

Youth Affairs Council of WA 2021 Annual General Meeting Minutes

5.30pm, Thursday 9 December 2021

The 21st Amendment, 11/663 Newcastle St, Leederville WA



Member & Member Representatives

Andrew Hall (on behalf of PICYS), Angie Perkins, Arbie Pattiselanno, Ayden Mackenzie (on behalf of Town of Bassendean), Celeste Stephens, Hon. Dave Kelly MLA (non-voting), Doug Jackson, Dylan Storer, Finlaey Hewlett, Georgie Carey, Haeden Miles, Hannah Woodward, Isabella Choate, John Thomson, Katherine Browne, Keisha Calyun, Kim Robinson, Kim Brooklyn (on behalf of Parkerville), Lara Kirchner, Locket Lee, Louise Giolitto (on behalf of WACOSS), Naomi Blitz, Parul Goplani, Philippa Boldy (on behalf of Anglicare WA), Raj Suares (on behalf of City of Subiaco), Sama Tahooni, Sharon Gough, Tasmin Wright, Trudi Cooper, Vik Jeyakumar, Zac Cawdron

Guests

Andy Kazim, Ben Nowrojee, Charlotte Glance, Cheyenne Henderson-Watkins, Chrissie Smith, Colin Pettit, Danni Forster, Emily Knowles, Fatema Shalemie, Gaurav Singh, Iris Jeyakumar, Jane Forward, Jhi Clarke, Joslyn Eades-Tass, Julia Morgan, Katie Liew, Lianda Gibson, Marcia Johnson, Marissa Cotter, Mason Rothwell, Matthew Tomich, Mayma Awaida, Mika Bazeley, Nate Jeyakumar, Niamh Kelly, Olivia Knowles, Ross Wortham, Sandy McKiernan, Shantelle Jeyakumar, Stefaan Bruce-Truglio, Zinab Al Hilaly

Apologies

Jessica Shaw, MLA, Hon. Brad Pettitt, MLC, Mike Rowe, Director General Department of Communities, Chad Stewart, Hon. Stephen Dawson, MLC, Hon. Simone McGurk MLA, Hon., David Scaife MLA, Hon. Donna Faragher MLC, Brooke Draper, Skye Groenveld

Item	Time	Details	Speaker
1	5.30pm	<p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Shaun provided a Welcome to Country, themed around Bibbulmun (women's spirit), patience, sincerity, being humble, and unity.</p>	Shaun Nannup
2	5.50pm	<p>Acknowledgement, Welcome and Overview of AGM</p> <p>Vik thanked Shaun for his Welcome and opened the formal proceedings of the AGM.</p>	Vik Jeyakumar YACWA Chair
3	5.53pm	<p>Acknowledgements and Apologies Received</p> <p>Acknowledgements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hon. Dave Kelly, Minister for Youth Colin Pettit, Commissioner for Children and Young People Life Members: Philippa Boldy, Louise 	Vik Jeyakumar

		<p>Giolitto</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Members: Katherine Browne, Keisha Calyun, Georgie Carey, Parul Goplani, Sharon Gough, Locket Lee, John Thomson <p>Apologies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jessica Shaw, MLA Hon. Brad Pettitt, MLC Mike Rowe, Director General Department of Communities Chad Stewart Hon. Stephen Dawson, MLC Hon. Simone McGurk MLA Hon. David Scaife MLA Hon. Donna Faragher MLC Brooke Draper, YACWA Board Member Skye Groenveld, YACWA Board Member 	
4	5.55pm	<p>Farewell for Colin Pettit, outgoing Commissioner for Children and Young People</p> <p>Vik acknowledged Commissioner Pettit and his work bringing young people to the centre of policy and child safety care, in particular his support for YACWA over the years, collaboration on LGBTQIA+ paper and service delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin thanked Vik, Minister Kelly, board members, Sandy and Ross, and YACWA. Commissioner Pettit is proud to have seen the growth of YACWA and its strength across the board. It has been well received to see as we have provided “rubber on road” for the work to be done. Speaking Out Surveys and others have allowed young people to have a voice. Acknowledged the need for the wider community to realise young people can think for themselves. Mental health is as big an issue for young people and that needs to be acknowledged more. The role of women in society, have not been validated as much as he thought. Safety and a platform for women are of most importance. Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse had its fourth anniversary this week, but the Commissioner pondered what’s changed for kids in that time. He noted how poverty is also an important issue facing young people. 	<p>Colin Pettit Commissioner for Children and Young People</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we continue to find equity? Government can get understandably distracted by other pressures, but they need to put back on the table that young people are most important in the nation. 	
5	6.04pm	<p>Confirmation of 2020 AGM Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the previous AGM, held on Friday 11 December 2020, have been provided to members and are available at the registration table.</p> <p>Motion: That the minutes of YACWA's 2020 AGM be accepted as true and correct by those who attended.</p> <p>Moved: Louise Giolitto</p> <p>Seconded: Katherine Browne</p>	Vik Jeyakumar
6	6.05pm	<p>Chairperson's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked Ross for his contributions to YACWA. Acknowledged the hard work over the past year at YACWA. Makes note his term has come to an end. Vik acknowledges the successful tender for YEP project to continue up until 2024, including a partnership with the WA Aids Council. First year for YACWA to go overseas (Christmas Island), COVID 19 sector youth engagement, policy team acknowledged for strong dialogue and work throughout the year and facilitating projects with the Mental Health Commission. Work in supporting Social Reinvestment WA around the Raise the Age campaign. Acknowledged how it has been a big year and thanked YACWA staff and management team, for maintaining the culture that is flourishing. <p>Motion: that the Chairperson's Report be accepted by the membership.</p> <p>Moved: John Thomson</p> <p>Seconded: Ross Wortham</p> <p>Vik also acknowledged Sandy's role Acting CEO since May. Following an extensive recruitment process involving with over 70 applications, Sandy</p>	Vik Jeyakumar

