
WAIMAKARIRI YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

RAKAHURI ROOM, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL, RANGIORA
7.00PM TUESDAY 28th JANUARY 2025

1) OPENING KARAKIA - All

- 2) **PRESENT:** Lauren Tilley (WDC), Zack Lappin (Co-Chair), Simoné Bisschoff (Co-Chair), Niki Mealings (Councillor), Charlotte Nihoniho, Aidan Haverkort, Jason Goldsworthy (Councillor), Raewyn Armstrong (WDC Minute taker).

Attended via Microsoft Teams: nil.

In attendance: Tessa Sturley (WDC Community Team), Lexie Mealings (WDC Strategy & Business)

- 3) **APOLOGIES:** Oscar Bai, Hannah Wells, Esha-May McHugh, Fiona Xu, Taylor Smith, Dan Gordon (Mayor).

4) WHAKATAUKI – Lauren

Tangata ako ana i te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana.

(A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society).

5) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 9th December 2024

- Update Niki Mealings report regarding variable speed limits around schools before & after school.
- Tidy Rata Foundation Resolution to make clearer.
- 'Para Olympics' amended to 'Paralympics'.

Moved: Zack - Seconded: Simoné - Carried

6) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- ALL: think on the projects/activities that WYC could do in 2025 – *ongoing*.
- Emily: to catch up with Simone prior to Christmas on Co-Chair Role – *Completed*.
- Emily: Confirm overall chocolate fish winner - *Taylor*.
- Zack: Circulate Para Olympics write-up. - *Completed*
- *Simoné found the word in December minutes – carpophagous.*

7) REPORTS FOR DISCUSSION - COUNCILLORS

a) Niki Mealings

- Completed the Annual Plan Budget. Normally takes two days however completed in one day. Every Council must do a Long-Term Plan (planning ten years into future) with a detailed

budget for three years (completed 2024). This is the first year into the process and as mainly sticking to the items agreed from last year it was a reasonably quick meeting.

- The Annual Plan will be made available for public consultation 14 March to 14 April 2025. There will then be hearings for a final decision to be made, ready for rate changes to take effect 1st July 2025.
- Zack queried Boccia Courts referred to in the WYC submission in LTP. This was apparently to happen in current year, however no specific date confirmed: Tessa to follow up with Grant.

b) Jason Goldsworthy

- Had the privilege to attend some of the Civil Defence Volunteer groups prize givings.
- In budget meeting it was some of the smaller costing items, such as poop bags, which created the most discussion.
- Recommends that Youth Council look at plan and make a submission. This is an opportunity for WYC to have a say on things that are valuable or important to Youth. Tessa added that it would be good to add something WYC are appreciative of, as it keeps Youth in the forefront of elected members minds.

PROJECT GROUP REPORTS

8) Dudley Park Redevelopment Plan

- Lauren wanted a bit more information about this. *addlepat*
- Zack has the original plan and will forward to Lauren for the Performing Arts Stage Activation Station.
- Already have funding for picnic tables. Will ask YDot or Noaia to see if they can work with local youth to help make it.
- Currently at Mounted Seating stage, which is what the Rata funding application is for. Previously obtained three quotes and then Dudley Park Group met and provided info to youth Council. It was agreed that YC needed advice from Greenspace team, on best options for community and upkeep long term. This information was received and the decision made by Youth Council as to which contractor/option to go with, that led to the Motion to Apply to Rata Foundation for \$45,000.
- Dudley Park Group will make a plan for Dudley Park for the use for rest of the year. Hopefully able to have events from April. To partner with community organisations and schools to help them provide the activities or events with events that can be run long term. Such as: Run club, Fitness in the park & talking to schools for the potential used for performing arts.
- There will be discussion around the Volleyball court and if it fit for purpose.

9) Enviro Project Group - Simoné

- Last year it felt that it had split into two different groups running different events. Focus for this year is to bring them back together and to ensure communicating together.

10) WaiYouth - - Simoné

- Last meeting 9th December 2024, in preparation for:

- 'Intro to Summer Social' which was held on 15th December. Weather was not great for introducing Summer.
- Went pretty well with a lot of youth engagement and discussions. Looking at options for different projects for this year. More connection/engagement with youth, which was good.

11) Consultations Open - Zack

- Not a lot of Consultations open at the moment due to time of the year, should open up soon.

12) WYC Member Reports

a) Zack

- Put his name forward to present to the Access group training day for WEDC staff.

b) Simoné

- On the committee for the Cancer Society - Relay for Life. Saturday 5th April at Kaiapoi Rugby Club, a change from Dudley. Planning started in October last year, with signs already up & more food vendors involved this year.
- Simoné is in charge of Sponsorship and Partnership and making a plan to increase donations.
- Aidan has been involved in organising in the past, through primary school and Rangiora High School.
- Should we have a Youth Council Team?

c) Lauren

- Still fresh in role and having introduction meetings and visits with community & groups to get a better sense of who WYC want to partner and collaborate with.
- Personally, in free time like to go hiking and camping and explore. Also trying to learn to Surf. Looking forward to working with you all and feel free to email and call at any time.

