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> meetings are a true and correct record.

**Moved:** Lucy Paterson

**Seconded:** Hannah Wells

## 5. Matters arising

All actions from the previous meeting were completed including the recruitment interviews, dates set for the survey consultations in schools, and members were able to complete the form that Emily sent out. Only one action was not complete and will be followed up by Lexie regarding the Op-Shop Hop.

## 6. Membership Update

Emily provided an update of the new recruits to members. There are six new Youth Council members who will attend their first meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. There are also two new WaiYouth members.

New Youth Council members are Taylor Smith, Simone Bisschoff, Fiona Xu, Aidan Haverkort, Esha-May McHugh, and Abbie McCurrie.

New WaiYouth members are Olivia Brown and Tamara Reilly.

This week Emily has also received Zero’s resignation from Youth Council. Zero is unfortunately unable to give the time to Youth Council as they have had other opportunities arise and need to focus on now.

The Waimakariri Youth Council thank Zero for their time and effort to Youth Council over the past year.

## **7. Reports for discussion**

### **Niki Mealings**

Niki gave an update on the Draft Long Term Plan Consultation and asked Youth Council to consider making a submission on the key areas identified especially the natural environment strategy, as Youth Council have the Environmental project group.

The Community Board have all been reviewing their plans, to stock take of what they have done over the past year and what they would to achieve in the coming year.

Niki was able to visit the Lees Valley. She said that it was interesting to see the challenges they face to keep roads and bridges open and identified that it can be easy for them to be cut off from the community.

The Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust hosted a Lifestyle block event last month. The theme was the 10 Top Tips for lifestyle block owners. There are 6,500 lifestyle block in Waimakariri. 13% take up of the district which equates to about 30,000 hectares.

Niki attended the Local Government NZ Conference for Zone 5. Their purpose is to see what the challenges and opportunities are in their zone and how they could work together to collaborate on these issues or opportunities. It also allows the zone to have a bigger pulling power to bring in Ministers to come and speak at the conference. Therefore, they were able to have a wide range of speakers including, the Chief Executive of the Chatham Islands Council who has been in local government roles for the past 53 years. Brad Olsen, Infometrics – Financial Advisor, who provided an economic outlook for Aotearoa. There was also Hon Chris Bishop, Minister of Housing New Zealand, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of RMA Reform, Minister of Sport and Recreation, and holds the Leader of the House role in Parliament.

There was a case study presented on a Carbon baseline, looking at Queenstown, Wanaka, and the Hawks Bay. The case study focused on localism rather than nationalism.

### **Jason Goldsworthy**

Jason highlighted the funding flood resilience and improvements and extension of the Trevor Inch Memorial Rangiora Library from the LTP. Encouraged Youth Council to look at the Library extension so that they can better understand what the future of libraries is for youth. At the Drop-In sessions for the LTP, there have been a lot of members of the public who attended to ask questions of staff and the Councillors.

*Fun facts from the past month:*

- As of 14,241 Registered ***Canis lupus familiaris*** (Dogs), as of January 2024.
- There was an application received for the Ravenswood area for a Dental Spa

Jason also attended the Accessibility Training provided by the Waimakariri Access Group, he thought that this was a great training to understand what it is like for people in our community experience when accessing local shops and amenities.

Rangiora-Ashley Community Board has been investigating the need for further pedestrian refuges in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward. They would like to know from Youth Council if there are any other places that might need a pedestrian refuge.

## **8. Project Group Reports**

- 1) Dudley Park – No report provided.
- 2) Enviro project group
  - i) Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust Lucy Barltrop met with the Enviro group earlier this month and explained all the projects that she is working on for the community and how Youth Council could be involved. This includes to improve the of biodiversity and residents' access to specific private land. The Environmental Project Group will discuss further at their next meeting.
  - ii) The group also met this afternoon and they have confirmed that the group will deliver the following in 2024:
  - iii) 2 River clean ups
  - iv) 2 Plantings in partnership with Waimakariri Biodiversity Trust, Tūhaitara Trust, and Silverstream Reserve Volunteers
  - v) Conservation week Art competition

Also, from the meeting the group liked the idea of having Youth Week Champions, but not just for the environment but for more community aspects that youth are volunteering/working in.

- 3) WaiYouth  
WaiYouth are currently organising two cooking classes in Term 2. One at Rangiora High and the other at Kaiapoi High, with the focus on building confidence within teenagers to be able to cook more independently at home.

## **9. General Business:**

- 1) Youth Voice Takeover Survey Plan  
Emily was at Rangiora High School on Friday and collected 40 responses. There was a fire alarm that hindered the number of responses they were able to collect.
  - i) Rangiora New Life is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th April.
  - ii) Kaiapoi High is scheduled for Friday 5th April.
  - iii) Oxford – TBC – Still waiting to hear back from Oxford to find a time that suits them.
- 2) Upcoming Training
  - i) Governance (17th April),
  - ii) Kia Rite Hōea (19th April)
- 3) Long Term Plan
  - i) Comms have suggested that Youth Council attend one of the Drop-in Sessions for the LTP. Kaiapoi on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April was suggested as the date. Comms would create a social media tile for WYC to promote that they will be there to support rangatahi to understand why it is important to make a submission and how to write an effective submission.
  - ii) WYC Submission, Emily will coordinate a meeting with interested members on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April. After all the Youth voice takeover surveys have been completed.
- 4) Listening to Families – Email  
Emily shared with the members an email she received from Listening to Families. The email covered the organisations objectives which are;
  - i) To help families to navigate the health system
  - ii) To answer families questions – often overlooked by busy health professionals

iii) To providing information in an easily accessible format

On their website there are also, video clips are used to provide the information to address the objectives. Each question and answer are one video clip – most are less than 6 minutes.

The video clips record a conversation between real people – people with experience who know the questions and those with the knowledge to answer them in a way that is easy to understand. Feedback from families confirms that the questions being asked are their questions, they identify with the people asking the questions.

The Listening to Families website is being used by education and health professionals. They share the link to the site with families, they discuss the content with families as part of a meeting or consultation. Many are using the information to inform their own practice.

5) April Meeting

Everyone agreed that it would be nice to invite family members to the next meeting and welcome new members

6) Anything else

i) CAB Youth Website - <https://youth.cab.org.nz/>

Emily shared with the members the new Citizens Advice Bureau Youth website. This is a great tool for members but for the wider youth community to use. Emily will share this onto the WYC Facebook and Instagram pages.

ii) Microsoft Teams Channel

The members agreed that they are happy to use Microsoft Teams for their document storage and organisation.

7) Closing Karakia

**ACTIONS:**

- Lexie to find and send to Zack the spreadsheet of the Op Shop project
- Emily to arrange a certificate and chocolate for Zero
- Emily to Send link to Ruby for Enviro meeting 9th April
- Emily to see if the Youth Council could attend an Accessibility training as a group or as part of Youth Voice Canterbury.
- Emily to share with Youth Council the promotional material with Youth Council once ready.
- Emily will send out further information to everyone.

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

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**Next meeting is on 30 April 2024 7pm, being held at the Rangiora Council Chambers**

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Signed

Date