



AGENDA

FOR YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

12 OCTOBER 2021 AT 5.30 PM

IN WITTBER & DR RUBY DAVY ROOMS, 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY

MEMBERS

Tuyet Nhi Sofina Le Thi (Chairman)
Rana Afzali
Mayor G Aldridge (ex officio)
Hossein Bayani
Brooke Duncan
Chloe Fern-Pring
Christian Gudic
MengChheng Hong
Nicolette Nedelcev
Sharifulah Noorzai
Jack Prince
Madeline Prince (Deputy Chairman)
Fillette Uwamahoro
Emily Williams
Stacey Williams
James Wood
Cr M Blackmore
Cr P Jensen
Cr G Reynolds
Mon-Maya Chamlagai (Mentor)
Rebecca Etienne (Mentor)
Amanda O'Sullivan (Mentor)
Damien Walker (Mentor)
Uyen Tran

REQUIRED STAFF

Manager Community Capacity and Learning, Ms J Cooper
Community Planner Youth Participation, Ms J Brett

KAURNA ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Salisbury acknowledges that we are meeting on the traditional Country of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today.

APOLOGIES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Presentation of the Minutes of the Youth Council Sub Committee Meeting held on 10 August 2021.

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OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSE



**MINUTES OF YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN
THE LITTLE PARA CONFERENCE ROOMS, 34 CHURCH STREET, SALISBURY ON**

10 AUGUST 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

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OBSERVERS

Cr Chad Buchanan – *(from 5.56pm)*
Zahra Bayani
Lucy Shwebeth

STAFF

Manager Community Capacity and Learning, Ms J Cooper
Community Planner Youth Participation, Ms J Brett
Personal Assistant – Executive Office, Ms M Healy

The meeting commenced at 5.35pm

The Chairman welcomed the members, staff and the gallery to the meeting and read the Kaurna Acknowledgement.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mayor G Aldridge, Cr M Blackmore and R Etienne.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Christian Gudic

PRESENTATION OF MINUTES

Moved B Duncan
Seconded M Prince

The Minutes of the Youth Council Sub Committee Meeting held on
16 June 2021, be taken as read and confirmed.

CARRIED

REPORTS

YC1 Future Reports for the Youth Council Sub Committee

Moved B Duncan
Seconded M Prince

1. The information is received.

CARRIED

YC2 Youth Programs and Events Update July 2021

Moved Noorzai
Seconded Hong

1. The information is received and noted.

CARRIED

YC3 Youth Council Project Teams Update

Moved B Duncan
Seconded M Prince

1. The information is received and noted.

CARRIED

YC4 South Australian Youth Parliament Sponsorship

Moved N Nedelcev
Seconded S Noorzai

1. The information presented in the report, verbal presentations and reports (attached) tabled by Youth Parliament participants at the meeting are received and noted.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

YC-OB1 Recycle Bins – Salisbury Community Hub and Twelve25 Youth Centre

Moved E Williams
Seconded M Prince

1. That Staff bring back a report with information regarding the installation of a recycle bin in the Salisbury Community Hub and the Twelve25 Youth Centre for 'keep cups' and disposable masks.
2. That Youth Council endorse a spokesperson to give a deputation to Council.

CARRIED

General Discussion concerning the following occurred:

- Census - Youth Council members being asked to encourage their household to complete the census and reminding members that it can be done online
- Intergenerational climate change report – released more bleak and daunting a lot about human activities. As youth council and young people this will be affecting us. Want to start discussion on what youth council to do as a collective. Suggested to organise a meeting of interested YC members to discuss further
- Youth Council encouraged to attend events at Twelve25:
 - NAWMA talk - clean up local parks (Sarah Bevan organising) YC invited to participate;
 - Duke of Edinburgh participation - PC PD day;
 - public speaking personal branding & training to facilitate consultations all on Youth in Salisbury Facebook page.
- Youth Council to look at City of Salisbury Sustainable City Strategy objective and give feedback views to Council (Draft being presented to Council in latter half of 2021).
- Madeline Prince celebrated finishing bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Youth Committee encouraged to attend committees regarding plans and ideas particularly around waste and recycling.

CLOSE

The meeting closed at 6:34 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATE.....

