



**Youth Affairs Council of WA
2017/2018 Annual General Meeting
Minutes**

Wednesday 12 December 2018
4.30pm – 5.30pm

The Bird, 181 William St, Northbridge 6003

In Attendance:

Abdul Elmi, Alli Fillery Amanda Walker, Andrew Hall, Ayden Mackenzie, Brooke Draper, Carina Cooke, Chris James, Christine George, Craig Webster, Dana Anderson, Daniel Roy, Debbie McCabe, Donna Quinn, Elizabeth Wortham, Elle Stubbs, Erin Donovan, Gabby Loo, George Davies, Georgie Carey, Hadi Cyril, Helen Creed, Helen Nys, Ian Gowing, Imara Mandred, Jemma Gardiner, Jessica Saayman, Joanna Collins, John Thomson, Jordana Cernotta, Jude Sorenson, Kai Geike, Karen Molhuysen, Karina Chicote, Katherine Browne, Katie Cameron, Katie Liew, Kerri Mulford, Kirsty Gibb, Laura Beegan, Lewis Price, Lianda Gibson, Lisa Longman, Louise Giolitto, Mark Waite, Mason Rothwell, Matt Bartlett, Michelle Kerif, Mike Dixon, Naomi Lorkin, Neeka Zand, Orietta Simons, Patrick Bryce, Penny Webb, Peter Madden, Ross Wortham, Ryan Pohl, Sarah Lewis, Sharon Gough, Shenali Perera, Shlaine Maisty, Skye Groenvela, Stephan Lund, Stephen Eadie, Susan Theseira, Tamkin Essa, Taryn Harvey, Tom Allum, Trudi Cooper, Vanessa Msapenda, Vik Jeyakumar, Zach Gibson, Zoe Iveson

Apologies received:

Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Hon Peter Tinley MLA, Samantha Harris, Ian Carter, Kate Carter, Jessica Vati, Sandra Spadanuda, Jenny Allen, Stephen Hall, Jennie Burns, David van Ooran

<p>Welcome to Country</p> <p>Shaun Nannup provided a wonderful welcome to country.</p>	<p>Shaun Nannup</p>
<p>Spoken Word Performance</p> <p>Shenali Perera, Tamkin Essa and Imara Mandred provided a brief spoken word performance on the outcomes from the 2018 Un-fairground Youth Sector Conference.</p>	<p>Shenali, Tamkin and Imara</p>
<p>Welcome and overview of the AGM</p> <p>Ross provided a brief welcome to the AGM and thanked Shaun for his welcome to country.</p>	<p>Ross Wortham</p>
<p>Confirmation of 2017 Minutes</p> <p>Penny confirmed that the minutes of YACWA's 2016/17 annual general meeting on Tuesday the 12th December 2017 were accepted as true and correct.</p> <p>Motion: "That the minutes of YACWA's 2016/17 AGM be accepted as true and correct"</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>

<p>Moved: Mark Waite Seconded: Aiden McKenzie</p>	
<p>Chairpersons Report</p> <p>Penny noted that it has been a pleasure to be the Chairperson for the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA) in its 39th year, working with the Vice Chairperson, Karina Chicote; Treasurer, Katie Liew; and through our Board Sub-Committees. She noted that YACWA has a very capable, connected and committed Board.</p> <p>She noted that it has been an inspiring and ‘relentless year of work’ for YACWA, led by our CEO, Ross Wortham along with a passionate, skill-full and capable staff team.</p> <p>She also noted that YACWA has continued to punch above its resourced weight in advocacy for young people, sector support, events and development for our member organisations, response and collaboration with government on behalf of the sector through policy and advocacy, awareness campaigns, regional engagement and national engagement.</p> <p>She noted that YACWA’s membership base has grown this year, yet more importantly YACWA has seen a growing involvement of young people in our work at YACWA through participation in such opportunities as the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of Western Australia (MYAN WA), Youth Disability Advocacy Network, Youth Pride Network, 2017 WA Youth Awards, YACWA Round-Tables, and our many campaigns, events and member gatherings. It makes the role of an organisation like YACWA so much easier when a sector is involved and dedicated to providing a progressive, quality service for those who need it the most.</p> <p>Lastly, she noted that recent government architecture has continued to shuffle a little over the year which fuels both uncertainty and possibility for our sector, yet our hope moving forward is that government continues to ensure that those wicked problems lead to a greater collaborative effort between our young people, the sector that supports them and the critical role of YACWA. May young people never have to carry the burden of changing economic and social conditions and government restructures, but rather be the recipients of sustainable support, provision and hope for a fair and better future.</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>
<p>CEO Report</p> <p>Ross noted that this AGM marks the completion of the 39th year of the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia.</p> <p>He mentioned that over the year, it has been important to reflect on our history and those who founded our organisation to plan for our future. In 1978, a group of youth workers and youth focused organisations established what would become the Youth Affairs Council of WA. At that time, they established three forums – a forum for youth workers, a forum for youth organisations and a forum for young people, and those are still our three membership categories today. True to form, ending our 39th year has</p>	<p>Ross Wortham</p>

