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YOUTH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2013

1. Purpose of report

To report on the work and achievements of the Wellington City Youth Council in 2013.

2. Executive summary

The Youth Council has written its own Annual Report for 2013, which is attached as Appendix 1.

The Youth Council is positive about 2013, which it views as a “step up from previous years”. It has further developed its work programme, produced a significant amount of good-quality advice, strengthened relationships with other youth organisations and expanded its engagement with young people in Wellington.

The Youth Council considers that it is engaging actively and well with Council’s decision making processes. The next step for the Youth Council is to further improve its engagement with young people in Wellington.

Two issues that the Youth Council would like to highlight include funding for its engagement work and developing a Youth Council logo.

3. Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Governance, Finance and Planning Committee:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Note the work and achievements of the Wellington City Youth Council in 2013.*
3. *Note the issues the Wellington City Youth Council would like the Council to consider.*
4. *Agree that the issue of Youth Council funding be considered as part of the review of the Council’s advisory groups.*
5. *Agree that the development of a Youth Council logo be considered as part of the review of the Council’s branding.*

4. Background

The Wellington City Youth Council (Youth Council) is an advisory group set up under a Terms of Reference (ToR)¹ to inform the work and activities of the Council. The purpose of the Youth Council is to:

- provide Council with a youth perspective on the range of issues covered by Council, as well as issues relating directly to youth;
- build young people's knowledge of Council processes to enable them to participate in Council's decision-making processes; and
- build Council's knowledge of the needs of young people in Wellington City and how these can best be met.

The ToR require the Youth Council to report annually on the "work it has undertaken, attendance and number of meetings held, the group's achievements and any issues or initiatives it wishes the Council to consider further."

Officers are initiating a review of all the Council's advisory groups including the Youth Council. The review will be conducted under the Council's Engagement Improvement Plan as set out in the Council's new Engagement Policy, which was adopted in October 2013.

5. Discussion

The Youth Council's report for 2013 is attached as Appendix 1. It contains responses to the reporting requirements set out in the ToR.

The Youth Council is positive about 2013, which it views as a "step up from previous years". During 2013, the Youth Council revised its work programme and produced a significant amount of good-quality advice. It also conducted two major engagement projects and developed stronger relationships with other youth organisations in Wellington. It has achieved these things through many hours of hard work and the continued development of its systems and practices.

The Youth Council's advice has influenced decisions, particularly in relation to the Alcohol Management Strategy (AMS) and the Our Capital Spaces (OCS) framework. The Youth Council provided advice during the early stages of the decision processes for both the AMS and OCS framework.

Two issues that the Youth Council would like to highlight include funding for its engagement work and developing a Youth Council logo.

With regards to the request for a Youth Council logo, officers note that a review of Council's branding is underway to ensure consistency. The Youth Council's request should be considered in the context of this review. Officers will also look at other opportunities to profile the Youth Council and its work.

The Youth Council believes that funding is needed in order to achieve one of its purposes, that is, building young people's knowledge of Council processes to

¹ <http://wellington.govt.nz/~media/your-council/meetings/files/toryouth.pdf>

enable them to participate in Council's decision-making processes. The Youth Council's ToR² would need to be changed for funding to be provided, so the question of funding will be considered as part of the review of advisory groups.

The Youth Council supports the advisory group review that is being conducted under the Council's Engagement Improvement Plan and has already provided early advice about the changes it would like. Its position is that the current ToR no longer reflect the work the Youth Council is doing or the ways in which it believes the Youth Council can add value in the future.

The Youth Council's recruitment drive for new members began in October 2013 with a view to making appointments in February 2014. However, appointments will not now be made until the review is complete as it is possible that the ToR will be changed.

6. Conclusion

This report provides a summary of the work and activities of the Youth Council in 2013 and flags some issues the Youth Council would like the Council to consider.

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² The ToR state that "The group will not be given an independent budget to commission work or undertake activities outside of this advisory role."

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1) Strategic fit / Strategic outcome

This report supports the outcomes of the Council's governance activities.