(Address removed)

Dear Julie Brett,

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We thank the Salisbury Youth Council for sponsoring us. We request the Salisbury council to sponsor more young people next year. Programs like Youthparliament and Salisbury Youth council gives us young people hope that our voice matters, which would make our youth to become successful leaders of this State.

Below are our personal thoughts on youth Parliament.

The Honourable Chloe Pring

My Youth Parliament experience was nothing like I expected. I entered the program as someone that is very anxious around new people and a timid public speaker, although I'm still somewhat both of these things I feel so much more comfortable expressing my thoughts, opinions and lived experiences. As a passionate creative my first preference was to join the Tourism, Arts and Culture Committee. This group was full of equally passionate (and also extremely talented) people. We worked together on a bill that would



provide COVID-19 relief to support the undoubtedly struggling arts sector. I also took the chance to write an adjournment speech on the decriminalisation of sex work, an issue I have grown to be incredibly passionate about but never had the opportunity to discuss. I developed an incredible amount of knowledge on bill writing, public speaking and parliamentary processes. I also

met amazing and inspiring young people, I thank them for sharing their dreams, stories and opinions so openly with me. Youth Parliament left me with friendships, knowledge and the motivation to continue advocating for the changes I want to see. I would like to thank the City of Salisbury for sponsoring me and making this opportunity accessible. One thing I will never forget from youth Parliament was during our joint question time, when the speaker of the house asked that the government would be heard in silence the entire opposition side of the

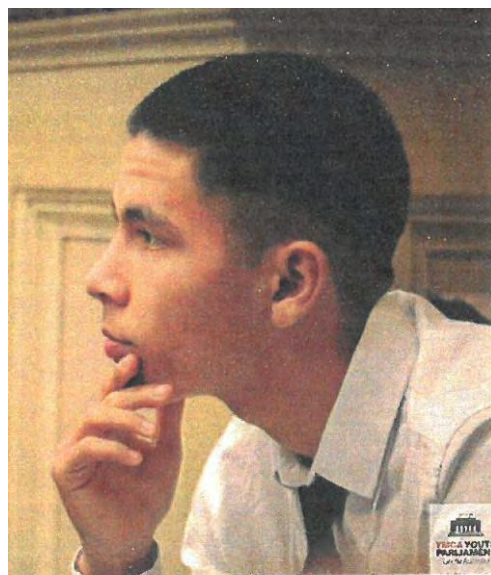
chamber erupted into a paper shaking fit, completely drowning the voice of the leader. I hope to attend Youth Parliament again in 2022 and would encourage anyone who is considering it to apply.



The Honourable Hussein Bayani

Youth parliament was a great chance for me to improve my public speaking, by completing Youth Parliament I managed to make friends and get the chance to be in parliament house to debate. After completing this program, I believe I have become an even more confident speaker and have learnt a lot about politics. Because of lot of different and good committee choices to pick from, I picked the environment and energy Committee. Being part of this committee thought me lot about the

environment, and the importance of environment. Our committee bill was about green industry Manufacturing, Mining and Energy Future. We passed our bill in both houses. I highly recommend young people to join Youth Parliament to experience new skills that they don't know about . I thank the Salisbury Youth Council for sponsoring me and I hope the council keep this sponsorship programs, because then it would encourage more young people to join. one thing I found interesting about yp was that there were 6 people including me sleeping in one room. I will definitely attend the Youth Parliament again next year and I encourage more youth council members and young people to join youth Parliament next year.



The Honourable Sharifullah Habibi



I joined youth Parliament last year, and it was during COVID which meant that we couldn't debate in the parliament house. This year we debated in the parliament house and for me and many of youth parliament members it was our first time debating in the actual parliament house. The cool thing about debating in the parliament house was that we were debating the bills that we made, the bills that were important to us, the bills that we thought were needed in SA. This year I was also one of the presiding officers of the upper house. I presided over 3 debates. I was proud of the way I handled the

chamber during those debates. Because I enjoyed the presiding role too much I will run for it again next year. Youth parliament not only taught me about politics in Australia, but also made me a confident person. For young people who think their voice doesn't matter and for people who come from a different background and think that they have nothing to do with decision making in Australia as they are not even born in Australia, then YMCA SA Youth Parliament is for you!!! I thank Salisbury Youth Council/Salisbury Council for giving us this opportunity by sponsoring us and I hope more sponsorships are given to more young people next year. I will never forget about all the unstoppable laughs that we had during this camp. I also won't forget breaking one of my roommate's deodorant bottle (Which was pretty funny). I missed those pasties at parliament house! Can't wait to attend this program again next year."



