



Youth Affairs Council of WA

2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 25 November 2025, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, Trinity Residential College

Chair: Sal Cleveray

Minutes: Adelaide Williams

Members in attendance: Cherie Hardingham-Braid, Jean Paul Niyonzima, Jasmin Ely, Liz Parker, Kaya Caterer, Aimee Telford, Abbi Innes, Clare Grealy, David Frost, Ashlee Anderson, George Davies, Celeste Stephens, Nikita Bhavsar, Oliver Lim, Lorena Chapman, Craig Webster, Elise Jorgensen, Naomi Blitz, Shikara Collins, Shelley Micale, Sal Cleveray (Chair), Emily Williams, Vik Jeyakumar, Philippa Boldy.

Time	Details	Speaker
5:00pm	Registrations and refreshments	
5:34pm	AGM Commences Sal opens the AGM and welcomes everyone to the Annual General Meeting and invited Dylan Collard to give a Welcome to Country	Sal Cleveray YACWA Chairperson
5:35pm	Welcome to Country Dylan Collard gives Welcome to Country to attendees.	Dylan Collard
5:41pm	Opening address from Minister for Youth Minister Beazley thanked Dylan for a Welcome to Country, along with Sal Cleveray, Kylie Wallace, life members and Oliver Lim. The Minister said it was great to celebrate the organisation's achievements, with congratulations to YACWA on its impact. Strong history of independent advocacy. Trusted advisor to the state government for issues that impact young people in WA. Mention of FairGround as a wonderful event bringing the sector together and upskilling in practice, making a large difference. The Minister	Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA Minister for Youth



	mentioned the partnership with YACWA with the State Government on the Youth Action Plan – Koorla Bidi – in providing free trainign to young people and the youth sector on running and establishing Youth Advisory Councils. It really makes a huge difference to what is provided to young people in the community. Mention of the WA Youth Awards as another great event. Thank you to Kylie Wallace, Interim CEO, and YACWA staff.	
5:49pm	Acknowledgements and Apologies Received Acknowledgements Dignitaries - Honourable Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne VIPs - Kylie Wallace, YACWA Interim CEO - Ollie Lim, WA Young Person of the Year 2024 Life Members - Vik Jeyakumar - Elise Jorgensen - Katherine Browne - George Davies - Andrew Hall - Craig Webster - Philippa Boldy Board Members - Clare Grealy - Celeste Stephens - Naomi Blitz - Jasmin Ely - Craig Webster - Shelley Micale	Sal Cleveray



	Apologies Dignitaries - Jacqueline McGowan Jones, Commissioner for Children and Young People - Honourable John Carey, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health and Infrastructure - Mr David Scaife, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier - Hon Matthew Swinbourne, Minister for Environment; Community Services; Homelessness. - Mike Rowe, Director General for Department of Communities - Dr Anne Aly, Federal Minister for Youth VIPs - Former YACWA CEO, Ross Wortham	
5:52pm	Confirmation of 2024 AGM Minutes Minutes of AGM held on 26 November, 2024 at the YACWA Office have been provided to members and were available at the registration table. Motion: That the minutes of YACWA's 2024 AGM be accepted as true and correct by those who attended. Moved: Naomi Blitz Seconded: Elise Jorgensen	Sal Cleveray
5:53pm	Chairperson's Report Sal's third report as the Chair at YACWA. This year is the one where all great sector engagements converge, with FairGround, YACtivate! And the WA Youth Awards taking place. The WA Youth Awards celebrated 25 years, at the Ritz Carlton, with Oliver Lim named as WA Young	Sal Cleveray



	Person of the Year. 11 winners were named on the night. Over two jam-packed days, FairGround had over 300 delegates attend, including youth sector professionals and young people. We returned to Fairground's old stomping ground in the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, engaging with keynotes, workshops, presentations, poster displays and the always-required coffee car to share ideas, to build connections and to take learnings back to all points of the state. YACtivate! ran the day after Fairground concluded, run by the Advisory service team, bringing together 80 young leaders from youth advisory groups across Western Australia and supporting them through peer-led learning and workshops, developing youth-led projects and continuing to create change. YACWA's advocacy efforts continue to highlight the voices of young people across the four pillars of YACA's strategic plan. YACWA welcome the Office of Homelessness to continue funding Youth Homelessness Advisory Council into the 2025-2026 financial Year. Thanks to staff and young people, the Board, members, volunteers, and Ministers. Motion: That the Chairperson's report be accepted by the membership. Moved: Clare Grealy Seconded: Philippa Boldy	
5:59pm	CEO's Report	Kylie Wallace YACWA Interim CEO



