

Youth Affairs Council of WA



2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

5.30pm, Tuesday 26 November 2024

Level 5, 200 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth 6004

Chair: Sal Cleveray

Minutes: Adelaide Williams

Member & Member Representatives

Sal Cleveray (YACWA Board Chair), Vik Jeyakumar (Anglicare WA), Eden Colho, Troy Wood, Elise Jorgensen (Mission Australia), Katherine Brown (YACWA Life Member), Jill Downard (YACWA Board), Kristy O'Brian (Youth Futures), Ben La Haye (Alta-1 College), Donna Quinn, Shikara Collins (The Y School), Lorena Chapman (Cancer Council WA), Clare Grealy (YACWA Board, Treasurer), Sharon Gough (Indigo Junction), Naomi Blitz (YACWA Board), Sandy McKiernan (St John of God), Emily Williams, Celeste Stevens (YACWA Board), Bryan Wooller (YACWA Life Member), George Davies (YACWA Life Member), Adelaide Williams (YACWA).

Guests

Gaurav Singh (YACWA), Melody Birrell (Vital Integrity Health Solutions), Kim Andreassan (Curtin University), Nikki Chatham (City of Kwinana), Sally Savage (Anglicare WA), Jemma Ferguson (Youth Futures), Crystal Fitzgerald (Rainbow Community House), Rebecca O'Brien (Helping Minds), Yurika Nur Oktaviana (Curtin University Human Rights Student), Kristy Gibb (Hope Community Services), Caitlin Morgan (Lotterywest), Robyn Kerr, Michael McGowan, Lorna Geraghty (YACWA), Katie Berry (YACWA), Antonella Segre (ADHD WA).

Apologies

Philippa Boldy (Life Member), Andrew Hall (Life Member), Jaqueline McGowan-Jones (Commissioner for Children and Young People), Louise Giolitto (Life Member), Craig Webster (Life Member), Mr Mike Rowe (Department of Communities Director General), Hon Hannah Beazley MLA (Minister for Youth), Arbie Pattiselanno (Board Member), Adam Williams (Lotterywest), Hon Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA (Minister for Health), Hon Sabine Winton BA BPS MLA (Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence), Ollie Lim (WA Young Person of the Year), Jude Bridgland (YACWA Life Member), Mark Goerke (YACWA Life Member).

Item	Time	Details	Speaker
	5.48	The Chairperson Sal Cleveray opened the meeting at 5.48pm, which was scheduled to begin at 5.45pm.	Sal Cleveray

1	5.50	Welcome to Country Mitchell provided a Welcome to Country and paid respects to his Elders in helping him to grow and find his identity. Mitchell reflected on the legacy of those before us and acknowledged the journey we have in moving forward together.	Mitchell Garlett
2	5.53	Acknowledgement, Welcome and Overview of AGM Sal thanked Mitchell and paid their respects to the Traditional Owners of the land on which the meeting is taking place and acknowledged the Traditional Owners past and present and the young people they get to walk alongside and see grow into leaders.	Sal Cleveray YACWA Chair
3	5.54	Acknowledgements and Apologies Received Acknowledgements Life Members • Jude Bridgland • Elise Jorgensen • Vik Jeyakumar • Brian Wooller • George Davies Board Members • Jill Downard • Celeste Stephens • Naomi Blitz • Sharon Gough • Clare Greal VIPs • Sandy McKiernan, former CEO YACWA • Antonella Segre, incoming CEO YACWA. YACWA will welcome Antonella to the team in early January 2025. • Caitlin Morgan, Grants Development Lead Lotterywest Apologies Dignitaries • Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Youth • Hon. Sabine Winton BA BPS MLA, Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child	Sal Cleveray

		Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence - Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, Minister for Health - Jacqueline McGowan-Jones, Commissioner for Children and Young People - Mike Rowe, Director General, Department of Communities - Craig Webster, YACWA Board Member and Life Member Life Members & YACWA Board - Louise Giolitto, WACOSS CEO - Arbie Pattiselanno, YACWA Board Member - Philippa Boldy, Director Services Anglicare WA - Mark Goerke, YACWA Life Member VIPs - Mark Glasson, CEO, Anglicare WA - Ollie Lim, WA Young Person of the Year 2024 - Adam Williams, Lotterywest Senior Grants Development Manager	
4	5.57	Confirmation of 2023 AGM and SGM 2022 Minutes The minutes from the previous AGM, held on Wednesday 29 November at The Panorama Club, Leederville have been provided to members and were available at the registration table. Motion: That the minutes of YACWA's 2023 AGM be accepted as true and correct by those who attended. Moved: Sandy McKiernan Seconded: Celeste Stevens <i>Motion passed</i>	Sal Cleveray
5	5.59	Chairperson's Report Due to not having a current CEO, the CEO and Chairperson's Reports have been combined. Sal acknowledged the YACWA team moved into the new office in East Perth in	

