

Young Leaders Working Group

13 May 2024

Level 5/ Meeting Room 1, Ashfield Civic Centre

Minutes

Meeting commenced at 6:00 pm and concluded 8:00 pm

1. Present

Community members	Staff	Councillors
Barbara Hutas	Adele Pittaway	
Diana Hutas	Kate Dingle	
Oliver Walsh		
Adhvay Moudgalya		
Marla Glasdam		

2. Chairperson: Oliver Walsh

3. Acknowledgment of Country: Kate Dingle

4. Apologies: Eleanor Lofts, Alisa Hamilton

5. Disclosures of Interest: Nil

6. Quorum: The quorum is currently 4 as there are only 7 active members and 8 have left since July 2023.

7. Endorse previous meeting minutes: Adhvay Moudgalya

8. Report on previous meeting actions and Discussion items

Agenda Item	Discussion summary	Proposed action (if required)	Action owner*	Date for action to be finalised
Biodiversity Strategy	Ryan Jones (Senior Planning and Policy Officer, Environment and Sustainability) gave a presentation explaining Councils	Young leaders would like a copy of the presentation and information on statistics. Ryan and Kate will share the PPT presentation.	Ryan and Kate	22/05

	<p>approach to Biodiversity Strategy 2036 which aims to communicate our conservation and ecological values to the wider community and build a framework to address biodiversity decline.</p>	<p>Recommended by YLWG that targets are set.</p>		
<p>Richard Murden Inclusive playground</p>	<p>Tim Brown (Coordinator Parks Projects) and Holly Cowdery (Parks Project Manager) presented with consultant architects Fiona Robbe and Zoe Marris on the proposed . Richard Murden Inclusive playground. In Feedback stage and consultation is ongoing. Among the topics is that Fun matters and is important for everyone Feedback – how can I get there , can we all play, can we stay longer?</p>	<p>Recommendations from YLWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair access for picnic tables ○ Café/food available ○ Flying fox with harness ○ Big climbing web near trees to feel like you're climbing trees. ○ A place to explore with friends and use imagination e.g., statues in the trees. ○ A place for hide and seek e.g., shrubbery. ○ BBQ's ○ A place to study; tables ○ Bunny Bench; to make friends. ○ Giant pendulum swings ○ Some higher and lower swings ○ Miniature gyms ○ Ninja warrior /obstacle courses with bells like at Hanley Park Enfield ○ Handball only needs lines. ○ Basketball ○ Table tennis ○ Undercover areas ○ Play e.g, mini shops. ○ Climbing and spinning 	<p>Recommenda tions for the archi tects</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Slides with no static or metal ○ Built in trampoline. ○ Monkey bars ○ Hill to climb more inclusive for slide than steps. ○ King George Park visit for next meeting onsite in September? ○ Should consider Biodiversity in design. 	Kate to consider.	
Mental Health Discussion	Kate asked what the YLWG would suggest to improve Mental Health outcomes for Young people	<p>YLWG suggestions</p> <p>Kids helpline</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Have an urgent line. ○ Waits are long because they can't leave the call until kids are ready regardless of urgent nature. ○ Reduce long wait times by triaging. ○ Peers as volunteers; training for young people 16-25 ○ 'People triple your age don't always understand things like social media'. ○ There is a new epidemic of sexism that might not have been around 30 years ago. ○ Trial different levels of assistance– i.e., friendship problems vs immediate injury ○ Issues that have built up over time may not be an emergency. 	Kate to share recommendations with Community Wellbeing Team	22/05

		<p>Safe Spaces after School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ More to do after school closes that not necessarily involves sport or money. ○ Parks are dark. ○ Shops are closed. ○ Quiet Spaces ○ Keep local libraries open longer. 		
Next meeting date	3 rd July			