		is announced as YACWA's new permanent Chief Executive Officer.	
7	6.15pm	<p>CEO's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandy thanked Vik for opportunity to be Acting CEO in Ross's absence and now permanent CEO. • Acknowledged everyone at YACWA and the hard work that has been done in that time. • She has worked to delegate over the office and restructure to a more proficient workplace. • Gave YACWA space for fee-for-service work, including Lianda and her youth consultants. • Thanked Lotterywest for funding regional work, which allowed for the inaugural Mid West Youth Sector Forum in early November. • YEP crew congratulated for achieving the tender and continuing on until 2024. • Congratulated Youth Pride Network, Chey, Hannah and Charlotte for all the work they've done and the launch State of Play experience of LGBTQIA+ young homelessness. • Thanked Mason and Stefaan for all their hard work throughout the year on advocacy. • The impact of COVID has been seen across the board and so saw the setting up of the Youth Sector Grant Scheme funded by Lotterywest. Hoping to report on them next year. • Thanked everyone for embracing her in this time. <p>Motion: That the CEO's Report be accepted by the membership.</p> <p>Moved: Sharon Gough</p> <p>Seconded: Georgie Carey</p>	<p>Sandy McKiernan YACWA CEO</p>
8	6.20pm	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Had new auditor Butler Settineri deep dive into the finances of the organisation. • The financial position continued to strengthen for YACWA with an increase of funding by the Department of Communities, Department of Health and Lotterywest providing most of the funding. • COVID payments from the government assisted during the year. 	<p>Sharon Gough YACWA Treasurer</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board's due diligence as to the stability of YACWA under Ross's leadership and Gaurav's support have seen YACWA's current position stay strong. Acknowledged Sandy's role in the past year as well. <p>Motion: that the Treasurer's Report be moved and seconded.</p> <p>Moved: Vik Jeyakumar</p> <p>Seconded: Andrew Hall</p>	
9	6.25pm	<p>Confirmation and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements</p> <p>Motion: that the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2021 be accepted as true and correct.</p> <p>Moved: Georgie Carey</p> <p>Seconded: Katherine Browne</p>	Sharon Gough
10	6.27pm	<p>Appointment of Auditors</p> <p>Motion: That Butler Settineri be re-appointed as auditors for the 2021-22 financial year.</p> <p>Moved: John Thomson</p> <p>Seconded: Parul Goplani</p>	Vik Jeyakumar
11	6.29pm	<p>Constitutional Amendments</p> <p>We have 5 motions to amend our Constitution at this meeting. These amendments stem from research by the Board and Governance Subcommittee and are about adding clarity to our members and aligning our Constitution with best governance practice.</p> <p>In order for a motion to pass, two thirds of eligible voting members must vote yes to each change.</p> <p>Motion 1</p> <p>The Board proposes an amendment to point 5.2.1.</p> <p>The new wording would read:</p>	Georgie Carey Head of Governance Subcommittee