The end

ITEM	YC1
	YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	12 October 2021
HEADING	Future Reports for the Youth Council Sub Committee
AUTHOR	Michelle Woods, Projects Officer Governance, CEO and Governance
CITY PLAN LINKS	4.2 We deliver quality outcomes that meet the needs of our community.
SUMMARY	This item details reports to be presented to the Youth Council Sub Committee as a result of a previous Council resolution. If reports have been deferred to a subsequent month, this will be indicated, along with a reason for the deferral.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the report.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 A list of resolutions requiring a future report to Council is presented to each sub committee and standing committee for noting.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION**2.1 Internal**

- 2.1.1 Report authors and General Managers.

2.2 External

- 2.2.1 Nil.

3. REPORT

- 3.1 The table below outlines reports to be presented to the Youth Council Sub Committee as a result of a Council resolution.

Meeting Item	- Heading and Resolution	Officer
28/06/2021 1.1.1-YC5 Due:	Waste Management Education Partnership Update 3. The Sub Committee requests continued regular updates on this item. October 2021 A verbal update was provided at the August 2021 meeting. Further updates will be provided as new information arises.	Julie Brett
28/06/2021 1.1.1-YC5 Due:	Waste Management Education Partnership Update 4. The Sub Committee requests further information in relation to whether straws are recyclable. October 2021 Meetings have been held to progress this item. Further updates will be provided as new information arises.	Julie Brett
23/08/2021 1.1.1-YC-OB1 Due: Deferred to: Reason:	Recycle Bin – Salisbury Community Hub and Twelve25 Youth Centre 3. That Council report on this initiative at its next Youth Council Subcommittee meeting, and provide a re-occurring update each meeting on the action occurring to combat the current climate crisis. October 2021 December 2021 Progress delayed awaiting further information from NAWMA. A report will be provided in December 2021 .	Beth MacGillvray

4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Future reports for the Youth Council Sub Committee have been reviewed and are presented for noting.

ITEM	YC2
	YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	12 October 2021
HEADING	Youth Programs and Events Update September 2021
AUTHOR	Kate Kitching, Youth Services Project Officer, Community Development
CITY PLAN LINKS	1.2 The health and wellbeing of our community is a priority 1.3 People are valued and they feel safe, included and connected 4.4 We plan effectively to address community needs and identify new opportunities
SUMMARY	This report provides an update of youth programs and events that occurred during August & September 2021, as well as planned programs and events from mid-September – early November 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the information.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments to this report.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Twelve25 staff participate in Youth Council Sub Committee meetings to ensure a strong working relationship with Youth Council.

2. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION**2.1 Internal**

- 2.1.1 Team Leaders, Community Capacity and Learning
- 2.1.2 Community Development Coordinators, Community Capacity and Learning
- 2.1.3 Community Learning Coordinator, Community Capacity and Learning
- 2.1.4 Digital Literacy Programs Coordinator, Community Capacity and Learning

3. REPORT

- 3.1 This report provides a summary of youth programs delivered by Twelve25, Community Centre's and the Community Learning Programs team across the City of Salisbury during August & September 2021, as well as planned programs and events from mid-September – early November 2021.
- 3.2 It also provides a summary of planned programs and events from September - November 2021.

3.3 It is to be noted that some planned programs and events may be adapted or cancelled depending on the COVID safe plans, and restrictions in place at that time. PROGRAM	DATE	PARTICIPATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
HEALTH & WELLBEING + YOUTH DIVERSITY			
Northern Youth Services Network	September 1st	40 youth industry professionals	<p>The Northern Youth Services Network is a new collaboration between City of Salisbury, City of Playford and City of Tea Tree Gully councils and aims to bring the Northern youth sector together to advocate, develop and connect. The network meets quarterly across council areas.</p> <p>The City of Tea Tree Gully hosted the third meeting for the year, which was booked out. The highlights were the City of Tea Tree Gully Youth Development Officer's presentation on the Young Entrepreneur program and a micro pop up market.</p> <p>The next session is a Professional Development Day to be held at Northern Sound System on November 24th.</p>
ACTIVE & CREATIVE LIFESTYLES			
Salisbury Youth Performing Arts Group	Ongoing	8 participants	The Salisbury Youth Performing Arts Group continues to meet every Thursday afternoon 4.30pm to 7pm. On August 26 th the group presented their Mid-year performance 'Werewolf Among Us' (written by themselves) to 23 family and friends. They have now begun working on their next production which will form part of the Fringe Festival, 2022.
Community Clean Up Day	August 28th	3 participants 1 placement student	Twelve25's Duke of Edinburgh participants spent 4 hours cleaning up Paternoster Row as part of their voluntary service. Another clean up date is planned for September 25 th .