seen great successes in how YACWA has influenced government and the community through these three avenues. Whilst Western Australia has seen continued change both politically and economically under a Labor government facing times of austerity, YACWA has been able to achieve some great successes.

He noted that YACWA continues to go from strength to strength, in 2017/18 financial year YACWA saw the strongest response to YACWA membership in our 39-year history topping over 90 organisations and reaching nearly 600 direct members, our social media reach and online platforms continue to grow, reaching nearly 12,000 followers on a regular basis. Additionally, the great team at YACWA have enabled the organisation to influence policy in greater ways than before, including sitting on critical government committees, legislative reviews and producing high quality policy work including our budget analysis and pre-budget submissions. YACWA has also seen the significant growth of youth-led initiatives like the Youth Disability Advocacy Network, the Youth Pride Network and the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network of Western Australia.

Some key highlights from the year included:

- Our strongest membership drive in YACWA's history
- Critical Sector driven events including: the YEP Every Body Every Mind Youth Sector Summit, Trauma-Informed Practice Symposium, the Alternatives to Suicide Forum, Youth Homelessness Matters Day Forum, and the inaugural State of the Youth Sector Forum Message from our
- Hosting the 2017 WA Youth Awards – an annual opportunity to recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people and the youth sector across WA. This year's Awards saw Matt Bill appointed as the WA Young Person of the Year, and in this capacity Matt travelled across the state and visited more than 20 communities, hearing from young people and communities on key issues impacting on them.
- YACWA's CEO was appointed to the WA Supporting Communities Forum
- Establishment of the Youth Pride Network, by young people for young people
- Growth of the Youth Disability Advocacy Network
- Growth of YACWA's consulting services, enabling the organisation to reach more young people and support both local government and non-government organisations to improve practice, beyond our core funding capacity.

He noted that all of this would not have been possible without a strong membership base and without the collective effort of hundreds of young people across WA. YACWA's membership continues to grow and diversify and create new and exciting ways to engage our members throughout the year to ensure our work is driven by the experiences of youth workers on the ground, and informed by young people themselves.

He thanked all of YACWA's members for their commitment and support of YACWA's mission and acknowledge the incredible dedicated and hard work provided by the YACWA staff who work tirelessly to support and advocate for young people across Western Australia.

He also thanked the YACWA Board for their commitment to the organisation, and the invaluable leadership and governance they provided throughout the year. Funding,

