MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ACTION GROUP
ON 26 JULY 2018 at 5:30PM
ANDY MCNEILL ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, TODD STREET

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

PRESENT:
Mayor Damien Ryan
Councillor Matthew Paterson
Jeanette Shepherd, Community Development Officer – ASTC
Youssef Saudie, Youth Services Officer – ASTC (Chair and Minutes)
Emily Rose
Georgia O’Neill
Hannah Maljcov
Alexandra Rosewarne
Cheryl Ume

APOLOGIES:
Councillor Jacinta Price
Rex Mooney, Chief Executive Officer – ASTC
Biggi Gosling, Acting Director Corporate & Community Services – ASTC
Micheal Smith, Community & Cultural Development Manager – ASTC
Molly Prow
Leah Braham
Alyssa Verceles
Annabelle Gunner
Ryan Cooke
Sam Rizvi
Jeremiah Daniels
Kaleel Ross
Aaron Kemp
Shyann Edwards
Sam Rizvi
Lucy Adams
Sarna Stuart

The meeting opened at 5:35pm.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

RESOLVED:
That it be a recommendation to Council:

That the minutes of meeting held on 28 June 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

Moved: Georgia O’Neill
Seconded: Alexandra Rosewarne
4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

4.1 **Feedback on Phoney Film Festival**

The Youth Services Officer asked what people thought of the Phoney Film Festival. Alex started off by saying that it went really well and that the only problem was the time it took to collate the People's Choice votes. Georgia and Alex talked about activities that could be done next year as people wait for People’s Choice, such as having a promotional video, while Mayor Damien Ryan talked about showing films from other film festivals. Mayor Damien Ryan also talked about having the 45 second voting time shortened to 30 seconds and aiming to start straight on 6pm. Georgia and Councillor Matthew Paterson talked about starting the collation of People’s Choice votes after the first half.

Discussion ensued.

4.2 **‘Movie Marathons’ during the holidays**

The Youth Services Officer discussed the success of the Movie Marathons during the school holidays and asked members for their opinion on the Movie Marathons. Georgia talked about the issue of having too many parents at the first one and how some attendees can miss out because of it.

Discussion ensued.

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

6.1 **Alice Springs Show YAG Stall**

The Youth Services Officer discussed the success of the Alice Springs Show YAG stall, and asked YAG members about how to make stall more appealing to youth. Georgia discussed that the new YAG banner could be used to point out that it’s a spot where youth can come to.

Discussion ensued.

**ACTION:**
Current Youth Services Officer to take a note for the future Youth Services Officer that they should make the Alice Springs Show YAG stall more recognisable through signs.

6.2 **YAG Fundraising for YAM Fest**

The Youth Services Officer asked members about fundraising ideas for the Youth Arts and Music Festival (YAM Fest). Discussion ensued about fundraising for a local youth organisation, including Gap Youth Centre and Saltbush Social Enterprises and possible fundraising techniques that could be done. The YAG agreed that they should think about it and come up with a final decision at the next meeting. Mayor Damien Ryan asked about what the art component will be for the YAM fest. The Youth Services Officer talked about approaching schools and youth centres in August to submit art and photographs to show up as an exhibition for YAM fest. The Community Development Officer discussed the location of the YAM fest and discussed screen printing shirts for the YAM fest. Mayor Damien Ryan discussed
getting in contact with Brendan Heenan about having rock climbing. Georgia discussed having participatory circus/gymnastic activities. It was suggested to have a free sausage sizzle and food vans, and Councillor Mathew Paterson highlighted that it’s important to not lose people when there are food areas like KFC and Loco Burrito around. Councillor Mathew Paterson also discussed that there should be a time-lapse video made for the YAM fest to promote for next year.

Discussion ensued.

**ACTION:**
The Youth Services Officer to discuss with Community Projects and Events Officer regarding the planning for YAM Fest.

**ACTION:**
The Community Development Officer to research more about the Saltbush organisation and if they would be interested in the YAG fundraising for them.

### 6.3 YAG and youth representation in the media

The Youth Services Officer asked the YAG about how youth are represented in the media in Alice Springs and what the YAG can do about it. Hannah talked about volunteering or partnering up with other youth organisations. Alex talked about creating a strongly youth oriented promotional video for YAM fest to project more positivity of youth in Alice Springs.

**ACTION:**
The Youth Services Officer to organise filming for the YAM fest that positively reflect youth.

**ACTION:**
The Youth Services Officer to meet with Hannah about how the YAG can volunteer with other youth organisations and make content that could be posted on the YAG Facebook page.

### 6.4 Youth Issues in Alice Springs

Hannah discussed the issue of youth representation and how it can affect youth culture and that youth should be represented more positively. Georgia discussed youth crime and how she can feel unsafe, although there is still strong negative representation of youth in social media. Mayor Damien Ryan discussed that the Youth Services Officer should get the most out of the YAG Facebook page to project more positivity of youth in Alice Springs. Georgia, Hannah and Mayor Damien Ryan discussed that the YAG Facebook page can share more content that youth would want to know about.

The Youth Services Officer discussed the National Aboriginal Art Gallery survey. Discussion ensued around the gallery and survey. The Community Development Officer advised the YAG to share with their friends so the youth voice can be heard.

**ACTION:**
The Youth Services Officer to post more on social media on events and share other youth activities in Alice Springs, and positive youth stories.

**ACTION:**
The Youth Services Officer to post the survey for the National Aboriginal Art Gallery on the YAG Facebook page.
7. **NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 30\(^{th}\) of July 2018, 5:30pm

8. **CLOSE:** Meeting closed at 6:59 pm