Lunchtime Fitness Sessions	1 st session on September 2 nd	15 participants	Twelve25 staff collaborated with Parafield Gardens High School and Universal Balance to deliver boxing and self-defense sessions to students during their lunch break. 5 sessions will be delivered over 3 weeks.
	September 9 th	5 participants	
	September 10 th	11 participants	

3.4 Upcoming programs and events: SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2021

PROGRAM	DATE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Twelve25 Youth Centre - Infrastructure Grant	September	Works have begun to improve Twelve25's safety, accessibility, inclusiveness and aesthetic appeal. The \$300,000 grant has enabled an upgrade of the backyard, internal security, foyer furniture and fittings. The project will be completed by 30th December 2021.

YOUth Matter - Have your say	September 14 th and 28 th	Twelve25 staff and Salisbury Youth Council members are collaborating to consult with young people regarding what matters to them in their community. The experiences, issues and ideas will help to shape the new Youth Strategic Action Plan.
Wheels in Motion	2022 applications open September 27 th	Wheels in Motion is a volunteer mentor driving program that assists young people to gain their driving hours to attain their P's.
Work Ready - School holiday activity	September 30 th	Delivered by Job Prospects to support young people aged 14 to 18 to prepare for their first job or casual work over the Christmas holidays. The free workshop will include skills such as; creating a cover letter, resume & interviews tips and personal presentation skills.
Getting your L's	October 7 th	Due to COVID-19 restrictions the July course was postponed, and participants moved to the October 7 th workshop. The course is fully booked with twenty participants. The last course of 2021 will be delivered on December 9 th .
SA's Young Changemakers Conference	October 21 st	The Young Changemakers Conference, held at the Golden Grove Arts Centre is an interactive learning forum, inspiring and empowering young people to take initiative in community action and leadership through volunteering. The City of Salisbury's Volunteer Services, Twelve25 and Salisbury Youth Council have been invited to attend the expo component of the day.
School Wellbeing Day	October 29 th	Twelve25 staff and Salisbury Youth Council have been invited to host a stall at Salisbury High School's annual Wellbeing Expo.
Business Start Up	TBC	Planning is underway for the delivery of the business Start up program with various elements to include motivational speakers, networking opportunities, an intensive business starter program and one-off business kick start sessions.
Qualifications offering	November	Planning is underway for the delivery of the Pool Lifeguard Training (including First Aid). The training will be delivered by Royal LifeSaving SA. Specific details to be confirmed in coming weeks

4. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The programs and services offered across the Community Capacity and Learning Division are provided to Youth Council members to share with the wider community of young people.

ITEM	YC3
	YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	12 October 2021
HEADING	Additional Youth Parliament Report
AUTHOR	Jules Brett, Community Planner Youth Participation, Community Development
CITY PLAN LINKS	1.4 We are proud of our strengths, achievements and cultural diversity 4.4 We plan effectively to address community needs and identify new opportunities 4.5 We engage meaningfully and our community is aware of Council initiatives
SUMMARY	This report will provide information from participants sponsored for South Australian Youth Parliament 2021

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the information.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Youth Parliament SA Louis Pham
2. Salisbury Youth Council Members Report
3. Youth Parliament Report Jade Curwood
4. Youth Parliament Zahra Bayani

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 YMCA South Australia Youth Parliament is a non-partisan program providing a platform for young people aged 15 - 25 to have their say on important issues, build skills and parliamentary understanding. It focuses on personal development, empowerment and connecting politicians and decision makers with youth voices and opinions.
- 1.2 The Youth Parliament is an annual program, running March to August which includes; mentoring, a training weekend, a week-long camp and access to Parliament House. Every year, young leaders come together to learn about public speaking, parliamentary etiquette, bill development and youth advocacy. They share their big ideas, discuss the challenges facing South Australia and create solutions in the form of Youth Bills.
- 1.3 Every February, the City of Salisbury (via Youth Council) offer young people sponsorship to attend Youth Parliament.