2) LTP/Annual Plan reference and long term financial impact

The Wellington City Youth Council is managed within existing budgets.

3) Treaty of Waitangi considerations

There are no Treaty of Waitangi implications from this report.

4) Decision-making

No significant decisions need to be made.

5) Consultation

a) General consultation

No general consultation has been undertaken for this report.

b) Consultation with Maori

No consultation with Maori has been undertaken for this report.

6) Legal implications

There are no legal implications from this report.

7) Consistency with existing policy

The activities of the Wellington City Youth Council are consistent with existing policy and support ongoing policy development.

Annual report for the Wellington City Youth Council 2013

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- provide WCC with the perspective of young people on the range of issues covered by WCC, as well as issues relating directly to young people.
- build young people's knowledge of WCC processes to enable them to participate in WCC's decision-making processes
- build WCC's knowledge of the needs of young people in Wellington City and how these can best be met.

This annual report is for the 2013 calendar year and is organised under the following main headings:

- Overall assessment 2013
- Achievements
- Communications
- Issues
- Governance and administration
- Member inductions and development

Overall assessment 2013

The Youth Council believes that the work in 2013 is a continued step up from previous years.

The Youth Council has continued to improve its submission processes. The process of using working groups to meet outside of meetings to complete the bulk of work on submissions and projects has allowed the Youth Council to complete more work than in previous years.

The Youth Council believes it has begun to take the next step in their work, beginning outreach to inform Wellington City Council consultations. This includes hosting a workshop for under 25s to engage with young people in Wellington City on the Local Alcohol Management Strategy (LAMS).

The Youth Council also undertook significant work around the 2013 Local body Elections. This included a youth targeted website and election sessions in several Wellington high schools.

The Youth Council has also improved relationships with other Wellington Youth networks.

Achievements

This section summarises some of the Youth Council's achievements in 2013, including information about the advice it has given, the work programme it has developed, improved relationships with youth groups and WCC, and its improved systems and work practices.

Advice

The Youth Council provided advice on a wide range of topics to Wellington City Council and other bodies. This is detailed in Appendix 5 and included:

- 4 written submissions to WCC
- 3 oral submissions to WCC
- Early advice to WCC officers on 3 topics
- 1 written and 1 oral submission to the Greater Wellington Regional Council
- A workshop on the Local Alcohol Management Strategy (LAMS), which provided early advice that was incorporated into the strategy

The Youth Council has made more oral submissions in 2013 than in any previous year. The Youth Council sees this as a continued step up, with oral submissions being seen as an important opportunity.

These submissions were considered to be of a high quality, with many having a direct influence on the final policies adopted by WCC. The advice received from the Youth Council's LAMS workshop was directly included in the final strategy. Additionally, The Youth Councils "Our Capital Spaces" submission had a direct effect on the final policy, ensuring that "play" was widened to include all ages of Wellingtonians.

The Youth Council began outreach in 2013, beginning with the LAMS workshop in February, which provided high quality early advice to the council officers developing the strategy which was incorporated into the strategy. The Youth Council also developed the Vote Welly website, which provided young people in Wellington with information about election processes, enrolment and candidates. See appendices 7, 8 and 9 for more information about the LAMS workshop and the Vote Welly website.

Work programme planning

The Youth Council went through a comprehensive process to develop its work programme in early-2013. This was done by reviewing activity across all the WCC's portfolio areas and then prioritising the findings down to a manageable number of themes. The Youth Council will be working on the following themes into 2014:

- Youth and economic development
- Youth-focused civics work
- Youth and Emergencies
- Adult playground
- Outreach

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Improved relationships with youth groups and the WCC

Following through on intentions developed in its 2012 work programme planning, Youth Council devoted considerable energies on developing and maintaining relationships with other youth groups and with the Wellington City Council

- Invited Councillors and the CEO to a breakfast as part of Youth Week. This was paid for through a Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs grant
- Collaboration with the Boys' and Girls' Institute's LINK group on the Local Alcohol Management Strategy workshop
- The Youth Council met with Evolve in 2013 to form a closer relationship. A Youth Councillor is now on the Evolve Board
- Chair and Officer invited to present to youth work students at Weltec.
- Work with VUWSA on alcohol, public transport fares and the local body election.