	<p>Individual Member; open to those individuals who are eligible under 5.1 who are age 15 and over, particularly including those who work or volunteer with or for young people, and young people themselves, but not including Members of Parliament or any other elected members of government or employees of YACWA.</p> <p><u>Yays:</u> 26</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p>Motion is passed.</p> <p>Motion 2</p> <p>The Board proposes an amendment to point 5.4</p> <p>The new wording would read:</p> <p>Rights & <i>Responsibilities</i> of Members</p> <p><u>Yays</u> 25</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p>Motion is passed.</p> <p>Motion 3</p> <p>The Board proposes the introduction of Clause 5.4.4 as follows:</p> <p>Members have a requirement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. pay membership fees as they are due.ii. subscribe to the aims and objectives of the organisation. <p><u>Yays</u> 26</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p>Motion is passed.</p> <p>Motion 4</p> <p>The Board proposes that Clause 8.7.1 be changes as follows:</p> <p>The Board shall meet a minimum of six (6) times in each calendar year, either digitally or face-to-face, and no two meetings shall be separated by a</p>	
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		<p>period of more than twelve weeks.</p> <p><u>Yays</u> 25</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p>Motion is passed.</p> <p>Motion 5</p> <p>The Board proposes the introduction of Clause 8.7.8 as follows:</p> <p>The Board may pass a resolution without a Board meeting being held if all Board Members, or a majority of the Board Members, who are entitled to vote on the resolution are in favour of the resolution set out in the document. A resolution can be agreed to with use of any technology including fax or email. The resolution is passed when the last Board Member, or the last of the Board Members constituting a majority (as applicable), has agreed to the document. Written resolutions must be minuted at the next Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Yays</u> 25</p> <p><u>Nays:</u> 0</p> <p>Motion is passed.</p>	
	6.45pm	<p>Life Members</p> <p>YACWA is privileged to honour a number of dedicated youth workers and youth sector professionals with honorary Life Membership.</p> <p>Life Membership is a process voted on by the YACWA Board and recognises the enormous contributions that these individuals have had to the mission of YACWA and the lives of young people and their fellow youth sector professionals over the years.</p> <p>YACWA is pleased to welcome two new members to Life Membership this year.</p> <p>The first is Andrew Hall.</p> <p>Andrew has been advocating for young people's rights to be at the table since the 80's and included in government policies, and is a staunch advocate</p>	Vik Jeyakumar

		<p>for young people being included in decision making processes. Andrew played an implemental part on the development of not-for-profits across the state and has committed to building the next layer of leaders and be a staunch voice to understand their potential. It was unanimously supported by the Board that he be made a Life Member.</p> <p>Andrew thanked everyone for this acknowledgement. His first meeting with YACWA was in April 1985, three weeks into his first job and he's been a community worker since then. Acknowledgement to country, and for the young people over the years he has worked with.</p> <p>The second person we're pleased to induct into YACWA's Life Membership this year is Ross Wortham.</p> <p>Ross has achieved more influence in the last five years in the sector than some have over 10. He is a passionate advocate for young people, has really contributed to YACWA's growth over the years, has deepened relationships in many areas, the impact he's had to influence and shift policy and service design and change has been outstanding. John Thomson was the one who nominated Ross towards life membership.</p> <p>Ross spoke of his love for YACWA and everyone involved, acknowledges the need for people to be more aware of the issues and be proud of what has been done over the years.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>6.50pm</p>	<p>Announcing Board Members for 2022</p> <p>Kim Robinson, the Returning Officer alongside Ayden Mackenzie, ran through the election process for new board members.</p> <p>There were 23 candidates vying for three positions. Votes were conducted online via SurveyMonkey and the election was conducted using a proportional voting single transferrable vote system. 73 voting members cast votes in this election.</p> <p>The three successful candidates, in order of their election, are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arbie Patisolano - Naomie Blitz 	<p>Kim Robinson Returning Officer</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sal Cleverly <p>Each candidate is eligible to serve a 3-year term.</p>	
13	6.55pm	<p>Other Business</p> <p>No other business raised by members.</p>	Vik Jeyakumar
14	7pm	<p>Chairperson's Farewell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is the end of his term along with a few other members who will be finishing up as well - The Board have been tied into the trenches together and laid down solid foundations and scaffolds, to see YACWA be in the best financial position it's ever been in, largest team ever, and strongest infrastructure moving forward. - Thanked John Thomson who is also finishing up his time with the board - Parul also winding up time today, who was an under 26 Board Member and did a great job with the Governance Subcommittee - Katie Liew this year finished along with Brooke Draper. - Vik's first contribution to YACWA's board was as a young person Board Member in early the 2000s and then as Vice Chair in 2016, he then went on to be Treasurer and later Chairperson. - He has seen 10 years on the Board overall. - Asks if YACWA is in a better place now. YACWA has grown, stayed solvent, excelling in policy and advocacy, it is a more inclusive place, a celebrated voice of human rights. So yes, it is in a better place. - YACWA has attracted people whose intellect is only rivalled by their passion - The new management team have been great. - This year saw significant growth, increase core funding in this time, regional YACWA funding, Aboriginal Health Council of WA partnership. - Incubating talented young people has led to organisations finding their feet and flying in their own right. - Acknowledge leaders who supported senior team at Anglicare WA, management team supported him over the period. - Acknowledged his children and wife and their support during his time with the 	Vik Jeyakumar

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		<p>YACWA board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thanked Ross and Sandy.- Thanked everyone for him allowing to be a voice in the sector. <p>Katherine came up to thank Vik on behalf of the YACWA board and staff. As chairperson Vik maintained a drive to see YACWA at its best, with a strong focus on governance, sustainability and culture. Vik has been a long-time collaborator and supporter of YACWA.</p>	
	7.05pm	YACWA AGM concludes	YACWA