- 1.4 The cost per participant is \$460. Sponsorship funds are allocated from the Youth Council budget for four young people. This year there was the opportunity to sponsor an additional young person, with the final group consisting of three Salisbury Youth Council Members and four young people from the broader Salisbury community. This was a total of seven young people sponsored by the City of Salisbury to participate in Youth Parliament.
- 1.5 The sponsorship for the additional two young people was approved via a Motion moved by Cr Buchanan at the June 2021 Council meeting, being:
- 1.6 ‘Motion on Notice: Youth Parliament Sponsorship (1011/2021)’:

The full cost of participation in the 2021 Youth Parliament program for Louis Pham and Jade Curwood, totaling \$920, be paid by the City of Salisbury using funds from the youth sponsorship budget, and a report informing Council of their experiences be prepared for the Community Wellbeing and Sport Committee at the completion of their participation in the program

2. CITY PLAN CRITICAL ACTION

2.1 NIL

3. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

3.1 Internal

- 3.1.1 Julie Brett, Community Planner Youth Participation
- 3.1.2 Jo Cooper, Manager Community Capacity & Learning Libraries & Community Centres
- 3.1.3 Jodi Farley, Team Leader Twelve25 Youth Centre

3.2 External

- 3.2.1 Susan Britza, Youth Parliament Coordinator | YMCA

4. REPORT

- 4.1 In February each year an online application is made available for young people residing in the City of Salisbury to request sponsorship to attend Youth Parliament.
- 4.2 The aim of the sponsorship is to create a team of young people to represent the Northern suburbs within the Youth Parliament Program. Young people from Salisbury often form a team with young people from the City of Playford.
- 4.3 This opportunity is promoted on the City of Salisbury website and social media channels. Information is also shared with schools and the Youth Parliament task force, who are often contacted regarding youth seeking sponsorship.
- 4.4 Requests for sponsorship are reviewed by the Community Planner Youth Participation and the Team Leader, Twelve25 Youth Centre.
- 4.5 Seven young people were awarded sponsorship via Youth Council and the Community Wellbeing and Sport committee.

- 4.6 The successful applicants attended the August Youth Council Sub-committee meeting and shared their experiences and this report provides written summaries to the Youth Council of the Bills that they worked on (see attachments 1, 2, 3 & 4)

5. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 5.1 Youth Parliament is a beneficial program for young people to be involved in as it provides core skills in governance processes, parliamentary understanding, and personal and professional development for those accessing the program. Young people subsequently have the potential to join Youth Council and other youth empowerment programs
- 5.2 It is recommended that the City of Salisbury through the Salisbury Youth Council continue to support young people to attend Youth Parliament.

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Below are our personal thoughts on youth Parliament.

The Honourable Chloe Pring

My Youth Parliament experience was nothing like I expected. I entered the program as someone that is very anxious around new people and a timid public speaker, although I'm still somewhat both of these things I feel so much more comfortable expressing my thoughts, opinions and lived experiences. As a passionate creative my first preference was to join the Tourism, Arts and Culture Committee. This group was full of equally passionate (and also extremely talented) people. We worked together on a bill that would provide COVID-19 relief to support the undoubtedly struggling arts sector. I also took the chance to write an adjournment speech on the decriminalisation of sex work, an issue I have grown to be incredibly passionate about but never had the opportunity to discuss. I developed an incredible amount of knowledge on bill writing, public speaking and parliamentary processes. I also met amazing and inspiring young people, I thank them for sharing their dreams, stories and opinions so openly with me. Youth Parliament left me with friendships, knowledge and the motivation to continue advocating for the changes I want to see. I would like to thank the City of Salisbury for sponsoring me and making this opportunity accessible. One thing I will never forget from youth Parliament was during our joint question time, when the speaker of the house asked that the government would be heard in silence the entire opposition side of the chamber erupted into a paper shaking fit, completely drowning the voice of the leader. I hope to attend Youth Parliament again in 2022 and would encourage anyone who is considering it to



apply.