Improved systems and practices

The Youth Council has continued to improve productivity in 2013, with the system of working groups allowing the bulk of work on submissions and projects to be conducted outside of meetings, with the working group periodically reporting back to the wider Youth Council. See Appendix 3 for a list of working groups in 2013.

The Youth Council has continued to utilise online tools to allow work to be carried out in between meetings. This has included working with the collaborative decision making tool Loomio, which the Youth Council has been involved with for several years. Loomio has been provided free of charge to the Youth Council. The Youth Council wishes to thank Loomio for continued free use of their platform.

Communications

The Youth Council has continued to develop their media profile in 2013 to communicate relevant submissions and information with a wider audience.

This has included two members appearing on TVNZ's 'Breakfast'.

The Youth Council has continued to increase its social media presence, with Facebook 'likes' increasing by 17% to 606. As well as Facebook, the Youth Council has created a Twitter account, @WLGYouthCouncil, which was used to communicate with a wider audience around local body elections, and will be periodically updated in the future.

Issues

The Youth Council has identified several issues that they would like to bring to the attention of the Wellington City Council.

- Since the Youth Council has no budget, it has sought grant funding for its outreach work.
 - It used a grant of \$500 (ex GST) from the Mayors' Taskforce for Jobs to fund a breakfast with Councillors and the CEO in May 2013.
 - The Youth Council unsuccessfully applied to the Ministry of Youth Development for grant of \$42,000 for an online project to promote earthquake preparedness in Wellington youth.

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- The Youth Council successfully applied to the Ministry of Youth Development for \$2,000 to make youth-oriented videos about service provided by Councils. The Youth Council believes that these videos will serve to increase Civic Participation and Youth involvement in Local Government.
- The Youth Council believes that a Terms of Reference review is necessary to bring the Terms of Reference up to date, and ensure that they are bought in line with the processes and functions of the Youth Council, which have changed greatly since March 2011.
- The Youth Council wishes to develop a logo, to represent their work within Council, and externally in their outreach work.

Governance and administration

This section reports on the support the WCC provides, and on membership and meetings over the course of 2013.

Support

Simon Wright from the Consultation and Engagement team has provided strategic, operational and administrative support and guidance to the Youth Council.

The Youth Council has appreciated the regular attendance and advice of Cr. Simon Marsh in 2013, as well as in the past triennium. We look forward to working with Cr. Simon Woolf over the course of this triennium.

Membership

A list of Youth Council members as at October 2013 is set out in Appendix 1. Fifty seven people applied to join the Youth Council during the annual recruitment drive and 10 new members were appointed in February 2013 to bring the Youth Council to its full complement of twenty members. Three members resigned over the course of the year.

The figures in Appendix 2 show that the 2013 Youth Council had good diversity and balance of membership against most of the criteria set out in its Terms of Reference. In 2014, mainly high school aged members need to be appointed.

The Youth Council has greatly improved its recruitment processes. The level of applications received demonstrates that the recruitment strategy utilised in the 2012-13 recruitment drive was highly successful. This level of applications meant that the Youth Council attracted high quality applicants and greatly improved the demographic representation. The Youth Council began its annual recruitment drive for this year in October by sending a letter to schools. The Youth Council intends to shortlist applicants for the first time to reduce the time required in the interviewing process, which took around a week of full time interviewing last year.

Number of meetings and attendance

The Youth Council met 22 times in 2013. A record of agenda topics and meeting attendance is contained in Appendix 4. Attendance in 2013 has been excellent, with no meetings being terminated due to lack of quorum.

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Member inductions and development

Induction sessions were held at the beginning of the year in the two March meetings. This included general information provided by Cr Marsh about the Wellington City Council, Advisory groups and the role of the Youth Council, as well as a game which focused on the annual plan and WCC services, strategies and budgets.

The Youth Council has also advanced work on a Youth Council manual, which is to be given to new members to help familiarise them with Youth Council processes.