GENERAL BUSINESS

13) Future Voices Project - Lexie Mealings

- Council really appreciate the Youth Council LTP submission. Council Strategy & Business Team and Policy & Corporate Planning teams, want to respond in more detail, in particular about climate change, which is an important issue for youth. Looking at how they could collaborate with Youth Council on a project, which can then be submitted to council later in the year. Have scheduled a February meeting with the WYC Environmental Subgroup to bring to WYC to see if this is something that you do want to support. Then plan to have a workshop to get project off the ground for the end of March.
- Youth Action Plan Advisory Group. Working at establishment of Advisory Group, comprised of members of youth from all over district. It is important to have WYC representation on the advisory group, to have a voice and to feed back to WYC. This is monthly meetings and could be your subgroup involvement for being on WYC. Opportunity to have good solid input for Youth,

and that the Action Plan has your stamp. It would also be a great life experience. Currently looking for expressions of interest to see who on WYC may like to be involved, let Lauren know by the end of this week please. Youth is considered for those aged 12 – 24 years old.

14) Recruitment

- Youth Council Member applications are officially opened & Lauren will send out forms link tomorrow and collateral to send to friends and groups.
- Public Youth Meeting on 25 February with Pizza before at 6.15pm, for informal introduction and those potentially interested to ask questions and get to know the committee, followed by the normal meeting at 7pm.
- Applications Close Sunday 2nd March 2025. Then to hold interviews & the decision made 14th March, to confirm 17th March, and Approval at the meeting on 25th March, with new members to attend the meeting on 29th April 2025.
- May have a QR code on posters and advertising so that people can scan quickly. Zack raised that there can be an issue with QR codes with pixelation if they get too small, Lauren to consult with Zack on this.
- Rangiora High School have an Extra-Curricular Expo on Monday 3rd February, great opportunity to promote Youth Council. Charlotte, to lead stand at Rangiora High School with Laren/Zack/Simoné. Ideas: Chocolate Wheel, ask a Question to get a treat to engage youth. Record/Video for promotion of WYC.
- What do the other schools do? Can we organise to see if there is a way to find out and get involved at an expo, or advertise WYC. Zack to check in with Rangiora New Life. Charlotte to contact Fiona to access Kaiapoi High School. Aidan to check in with Oxford School.

15) New Roles - Zack / Simoné / Lauren

- Suggested creation of two more roles (after discussion with Emily in December)
 - Admin: to help with agenda and sending out meetings etc
 - Social media: to help promote more & build social media presence.
- Lauren to see if there is more information about this already available.
- Zack to help with role description/blurb of responsibilities.

16) Work Plan: 2025 – 2026 - Zack / Simoné

- To carry over to next meeting agenda when we have a full quorum.

17) Untouched World Foundation – Lauren

- Ruby sent information through about the Whakaraupō Moana 2025 program, applications are open. Runs 16th to 21st March and delves deep into the complexities of sea water management and guardianship. Lauren to send information to WYC members.

18) Social Media Discussion/Brainstorming.

- Further to the Social media role, it was discussed it would be good if the Waimakariri Youth Council could be more presence in community of what the group is doing.

- WYC Members to have more of a presence or more active also. To build a name of youth council and to be known in public, for when connecting with youth in schools and community. Also need to
- Consider more than just social media but marketing and branding for youth Council, connect in with Comms team.
- share and engage with their friends and networks.
- Agenda for March or April meeting, rather than February as public meeting. There may need to be a working group that brainstorms ideas, to bring back to the wider Youth Council. To be planned and documented for the year. Possible to start this in April, as a great introduction for the new members and get their fresh ideas and get them involved.
- There needs to be clear direction and planning so that content is correct & relevant and doesn't get silly or overloading with poor content & not taken seriously.
- What is the right platform to connect with Youth, Instagram, Snap Chat, Tik Tok, Pod Casts, Spotify? And are these an option for Council?
- What is the right way to promote, Reels and Stories are a good way of connecting rather than just stagnant posts. Threads?
- What is the process, entertainment vs information or education?
- Video/Record interviews, and promote, asking questions, and then edit and upload.
- Engaging with other youth, consider Free Give aways? Phone Wallets, Lollies, Pens free stuff.
- Basic fundamental idea of Fear of Missing Out (FOMO)
- Pick a topic that is trending online, then link it into what the WYC are involved in.
- Not Just social media but to promote at Sport, Community, Club type events, where we can connect with Youth.
- Share through the WDC Community Team Facebook page.

ACTIONS:

- **ALL:** think on the projects/activities that WYC could do in 2025.
- **Tessa:** to ask Grant re Bocchia courts.
- **Zack:** Send Lauren Dudley Park Re-Development plan.
- **Lauren:** Send information for Application to Youth Council
- **Lauren & Zack:** connect re QR code on WYC application.
- **Lauren:** check if more information available about new roles: admin and social media
- **Zack:** to look at role description or blurb about the above roles.
- **Lauren:** add Work Plan: 2025 – 2026 to February Agenda
- **Lauren:** to send Untouched World Foundation information out.
- **Zack & Tessa:** Zack to email Tessa about reels info etc. to check with Sam.
- **Lauren:** Agenda March/April: social media, purpose, how & who manage this.
- **Lauren/Zack/Charlotte/Simoné:** Rangiora High School Expo Stall

Meeting closed at Time: **8.35 pm.**

Next meeting is on Tuesday 25th February 2025

6.30pm Pizza and Informal Introductions

7.00pm Meeting

Signed

Date