

G/3.5.2. GLADSTONE REGION YOUTH COUNCIL

Responsible Officer: General Manager Community Development and Events

Council Meeting Date: 4 December 2018

File Ref: CR 8.3

Purpose:

For Council to appoint membership of local young people representatives to the Gladstone Region Youth Council for 2019.

Officer's Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Endorse the Youth Council Advisory Committee membership to contain eleven (11) members for 2019; and
2. Appoint eleven (11) young people to the Gladstone Region Youth Council for 2019 as nominated below:
 - a. Brooke Assman
 - b. Kylie Fleming
 - c. Nikita Korableff
 - d. Eden Graham
 - e. Penny Hoffman
 - f. Mitchell Porteous
 - g. Sidney Stuart
 - h. Salvador Zuniga Aguirre
 - i. Tyrone Fernandes
 - j. Werner Bierman
 - k. Sarah Chadwick

Background:

On 4 March 2014, Council established (by resolution G/14/1915) the Gladstone Region Youth Council as a formal advisory committee under ss. 264 –265 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* to enable opportunities for youth leadership, youth development and management. A charter for the Youth Council was adopted and is attached to this report. This charter was re-affirmed by Council at its General Meeting held 19 April 2016 (viz resolution G/16/2781).

Public invitation for Youth Council is called annually (via local press, social media, youth networks and schools) and open for a period of four (4) weeks. Existing members are encouraged to re-apply for a second term to act as mentors for new members. Applications closed 9 November 2018 for the 2019 Youth Council.

Eleven (11) applications were received, seven (7) from Gladstone, two (2) from Tannum Sands and (1) application each from Calliope and Euleilah. Of the 11 applications, 1 is from an existing Youth Council member.

In accordance with the Youth Council charter, applications are assessed by a review panel comprising of Mayor (or Proxy), Manager Community Engagement and Partnerships (formerly Manager Community Wellbeing) and Community Development Officer – Youth to make recommendations to Council.

Consideration:

The review panel considered all applications received and resolved to recommend the appointment of all eleven (11) nominations to allow a broader representation of localities in the region.

Consistent with the Youth Council charter, appointed members will elect a Chairperson and Deputy Chair.

The term of the Youth Council membership is from February to November 2019.

Appointed Youth Council members will be invited to a 'meet and greet' gathering, Thursday 24 January 2019 as initial introductions to the Youth Council.

A formal meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 February 2019 for the appointed members to meet with Councillors and the Executive Management Team.

As part of Council's Operational Plan, Community Development Officer – Youth will be developing a strategy to enhance the connectivity and visibility of the Youth Council to the broader organisation, its planning and projects.

Communication and Consultation (Internal/External):

Internal

- General Manager Community Development and Events
- Manager Engagement and Partnerships
- Community Development Officer – Youth
- Brands and Communication Officers

External

- Youth Interagency Network
- Rosebery Queensland
- National Job Link

Legal Environmental and Policy Implications:

The *Local Government Regulation 2012* governs the establishment and management of formal advisory committees to Council.

Financial and Resource Implications:

Administrative and secretarial cost for the Youth Council will be absorbed as part of the existing operational budget of the Engagement and Partnership.

Commentary:

The formation of the Gladstone Region Youth Council is a vehicle to strengthen Council's ability to engage and understand youth development issues for the Gladstone region.

Youth Council also provides a wonderful opportunity for young people to participate in community development matters under a structured framework and offer an insight into the machinery of local government.

Summary:

Nil.

Anticipated Completion Date:

End December 2018 to formally advise successful applicants.

Attachments:

1. Gladstone Region Youth Council Terms of Reference

Tabled Items:

Nil.

Report Prepared by: Community Development Officer – Youth