Several members have attended conferences in 2013. Information regarding these as well as Youth Councillor report backs are included in Appendix 6.

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Appendix 1. Youth Council Membership at November 2013

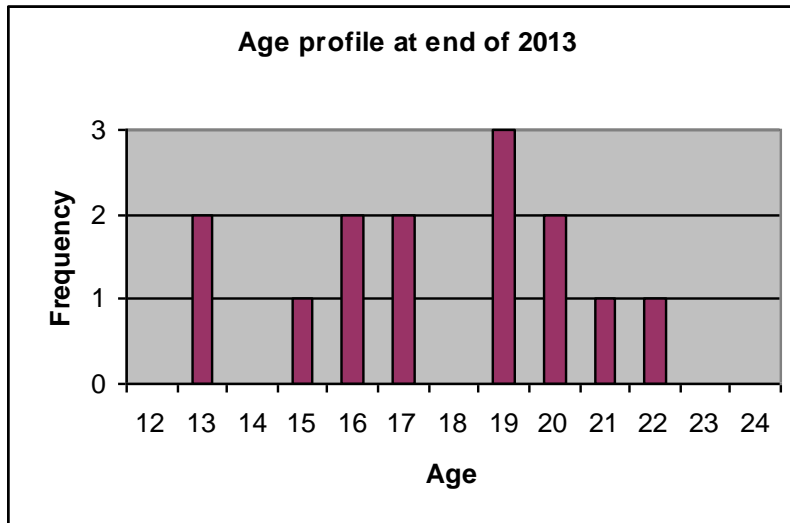
1. Amanda Yong
2. Ben Oglivie
3. Bing-Ying Lou
4. Brittany Hogan
5. Cameron Oldfield
6. Daisy Lutyens
7. Devon Robinson
8. Duncan Armstrong
9. Erin Lockhart
10. Jack Marshall
11. Lily Simmons-Donaldson
12. Maddie Bell
13. Morgan Watkins
14. Oliver Michie
15. Petelo Leaupepe
16. Rawinia Thompson
17. Sean Johnson
18. Teariki Nonu

Resignations during 2013

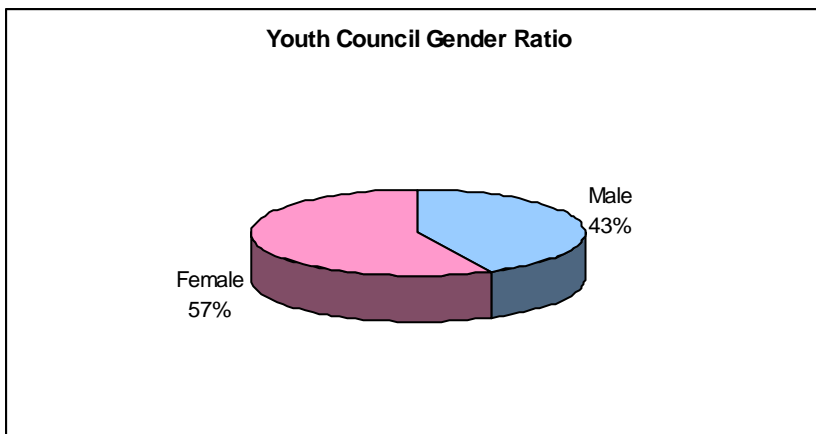
1. Edgardo Vincent Reyes
2. Stevenson Pule
3. Zoe Doole

Appendix 2. Assessment of current members vs. selection criteria

Age



Gender



Educational institution

School	Northland Full Primary		
	QMC	1	6
	St Pats	0	
	Scots	1	
	Tawa	1	
	WEGC	1	
	WGC	2	
Tertiary	VUW	6	

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Ward

Ward	No.	%
Northern	4	25
Onslow-Western	6	38
Lambton	4	25
Southern	1	6
Eastern	1	6