	Kylie acknowledged staff and change of leadership over 12 months and highlighted their passion about achieving outcomes for young people. Kylie mentioned a few highlights MYAN WA had delegate, Ollie Lim, attend FUSE in Canberra to speak to leaders about issues that were on the minds of young people. They had the opportunity to practice leadership skills and public speaking in the lead up to this. MYAN WA staff received training accreditation under the Youth Settlement Framework which means they can provide support to the sector to support newly arrived young migrants. Consultation, resources and development continue to be core work at YACWA. Acknowledged leadership of Lianda (11 years) in the Advisory Service and the important role in the sector. MHC request YACWA bring together feedback on draft concept design on the Step-up step-down program. Town of Vic Park example in creating Youth Action Plan and the delivery of it. The YEP Project – empower young people – peer led sexual education reached thousands of young people. They provided 750 referrals to sexual health services and BBV services. Delivered PD to over 200 regional and metro professionals. Youth Pride Network delivered great impact this year. They led Statewide consultation – State of Play III launched Nov 2024. Young people’s experience of healthcare in WA. Shaped conversations about dignity in the healthcare system. All It Takes Project launched to prevent intimate partner violence. Kylie shared two short videos AIT created for the 16 Days in WA campaign.	
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	Motion: That the Interim CEO's report be accepted by the membership. Moved: Jasmin Ely Seconded: Yanthe McIntyre-Gadsby	
6:11pm	Treasurer's Report YACWA recorded income of \$2,321,282 compared to \$2,849,772. Decrease due to the one-off recognition of the Lotterywest office fit out and relocation grant in the 2024 year. Main source of income was much the same as previous years with funding from the Department of Communities, Department of Health and Lotterywest, with supplementary income from the FairGround Conference, WA Youth Awards and membership contributions, and advisory services. Clare offered a sincere thanks to funders, sponsors, members and partners for their ongoing commitment, as well as the Advisory team for providing valuable service to local governments and other organisations in the youth sector. Expenditure for the 2024-25 financial year was \$2,341,221 and was spent mainly on employee costs and sector-wide events and activities. We finished the financial year with a small deficit of \$19,939 which was after a surplus in 2024 of \$266,018. This was expected due to the one-off recognition of the grant income from the Lotterywest office fit out and relocation, and the costs associated with the fitout will be recognised over a 10-year period. We will continue to see these costs in the coming years, which are a non-cash timing difference. Clare's final treasurer's report, and gave thanks to Kylie Wallace as the CEO, as well as previous Finance Manager, Guarav and new Finance	Clare Grealy Treasurer



	Manager, Kal. Thanks were also given to the Finance and Sustainability subcommittee and the wider Board. Motion: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted by the membership. Moved: Craig Webster Seconded: Celeste Stephens	
6:12pm	Confirmation and Adoption of Audited Financial Statements Clare speaks to the Auditors statements from 2024-25 Financial Year. Motion: That the Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2025 be accepted as true and correct. Moved: Craig Webster Seconded: Celeste Stephens	Clare Grealy
6:14pm	Appointment of Auditors Each year, it’s a requirement that YACWA formally appoints its auditors for the coming financial year. Clare announced the new auditors are Francis A Jones Proprietary Limited (FAJ). The Board are happy to continue working with FAJ this coming year. <u>Appointment of Auditors</u> Motion: That FAJ be appointed as the auditors for the 2025-2026 financial year. Moved: Naomi Blitz	Clare Grealy



	Seconded: Craig Webster	
6:15pm	Election Results Returning Officer, Yanthe McIntyre-Gadsby, speaks to the election process alongside Sally Savage. The election happened between the 4th of November to the 18th of November, with three vacancies on the Board, one of which was open to a young person under 26. There were eight nominees and two were from young people. Vote results were reviewed by both Sally, Yanthe and YACWA staff member Adelaide Williams. Yanthe announces the two elected ordinary Board members, being David Frost, Service Manager for Student Wellbeing at Anglicare WA and Emily Williams, Community Impact Advisor for WA Alliance to End Homelessness. Yanthe announces the position to be filled by a young person, being Jasmin Ely, Child Safe project officer at WACOSS, who was re-nominated to the position.	Sally Savage, Yanthe McIntyre-Gadsby Returning Officers
6:17pm	Other Business Sal acknowledged Shelley Micale as a newer Board member appointed earlier in the year and welcomed newly appointed Board members. Acknowledgement of the Boards work this year and the outgoing board members Clare Greal (Treasurer) and Celeste Stephens (Secretary) for their contribution to YACWA, and acknowledgement that Sharon Gough and Jill Downard stepped down as Board members this year. Copies of the following documents are available, with Sal inviting attendees to grab a copy if they haven't already: - Pre-Budget Submission 2026-27 YACWA - Ending Child and Youth Homelessness Pre-Budget Submission	Sal Cleveray



	- YACWA's Annual Report Sal encouraged attendees to stick around for the Youth Panel Discussion following the AGM.	
6:19pm	AGM concludes	