The Honourable Hussein Bayani

Youth parliament was a great chance for me to improve my public speaking, by completing Youth Parliament I managed to make friends and get the chance to be in parliament house to debate. After completing this program, I believe I have become an even more confident speaker and have learnt a lot about politics. Because of lot of different and good committee choices to pick from, I picked the environment and energy Committee. Being part of this committee thought me lot about the environment, and the importance of environment. Our committee bill was about green industry Manufacturing, Mining and Energy Future. We passed our bill in both houses. I highly recommend young people to join Youth Parliament to experience new skills that they don't know about. I thank the Salisbury Youth Council for sponsoring me and I hope the council keep this sponsorship programs, because then it would encourage more young people to join. one thing I found interesting about yp was that there were 6 people including me sleeping in one room. I will definitely attend the Youth Parliament again next year and I encourage more youth council members and young people to join youth Parliament next year.



The Honourable Sharifullah Habibi

I joined youth Parliament last year, and it was during COVID which meant that we couldn't debate in the parliament house. This year we debated in the parliament house and for me and many of youth parliament members it was our first time debating in the actual parliament house. The cool thing about debating in the parliament house was that we were debating the bills that we made, the bills that were important to us, the bills that we thought were needed in SA. This year I was also one of the presiding officers of the upper

house. I presided over 3 debates. I was proud of the way I handled the chamber during those debates. Because I enjoyed the presiding role too much I will run for it again next year. Youth parliament not only taught me about politics in Australia, but also made me a confident person. For young people who thinks their voice doesn't matter and for people who comes from a different background and thinks that they have nothing to do with decision making in Australia as they are not even born in Australia, then YMCA SA Youth Parliament is for you!!! I thank Salisbury Youth Council/Salisbury Council for giving us this opportunity by sponsoring us and I hope more sponsorships are given to more young people next year. I will never forget about all the unstoppable laughs that we had during this camp. I also won't forget breaking one of my roommate's deodorant bottle (Which was pretty funny). I missed those pasties at parliament house! Can't wait to attend this program again next year."





Item YC3 - Attachment 2 - Salisbury Youth Council Members Report





The end

Youth parliament 2021

Youth parliament has always been a place for young South Australians to express their views about how South Australia is run in parliament. My committee's (health and wellbeing) bill was the emergency services reform bill it is based around reducing ambulance ramping in the most effective way. Youth parliament this year helped me develop many new skills and gave me amazing opportunities that I never thought possible.

This year for youth parliament we were able to debate in parliament house in the chambers and sit in the seats of real politicians. At first it was nerve racking, having stakeholders listen to my views and feeling heard for the first time. As young person I often feel as though I am not being heard and my opinions are not important to those in positions of authority, but Youth parliament has given me not only the opportunity but the confidence to not let that stop me from trying to be heard.

I was lucky to be given the position of being the main sponsor for our Bill, this meant I spoke 3-4 times during the debate stating why the bill was the best solution for South Australia's ambulance ramping crisis as well as rebutting the oppositions points. They quite often brought up the same points over and over, towards the end of the debate I started to feel as though I was not being listened too but when it came down to a vote the bill passed unanimously which made both me and my team feel overwhelmed with happiness.

Going to youth parliament this year was ultimately a big step for me because I have been struggling with my mental health recently and have had a lot going on with it. Late last year I made the decision to leave high school for my mental health. I am proud of myself for being able to get well enough for youth parliament 2021, Although I am working on support systems and diagnoses. I am proud of my team and I am thankful for all the staff at YP for their support.

SA Youth Parliament- Zahra Bayani

Youth parliament, a word that seems impossible in my motherland.

For as long as I could remember I never was interested in becoming involved in politics or parliamentary matters because I never had the opportunity or the chance to participate in any parliamentary related activities or extra curriculum activities.

I would say I was lucky to be sponsored by the City of Salisbury to attend YP2021 and visit the Parliament House in person and I really thank them a lot for helping me getting into YP. Having the opportunity to have my say/words and opinions on the topics that I am really passionate about in the Parliament House was one of those unforgettable Experiences of my life.

During the program, I was in the education committee I joined this committee solely because of the importance of education in developing humans, I believe without education humans lives are incomplete, without education you are blind. Our bill focuses on the importance of additional languages and implementing additional language subjects in high schools across Adelaide.

Australia is a multicultural country and knowing an additional language should be a must in our society. I really enjoyed my time in YP program, sharing my own ideas, giving speech in Parliament House and having those delicious pies it was all fun and valuable. I wish I could attend YP one more time next year and get more of this great experience.