Appendix 3. Youth Council working groups in 2013

Working Group	Members
Induction/ Manual	Zoe, Jack, Lily, Ollie, Ben, Erin
Regional Governance	Sean, Petelo, Cameron, Jack
Our Living City	Sean, Maddie
Emergency management	Maddie, Lily, Amanda, Erin, Ollie, Petelo, Sean, Zoe, Jack, Stevenson.
Open spaces	Zoe, Maddie, Erin, Daisy, Petelo*, Ollie*
Elections	Sean, Ben, Erin, Brittany, Maddie, Zoe, Rawinia*, Ollie, Jack
Adult Playgrounds	Zoe, Bing
Alcohol	Jack, Lily, Teariki, Zoe*, Erin, Brittany, Amanda, Daisy, Bing
Public transport	Morgan*, Ben and Ollie
Annual Report	Jack*, Ollie, Sean, Bing
Video project scope	Jack, Rawinia, Sean, Ben, Daisy, Amanda, Morgan, Brittany, Ollie, Bing, Erin
Drinking Fountains	Petelo*, Ollie, Erin, Daisy
Terms of Reference review	Ben*, Ollie, Sean, Morgan, Rawinia, Jack
Public Transport Spine Study oral submission	Jack, Morgan, Sean, Rawinia, Erin, Ben, Brittany

* = Working Group leader

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Appendix 4. 2013 Youth Council Meetings

Date	Agenda topics	No. of members who attended
20 Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback on how Youth Council's Annual Report was received• Youth engagement for new WCC Alcohol Management Strategy• Youth and emergency preparedness• Election of Chair and Deputy Chair• Forming a working group to organise an induction process for this years new members• Information about Youth Parliament• Questions from prospective members	16
6 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Induction 1: Information about the role and structure of WCC, and of advisory groups, and how to find information• Election of Chair and Deputy Chair• Youth engagement for WCC Alcohol Management Strategy• Induction 2: A game to help you learn about WCC services, strategies and budgets	17
20 Mar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership update• Public transport forum in Lower Hutt• Alcohol Workshop debrief• Youth Council media policy• Developing the Youth Council Manual• Forward programme review and identification of submission opportunities• Assigning portfolios	14
3 Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Membership update• Transport forum in Lower Hutt• Alcohol Workshop• Youth Council Media Policy• Developing the YC Manual• Forward programme review and identification of submission opportunities• Assigning Portfolios• Zoo Day	16

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Date	Agenda topics	No. of members who attended
17 Apr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Living City Programme • Media coverage: Breakfast TV, Northern Courier • Multicultural Council meeting • Confirmation of portfolios • Working groups for submissions on Regional Governance and the Annual Plan • Youth Council Manual 	14
1 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional governance submission • Further work programme development • Fairer Fares Campaign • Annual Plan Working Group • Youth Week breakfast arrangements 	17
15 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Plan submission • Further work programme development 2 • Emergency preparedness grant • Fairer Fares campaign: next steps • Input to Engagement Policy review • Open Spaces Working Group submission 	13
29 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work programme development 2 • Meeting with Evolve at Evolve • Attending Wellington City Council meeting 	12
12 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election project – presentation from Raewynne Uren (Electoral Commission) and Charlie Inggs (WCC Electoral Officer) • Confirmation of work programme • Working group meetings • Our Volunteer Capital • Our Capital Spaces • Cultural Diversity Forum • Our Living City feedback 	16
26 Jun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Strategy feedback • Our Capital Spaces submission • Election project 	16
10 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Capital Spaces submission • Alcohol Management Strategy submission update • Local Body Elections project update • Developing a Youth Council Logo • How well is Loomio working for YC? • Grants • Youth Council Manual 	14