<p>policy and legislative challenges will continue to face the youth sector over the next year, but with these challenges will come opportunities.</p>	
<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Katie noted that she was pleased to present the audited financial statements for the Youth Affairs Council WA (YACWA), for the period ended 30 June 2018.</p> <p>She noted that despite experiencing challenging years previously, YACWA continued to improve their surplus, ending the 2018 financial year with a profit of \$14k, an increase from \$11k profit in the prior year.</p> <p>She noted that this could not have been achieved without the dedication, strong work ethic, and commitment from the executive and management team, to which they should be highly commended. YACWA’s income for the year was \$1.13MM, with its main source stemming from grant funding \$0.96MM, as well as other income generated through conferences \$162k. Grants and service funding was primarily received through Department of Communities, Lotterywest, Department of Health, and Department of Finance. YACWA’s expenditure for the year was \$1.12MM, with the majority of this expenditure relating to staff costs at \$595k, and events and activities at \$294k. Other significant costs include travel expenses at \$85k, and administration at \$71k. Members’ funds had also increased to \$53k, compared to \$39k in the prior year. Full details of these accounts can be found in the annual report.</p> <p>She noted that the proposed budget for the 2019 financial year had been approved by the Board, with new revenue streams being explored, enabling YACWA to meet its goals in the coming years.</p> <p>Additionally, she noted that YACWA CEO, Ross Wortham, continues to build, maintain and nurture relationships to allow for greater longevity and security of incoming funds – continued and new.</p> <p>She thanked the Board for their support, and to Ross, and Finance Officer, Gaurav Singh for their outstanding work in not only managing our finances, but also for their incredible dedication to YACWA.</p> <p>She also thanked YACWA’s Chairperson, Penny Webb, and the Finance Sub-Committee, for their support and governance to ensure YACWA continues to grow from strength to strength.</p> <p>Lastly, she expressed her gratitude to members of the Youth Affairs Council WA, particularly as the organisation celebrates its 40th birthday</p> <p>Motion: “That the Treasurer’s Report is accepted.”</p> <p>Moved: John Thomson Seconded: Andrew Hall</p>	<p>Katie L</p>
<p>Confirmation and adoption of audited financial statements for year ending 30th June 2017</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>

<p>Penny proposed the motion that the audited financial statements for the 2017/18 financial year be adopted by the association.</p> <p>Motion: “That the Audited Financial Statements for The 2017/18 Financial Year be adopted by the Association.</p> <p>Moved: Jude Sorenson Seconded: Karina Chicote</p>	
<p>Setting of Membership Fee</p> <p>Penny proposed the motion that the setting of the membership fee for the 2018/19 financial year be: Individual membership be at \$35 ex gst AND Organisational membership be at \$250 ex gst</p> <p>Motion: “That the Membership Fee be set at \$35ex gst for Individual membership and \$250ex gst for organisational membership for the 2018/19 financial year”</p> <p>Moved: Katie Liew Seconded: Naomi Lorkin</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>
<p>Appointment of Auditors for 2018/19 Financial Year</p> <p>Penny proposed the motion that Timothy Turner from HTG partners be appointed as auditor for the 2018/19 financial year</p> <p>Motion: “That Timothy Turner from HTG Partners be appointed as Auditors for the 2018-19 Financial Year”</p> <p>Moved: John Thomson Seconded: Karina Chicote</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>
<p>Announcing board member for 2019</p> <p>Ryan noted that he had been appointed as one of the two Returning Officer for this year’s YACWA AGM, alongside Ayden Mackenzie. Ryan noted that he will be presenting the three new members for the YACWA board, as they were elected and that the YACWA board election was conducted over Survey Monkey in accordance with the constitution.</p> <p>Ryan noted that there were 6 nominations, 66 votes, and three successful candidates. The successful candidates were, Daniel Roy, Karina Chicote, and Parul Goplani.</p> <p>Ryan also noted that Parul would be taking on one of the two under 25-year-old positions on the board. Ryan also noted that all three successful candidates will serve three year terms.</p>	<p>Ryan Pohl (returning officer)</p>

<p>Lastly, Ryan noted that due to a vacancy created by Sandra Spadanuda resignation, the board has appointed John Thomson to fill the remainder of her term, concluding at the next AGM.</p>	
<p>Other business</p> <p>Penny called for any other business from the members present. None was raised.</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>
<p>Revised Constitution</p> <p>Penny proposed to pass the constitution in one motion, rather than going through each change, unless anyone had a particular point to address. No objections were raised from the members present in passing the constitution in one motion.</p> <p>Motion: “That the members present accept the proposed changes to YACWA’s constitution”</p> <p>Moved: Ayden McKenzie Seconded: John Thompson</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>
<p>Close of AGM Business</p> <p>Lastly, Penny thanked Naomi Lorkin and Sandra Spadanuda for their time on the board and she thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM at 5:30pm.</p>	<p>Penny Webb</p>