		January 2024. The official office opening was in August. • This year, YACWA added another advocacy pillar of family and domestic violence. This came from a lack of youth voice in fighting the issue. It also recognises young people as a group that are impacted by and must be valued as a voice in making change. • Sal acknowledged the cost of living crisis impacting young people across the state. Youth homelessness continues to be a large focus of YACWA's advocacy. • YHAC continued as a leading advisory body, completing 10 pieces of advocacy work and 11 new resources, and provided lived experience presentations while also engaging with the youth homelessness sector. • This year saw the successful extension of the YEP Project, increasing engagement in respectful relationships, consent and safe sex practices. • YEP's reach was significant, 563 engagements with young people in the metro area and 246 engagements in our regions. YEP helped facilitate to sexual health and blood borne virus clinical services and delivered professional development presentations to over 400 professionals across the state. A number of campaigns and resources also released. • YEP's advocacy work around FDV was also acknowledged. • YACWA's Youth Advisory Service delivered youth engagement projects to 18 agencies. 4 local government authorities engaged with YACWA to deliver youth action plans and strategies. Two youth advisory groups were established with YACWA's support among several other works. • YACWA support of the sector also included a Small Grants Scheme, in partnership with the Department of Communities. Projects spanned across the state with 25 grants issued.	
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		- The Youth Pride Network saw significant growth and welcomed a new coordinator onboard. Among YPN's highlights were a meeting with Premier Roger Cook and the Human Rights Commission and the release of the second State of Play report. - YPN sat on an inclusion strategy group, continued Pride yarns, Queer DND, with Pride Fest 2023 a huge success, as well as social media reach being incredibly high. - The Policy and Advocacy team's major works included pre-budget submissions and submissions on a number of campaigns. - The WA Youth Awards 2023 were noted, with a record high number of nominees. - Sal raised the death of a young person in custody, highlighting the system failure and YACWA's stand to close Unit 18 immediately. YACWA have been working alongside SRWA with this. - Sal thanked outgoing CEO Sandy McKiernan who led YACWA through a new Strategic Plan, Youth Awards, office move, management changes, and much more. - Acknowledgement of incoming CEO Antonella Segre, who will lead YACWA into next phase of Strategic Plan. - Thanks to YACWA staff, amazing team, work and culture, and the YACWA Board. Motion: That the CEO and Chairperson's report be accepted by the membership. Moved: Clare Grealy Seconded: Jill Downard <i>Motion passed</i>	
6	6.09	Treasurer's Report Clare presented the Treasurer's Report. Clare mentioned that through the period of not having CEO, the Board have done an immense amount of work.	Clare Grealy YACWA Treasurer

		• Clare presented the financial statements for the year ending 30 June 2024. A copy of the report was available at the registration desk inside the Annual Report. • YACWA's main source of income was the Department of Communities, the Department of Health and Lotterywest, which was consistent with the prior year. • YACWA's financial position has strengthened, with income up from \$2,787,096 in the 2023 financial year to \$2,849,772 in the 2024 financial year. This left YACWA \$266,018 surplus. • Most expenditure was on employee costs and sector events and activities. • YACWA received a Lotterywest grant for the office fit out which is the primary reason for the surplus. • While this has had a positive financial outcome in 2024, we will have depreciation expenses without offsetting incomes for the next 9 years. • Clare thanked YACWA's finance manager Gaurav Singh for his commitment to maintaining financial oversight, and a thanks to the YACWA team. Motion: That the Treasurer's report be moved and seconded accepted by the members Moved: Donna Quinn Seconded: Sharon Gough <i>Motion passed</i>	
7	6.12	Confirmation and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements Motion: That the Audited Financial Statements for the Financial year ending 30 June 2024 be accepted as true and correct. Moved: Katherine Browne Seconded: Sal Cleveray <i>Motion passed</i>	Clare Grealy

8	6.13	Appointment of Auditors Each year it is a requirement that we formally appoint auditors for the coming financial year. For the 2023-24 financial year, YACWA worked with the team at Dry Kirkness, who have been our auditors for the previous four years. For the coming financial year, we are proposing to rotate auditors. Motion: That Francis A. Jones (FAJ) be appointed as auditors for the 2024-25 financial year. Moved: Jill Downard Seconded: Sandy McKiernan <i>Motion passed</i>	Clare Grealy
9	6.14	Life Members Honourary Life membership recognises commitment and contributions individuals have made towards YACWA's mission, young people and the youth sector. Life Membership is a process voted on by the YACWA Board. This nominee has over 20 years of experience supporting young people in WA. They began as a Youth Councillor with the City of Cockburn in 2000, before completing a Bachelor of Psychology, with Honours. Their formative years were with Child Protection, advocating for the safety and wellbeing of vulnerable young people and children in WA. In 2012, they were appointed the State Manager of CREATE, where they built strong ties to YACWA, contributing to policy development and advocacy agenda of the time, which was the critical need to increase the age of young people leaving care. They oversaw the Homestretch Trial in 2018 and a fully funded WA program in 2021. Among other work, they began working for the Commissioner for Children and Young People in 2017, focusing on strategic advocacy and supporting young people through policy development, before moving into a manager role. In 2023, they became the Manager of Strategic Policy at the Department of Communities.	Sal Cleveray

		This person has been a long-term member of the YACWA Board. First elected in 2016, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge, range of skills like negotiation and communication. They were re-elected for the maximum three terms. We are delighted to induct Katherine Browne as a Life Member to the Youth Affairs Council of WA.	
10	6.21	Announcing Board Members for 2024 Riley Forward, the Returning Officer, ran through the election process. The YACWA Board election was conducted online between 5th to 19th November. There were two nominations and two vacancies. Therefore, no voting was required. This is in accordance with the YACWA Constitution. The two successful candidates are: • Sal Cleveray • Naomi Blitz Both successful candidates have been elected to serve three-year terms.	Riley Forward Returning Officer
11	6.22	Other Business Election policy priorities Sal encouraged attendees to grab a copy of the YACWA Policy Priorities which outline YACWA's priorities for the WA State Government in the lead up to the election next year. State of Play III Last week the Youth Pride Network launched State of Play III, a thoroughly researched report all about LGBTIQ+ young people's experiences of the health care and mental health systems. Sal encouraged attendees to read through it and to take a copy if it's relevant to your work. Access is also available on the YPN website. Sal thanked everyone for coming on behalf of the Board and the YACWA team.	Sal Cleveray
12	6.25	YACWA AGM concludes	YACWA