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Date	Agenda topics	No. of members who attended
24 Jul	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'Our Capital Spaces' Oral Submission • Alcohol Management Strategy submission update • Local Body Elections project update • Developing a Youth Council Logo • Loomio: what works well for us? How we could use it better? Feedback to the developers • Grants: should YC apply for more grants? • The week that was 	10
7 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Body Elections project update • YC performance expectations • Living Wage 	14
21 Aug	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol submission feedback • Local Body Elections project update • Sister Cities • Volunteering • Closed Facebook group? • Farewell for Zoe 	11
4 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Body Elections project update • Spine Study submission update • YC Policy Proposals • Youth Strategy? 	13
18 Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Body Elections project update • Spine Study submission • Drinking fountain project 	13
2 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington Waterfront Co plans for an adult playground at Frank Kitts Park • Local Body Elections project update • Spine Study submission update • Drinking fountain project update • Recruitment Strategy • Conference report: Transforming Business • Advisory groups meeting with new Mayor and Councillors, 5 Dec • Youth Council Councillor 	9
16 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Body Elections update • YC Annual Report • Youth Forum in 2014? • Conference reports: Entrepreneurship for a Better Wellington; National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity • End of year event • Swearing in ceremony 	13

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Date	Agenda topics	No. of members who attended
30 Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Report• End of year event• Inauguration of the Wellington City Council• Public transport spine study submission• Delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sport.	13
13 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor Wade Brown• Implications of the new committee structure• Recruitment update• Annual Report• Video project	11
27 Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms of Reference advice• Council - Advisory group meet and greet• Public Transport Spine Study oral submission• Video project update• Recruitment update	12
11 Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Year celebration	-

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Appendix 5. Youth Council Advice in 2013

Submissions	Written	Oral
1. Draft Annual Plan	√	√
2. Regional Governance	√	-
3. Our Capital Spaces	√	-
4. Alcohol Management Strategy	√	√
5. Public Transport Spine Study	√	√

In addition to the formal advice listed above, the Youth Council provided:

6. Results of the youth alcohol workshop as early advice on the alcohol management strategy
7. Advice to officers developing advice on implementing a living wage
8. Early advice to Michael Faherty, Wellington Waterfront Company regarding plans for the redevelopment of Frank Kitts Park and regarding adult play
9. Early advice to officers regarding the Youth Council's Terms of Reference.

Appendix 6. Conferences, events and training attended by Youth Councillors

- Sustainable Business Network's 'Transforming Business' Conference, Te Papa, 4 September
- Powhiri for Dr. Kevin Lavery, Pipitea Marae, 4 April.
- Sister Cities NZ and Youth Development Presentation, Beehive, 31 July.
- National Youth Forum on Cultural Diversity, Wellington, 23-26 August
- Social Enterprise Conference: Entrepreneurship for a Better Wellington, Wellington 15 August
- Connects Training, MYD's leadership training
- 'Making effective submissions' for WCC advisory groups, Andrew Stitt, Manager, Policy, 10 July, Committee Room 2
- Engagement Policy workshop, 11 July Committee Room 2
- Inauguration Ceremony, 30 October, Michael Fowler Centre
- Delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Youth and Sports, 8 November 2013.
- Advisory group meet and greet, 4 December, WCC

Appendix 7. Letter from the Minister of Youth Affairs



Office of Hon Nikki Kaye

Minister for Food Safety
Minister of Civil Defence
Minister of Youth Affairs

Associate Minister of Education
Associate Minister of Immigration

18 MAR 2013

Wellington Youth Council
c/o Wellington City Council
101 Wakefield St
WELLINGTON 6011

Dear Jack, Bing and all Wellington Youth Council members

I congratulate you for expressing your views on the negative media attention often surrounding young people and alcohol. I am really heartened to see groups, such as the Wellington Youth Council, ensuring that young people have their say on important issues like this.

I admire your initiative in organising the Society, Alcohol and Young people workshop at Te Papa on 25 March. As Minister of Youth Affairs, I encourage young people to be active citizens in their communities, contributing their views in order to make positive change. Well done and thank you for being fantastic ambassadors of this event.

I wish you the very best for your workshop and I hope you get some insightful comments and opinions to feed into the City Council's draft alcohol management strategy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nikki Kaye'.

Hon Nikki Kaye
Minister of Youth Affairs

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Appendix 8. Community Engagement around the Alcohol Management Strategy

The Wellington City Council first initiated the Alcohol Management Strategy in early February as a response to the Government's Alcohol Reform Bill. The Youth Council decided to step up and actively take part in the developmental stages of the strategy, which was a community wide consultation process to draft up the policies surrounding liquor store licenses and general alcohol-related behaviour.