ITEM	YC4
	YOUTH COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE
DATE	12 October 2021
HEADING	Youth Council Project Teams Update
AUTHOR	Jules Brett, Community Planner Youth Participation, Community Development
CITY PLAN LINKS	4.2 We deliver quality outcomes that meet the needs of our community 4.4 We plan effectively to address community needs and identify new opportunities 4.5 We engage meaningfully and our community is aware of Council initiatives
SUMMARY	This report provides an update on the Youth Council Project Teams for 2021.

RECOMMENDATIONThat Council:

1. Notes the information.

ATTACHMENTS

This document should be read in conjunction with the following attachments:

1. Youth Council Project Team Updates October 2021

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 10 of the Youth Council Sub Committee - Terms of Reference outline the purpose and governance of project teams. The project teams are established at the first Youth Council sitting for the year.
- 1.2 In February 2021 the two project teams were endorsed, these teams being;
 - Mental Health
 - LGBTIQ+
- 1.3 Project teams align to several key areas of the Youth Strategic Action Plan 2017-2021, being Health and Wellbeing, and Diversity.
- 1.4 Key objectives from the Youth Strategic Action Plan aligning with the mental health and LGBTIQ+ projects are:
 - 1.4.1 Listen to youth wellness priorities and develop prevention programs and services based on youth needs
 - 1.4.2 Increase access to positive role modelling and 'safe spaces' for at-risk youth

- 1.4.3 Enhance the positive image of diverse youth populations
- 1.4.4 Increase community and sector awareness of multiple notions of youth diversity and intersectionality

2. CITY PLAN CRITICAL ACTION

- 2.1 Nil

3. CONSULTATION / COMMUNICATION

3.1 Internal

- 3.1.1 Youth Council Members

3.2 External

- 3.2.1 Rainbow Volunteers
- 3.2.2 Gender Dive
- 3.2.3 Salisbury East High School
- 3.2.4 SA Health
- 3.2.5 Every Life Matters Salisbury Suicide Prevention Network
- 3.2.6 Salisbury High School
- 3.2.7 Salisbury City Rotaract
- 3.2.8 Headspace Youth Reference Group

4. REPORT

- 4.1 Project Team leaders were nominated during the February 2021 Youth Council meeting.
- 4.2 Youth Members aligned themselves to either, or both project teams based on their skills and interest.
- 4.3 Fortnightly meetings are conducted with each project team.

5. CONCLUSION / PROPOSAL

- 5.1 Project Team leaders coordinate fortnightly meetings.
- 5.2 Project teams collaborate with other organisations to deliver projects.

CO-ORDINATION

Youth Council Project Team Updates 12 October 2021

Mental Health Project Team

The team is currently working with Tanya Malins, Senior Project Officer for the Office of the Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention, SA Health and Wellbeing SA to deliver a Mental Health Forum at the Salisbury Community Hub. This forum was planned to be held in July but had to be postponed due to the Covid lockdown in SA

In addition to this the team is planning a Mental Health Forum on 22 October 2021 to include workshopping ideas to care for our mental health, activities and guest speakers at Salisbury East High School.

The team is also working with Salisbury High School to host a forum in November 2021.

Men's Health Week: Social Media post on Youth in Salisbury highlighting services and activities for Men in June and for RUOK Day in September.

LGBTQIA+ Project Team

The team is currently working with Gender Dive (Headspace), Salisbury City Rotaract and Rainbow Volunteers to host an evening of guest speakers, activities, music and consultation with young people from the LGBTQIA+ during Feast Week.

A pop up session was held on 27 August 2021 for Wear it Purple Day attracting about 30 young people at the Salisbury Community Hub. It included giant games, mug decorating, badge making, mini pot painting and rock painting.

Social media posts for significant dates in the LGBTQIA+ Calendar will include information on Wear it Purple Day and during Feast Week.

The Project Team are currently reading through a report developed at La Trobe University called *Writing Themselves in 4*, the report is the findings from a survey conducted across Australia to gauge the health and wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ young people.

R U OK? DAY

Youth Council Members partnered with Every Life Matters Salisbury Suicide Prevention Network to host a pop up session on 9 September 2021 for R U OK? Day which attracted approx. 40 participants engaging in activities at the Civic Plaza, Salisbury Community Hub.