

REPORT OF THE GORE DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 29 CIVIC AVENUE, GORE ON MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2013, AT 4PM.

PRESENT Youth Crs Kateleen McWhirter (Chair), Holly Julian, Georgia Johnston, , Megan McCall, Devin Kubala, Carlie Paterson, Danialah Bourke, Renee Moyles, Olivia Nicholson, Laura Miller, Georgia Nicol, Richard Gardyne, Sian Davis, Tayla Marlow, Alice Robertson, Andrew Macleod, Amy McCabe

IN ATTENDANCE Cr Marty Redhead, Community Development Officer Melissa Smith, Cr Anne Gover, Youth Worker Hannah Armstrong, Youth Development Coordinator Kayla McIntosh

APOLOGIES: Crs Erin Perry-Tutty

MINUTE TAKER: Sian Davis

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Confirmation of the meeting of the Gore District Youth Council held on Monday 24 June 2013.

2. Presentation from Cr Gover

Cr Gover showed us a PowerPoint presentation so we can see activities that the Youth Council her grandson is involved with in Gippsland Victoria. She then presented Kateleen with a New Zealand flag to send over so they can have this present at their ANZAC Day celebrations.

3. Pakeke Lions Club Scholarships

Neil McPhail from the Pakeke Lions Club came to talk to us about scholarship opportunities with the Pakeke Lions available for young people.

Neil gave us an overview about the history of the scholarships. On average their members are 80-years-old and they want to keep in touch with the young community of Gore. People thought they should be giving scholarships to youth that were going into trades and not just into the academic fields at university. The problem with this was there are not many people applying. These scholarships are restricted to St Peter's College and Gore High Year 12 and 13 students. Four or five of the Pakeke Lions scholarships were going towards trade apprentices. They are limited to St Peter's College and Gore High because Menzies College and Blue Mountain College are out of their jurisdiction.

4. Project K

Youth Councillors Georgia Johnston and Carlie Paterson recently attended a Foundation for Youth Development (FYD) workshop, and invited Nicole Taylor from FYD to talk to us about the Project K and Star programmes, and investigate ways the Youth Council can support the programmes.

Nicole advised that Project K has lost funding and needs an additional source of income to keep this programme running to benefit the youth in schools and in our area.

Project K was founded by Graham Dingle and helps young people to achieve their full potential and build self-confidence. Kiwican is run for primary school children and helps them to understand values like integrity and honesty. They also run the Star Programme which focuses on Year 9 students that get mentored by Year 12 and 13 students. This programme involves camps, community projects and important conversations about main topics and issues for youth eg cyber bullying.

They need \$50,000 to keep Project K running. It was suggested if a 'Flyer Fundraiser' was held the Youth Council could help by selling tickets and/or promoting the event.

5. Youth Events Programme

We have been successful with funding of \$27,000 from the Ministry of Youth Development's Youth Partnership Fund. Melissa outlined what the programme will involve.

There will be a workshop which youth councillors are encouraged to attend. There will be funding for us to put skills to use and lead events for young people in Gore.

The programme is collaboration between the Council and the Community Networking Trust via the Social Sector Trials. It will be led by the Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Group.

The programme will also involve a Youth Awards ceremony to be held later in the year. The idea of the awards night is to recognise young people that have achieved or improved something in their life throughout the year. There will also be a dance and a band afterwards.

6. Tertiary Education Scholarships

Melissa updated us on the draft criteria that will be put towards Council at its meeting on 6 August.

Kateleen said that His Worship would like to see the wording changed so that it wasn't just restricted to those studying in a Council relevant area.

7. Council Agenda

Kateleen led discussion regarding items on the Council's agenda for their meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 August.

St James Theatre Loan

We agreed that the theatre is well used by the community including schools, movies, community events etc. and therefore recommend the Council supports the Trust.

Parks and Reserves Strategy

We recognised that this document was an overarching strategy but led us to discussion about parks overall in Gore. We agreed that we have good gardens and visitors do comment on how nice they are. We feel that the Eccles St park could be improved, especially the toilets. Cr Gover raised the issue about fencing for safety as it is on the Main Street. We suggested some shrubs or bushes could be put in to prevent young children from wandering on to the main road. We also discussed a preschool area that could be fenced and used Mosgiel and Roxburgh as an example of where this has happened.

It was raised that the skate park needs areas where people can sit and eat, such as a bench.

St Peters Extra Recycling Bins

Marty asked if Gore High should also get recycling bins because St Peters are getting them. We felt that there would need to be more education about recycling at Gore High so that they would be used. If five bins went into St Peters then logistically, since Gore High is twice the size, they would need 10 bins. It would work but it wouldn't happen overnight and would take a lot of effort to make it work at Gore High.

8. Networking Opportunity

We have been invited to attend a networking opportunity with the Southland District Youth Council. We all agreed that this would be a good opportunity. We also suggested that we could go out for dinner as a group afterwards.

9. Youth Parliament

Georgia Johnston will give a brief overview about her time at Youth Parliament as a member of the Youth Press Gallery.

10. Rooding Trial at Robertson and Pomona Street Intersection

Kateleen and Carlie are communicating the trial at Gore High and Alice and Olivia are driving it at St Peter's College. Carlie will develop a survey to give out to students to fill out in form time to get feedback. There will now only

be one trial which is a mix of the three original plans, the trial used will have an island in the middle.

The meeting concluded at 5.47 pm.

Next meeting is Monday 16 September at 4pm, in the Council Chambers.