The Youth Council decided to extend the process of community engagement to other youth organizations and young people across the city, hoping to provide a greater scope of opinions, ideas and concerns from young people aged between 12-24 had on the management of alcohol in the city.

As a result Link, a group from the Wellington Boys' and Girls' Institute (BGI), decided to come on board and collaborate with the Youth Council on the organization of a Youth Alcohol Workshop.

Working together with Link was fantastic, especially allowing Youth Councillors to become familiar with other youth projects, as well as being able to share innovative strategies, ideas and methods for running a youth workshop. Much of the planning was held at BGI and in a matter of weeks, the procedure, structure and content of the workshop, as well as venue booking, recruitment and spot prizes organised.

On Saturday 23 March, around 40 young people aged between 12-25 attended the Youth Alcohol Workshop at Te Papa. Discussions ranged from underage drinking and pre-loading in the suburbs to the roadblocks for desired changes in behaviour, as well as the social attitudes towards binge drinking and possible solutions and incentives to promote safe alcohol consumption, including 'chill out zones', smartphone apps and better youth education on social drinking.

The aim of the workshop was to get young people involved in local decision-making, and it was great to see a range of youth present, from Year Nine pupils through to tertiary students and members of regional youth organisations.

We believe the workshop was a great success, showing that young people have solid opinions about alcohol management and should have a say in any alcohol policy that is implemented. It also showed the ability of the Youth Council to network and collaborate with other youth organisations to set in motion action plans and 'walk the talk'. Officers considered that the workshop was valuable and very well run. Using the Youth Council in collaboration with other youth organisations is a model the WCC might want to consider for future youth engagement.

Many Youth Councilors also participated in the online discussion forum on *Loomio.org* as part of the wider community consultation in creating the Draft Alcohol Management Strategy. It was a great platform to put forth a youth perspective in the discussions that generally had an older demographic, and it was

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a great way to engage with other members of the Wellington Community in debates surrounding the issues and ideas for alcohol management in the city.

Submission on the Draft Alcohol Management Strategy

When the Wellington City Council put forth the Draft Alcohol Management Strategy in early July, the Youth Council followed up its previous work on local alcohol policy by writing a formal submission to Council.

The alcohol working group also decided to make an oral submission to the WCC on 7 August, taking a strong stance that youth perspectives are important to the implementation of local alcohol policy. It also showcased the growing confidence and commitment of the Youth Council in representing the voice of young people in local-decision making.

Appendix 9. Youth Council engagement in the 2013 Local Body Elections

In the month leading up to the 2013 Wellington Local Body Elections, Youth Council ran the website www.VoteWelly.org.

The website was created to provide a youth focused account of who the candidates were and what general policies they held. The need for such a website was first bought up in talks with Charlie Inggs who said that one reason young people typically do not vote in local body elections is that they often do not have a strong concept of who the candidates are or what they stand for.

VoteWelly.org was created to fill this gap. It was primarily comprised of profile pages for each of the candidates that detailed their responses to a questionnaire that we sent out.

In addition to this, theme pages were created that highlighted overall candidates responses to specific questions grouped around ideas such as 'Transport'.

Finally, the website also included pages containing information on how the election process works and what the council actually does for young people; as well as providing overview pages for each of the Wellington City wards.

The Youth Council believes that VoteWelly.org achieved what it set out to do. It reached total of (350) individual users for a total of (2500) page views. The ratio of people to page views (7.14 pages per person) shows that the website was sufficiently interesting to draw people in so that they explored the entire website, not just leaving at the home page.

In addition to completing its intended goal of giving young people relevant information about the local body elections it also enabled us as Youth Council to learn a lot more about setting up and maintaining a website.

We believe that we now have the knowledge to run a similar project in the future if we thought that it would be a good idea.

Overall the project enabled us to connect with a much wider range of people that we otherwise would and learn skills that will benefit our operations, and the Wellington City Council, in the future.