

Armadale Youth CAN (Collaborative Action Network) Meeting minutes

8 th Armadale Youth CAN Meeting		
3.1.2017	10:00am – 12:00pm	Frye Park Pavilion, Kelmscott
Chair	Ashleigh Tapper – Community Development Officer - Youth, City of Armadale	
Co-Chair	Anania Tagaro – Save the Children	
Minute taker	Ashleigh Tapper – City of Armadale	
Attendees (as below):		
Name	Position	Organisation
Simone Ryan	Youth Counsellor/ educator	SEMIADS (Palmerston)
Sheree Flatman	Case Worker	Mercy Care Reconnect
Kelli Gould	Youth Justice Officer	South East Metropolitan YJJ
Lee Hayes	Business Relationship Manager	Centacare Employment and Training
Rachael Paldon	Youth Leadership Round Table	Save the Children
Alison Cannell	Youth Education Advisor	Youth Justice
Laura Miller	Social Worker	Wanslea Cusp
Jamie Barr	Ignite Basketball	City of Armadale
Karina Chicote	Regional Coordinator	Save the Children
Anania Tagaro	Senior Project Officer	Youth Partnership Project (Save the
Charmaine Porter	CFC Assistant	CFC Communicare
Dee Hale	YCIO	WA Police
Acknowledgment of country, welcome and roundtable introductions, group introductions		
10.00-10.10am	Ashleigh Tapper/ All	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashleigh gave initial welcome, introduced herself as the new Community Development Officer – Youth at the City. The group gave round table introductions on their name, organisation and position (see list of attendees above) Ashleigh gave the acknowledgement of country. Ashleigh received apologies from: Olivia Forsdike, Martin Moody, Braden Doherty, Christina Self The group used activity time to meet each other and as introductions 		
The way forward – Direction of the CAN for 2016		
10.20 – 10.35am	Anania Tagaro and Ashleigh Tapper	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anania gave a background to the CAN about the YPP and what had occurred to date and re-explained the CAN’s purpose: to work collaboratively on actions that provide solution or work towards improving the lives of local young people, addressing the needs and issues in the area. Anania detailed the Armadale Youth CAN focus areas for going forward and touched on each of the CAN’S (Belmont, Gosnells, Canning, Armadale) having different focus areas identified from the 9 presented originally. 		

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- Anania discussed the potential for the **YPP to conclude** around June and discussed that the CANs will still continue to operate post the YPP and post- Nia's involvement as they have been specifically incorporated into Local Government as Local Governments are not going anywhere.

- Ashleigh discussed a collaborative action to address focus area 2 (strengthen genuine relationships with young people) and focus area 3 (Greater collaboration and improve partnerships within the youth sector) referred to as **Kaleidoscope Youth**. Ashleigh discussed that City of Armadale is at a disadvantage to other Local Governments as we do not have the resources currently to have a Youth Advisory Council. She suggested the CAN form a "borrow a YAC" reference group that would meet quarterly called 'the Kaleidoscope youth.' The function of this group would be similar to a YAC in that it would be a group of dynamic youth from all different groups and organisations, schools etc from within the City of Armadale. The purpose would be to provide insight to our organisations as to the young people's needs, wants, viewed issues and suggestions/ ideas for our City – straight from the youth themselves. Outcomes would include:
 - Provision of a safe and encouraging platform for young people to express their feedback, ideas and wishes.
 - A successful fun and rewarding opportunity for young people to collaborate, rise up and take on leadership roles in their own community.
 - Strengthens genuine relationships and builds rapport with young people.
 - Strengthens and builds relationships with local schools, community groups, partners and youth organisations through collaboration.
 - Provides CoA and CAN with direction for future projects and events straight from authentic feedback from our target audience.

The definition of kaleidoscope is: *A constantly changing pattern or sequence of elements or; a toy consisting of a tube containing mirrors and pieces of coloured glass or paper, whose reflections produce changing patterns when the tube is rotated.* This would be a great concept name for a quarterly meeting of young people – visually representative of the constantly changing needs and wants of youth. The youth group would be the 'kaleidoscope' – their ideas and brainstorms are the reflections of the changing patterns and colours of the larger reach of youth in the area.

All present organisations agreed this was a good action and some mentioned they had members that would be suitable to join the *Kaleidoscope* including: Wanslea, Ignite Basketball leaders, and others.

The idea of having incentives for the youth to be involved other than input was raised and the group suggested vouchers, prizes and food would be a good thing to involve at each quarterly meet up.

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- Ashleigh raised the suggestion that had been previously discussed and raised at past CAN meetings of creating a **Facebook page** to promote all CAN events and activities directly to the youths themselves. This would be in line with the *Kaleidoscope Youth* reference group with the same name and the City of Armadale’s CDO –Youth will do the administration however it is **not** a CoA page. The purpose of the page would be for youth to access the information of what is going on in the Armadale and surrounds – all CAN members will be invited to send engaging content and pictures through to Ashleigh and she will post on behalf of the CAN.
- Group feedback on this suggestion was that other organisations ran a similar concept that worked well, the posts can be scheduled, we could run a competition to engage the youth, we need to have regular communication and the page would need to be interesting, funny, constantly updated and what the youth would like to see.
- Ashleigh has had meetings with majority of the local high schools and all were supportive of sharing our “Kaleidoscope Youth FB page” through their own social networks to raise the profile.
- Ashleigh will advise when the page has been created and invite CAN members to commence sending scheduled content for inclusion.

- Ashleigh raised the topic of **National Youth Week** and a collaborative event in Jull Street Mall.
- The CoA was successful in receiving a grant for \$1000 to deliver a National Youth Week event called *Artbeat* in the Jull Street Mall on Sunday 10th April from 3 – 7pm. CoA is partnering with Headspace, Hope Community Services, Save the Children, Ignite Basketball and the Armadale Rotary to deliver the event which will consist of a free sausage sizzle, live local entertainment, Armadale SHS band performance, chalk art on the mall, a live urban art demo, stalls with games, competitions etc, a chill out tent.
- All CAN members were invited to get involved if they wanted to and to contact Ashleigh.
- A suggestion was made to look into the Variety children’s choir for future entertainment at events.
- A flyer will be coming out soon and Ashleigh asked all organisations to promote the event among their clients and social networks.
- Dee from WA police will enquire as to their involvement for the day.

Small group activity: How to ‘action’ Armadale’s Action Plan

10.35am – 11.10am | Anania Tagaro and All

- All CAN members were asked to have a look through the top four focus areas from the Armadale Youth Priority Focus Areas sheet and brainstorm “action” items that they identified as being of importance this year.
- The suggestions included:
 - Create working groups for example an Education working group:
 - Provide scholarships to youth in need and tap into existing facilitator resources to deliver Armadale Aspirations program – helping career development, link in with job service resources to get involved. Strengthen relationships with Department of Education.
 - Create a set of values for the CAN – can be natted out in one session.
 - Group 2’s results to be emailed through to Ash soon.

MORNING TEA 11.10 – 11.20AM

YPP Update (YLR activities, the other CAN’s, 1st YACPak Leadership Camp 2016)

11.20 – 11.30am | Anania Tagaro

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- Anania discussed the fact that young people are training for jobs that won't be relevant in the future which sets the scene for the upcoming YACPak Leadership camp – a three day upskilling camp where youth from various YACs and the YLR will join together in this exciting opportunity.
- The purpose of the YACPak camps is to inspire innovation, entrepreneurship, advocacy, social policy and leadership in youth to prepare them for the future so these youth can create sustainable and innovative ideas to benefit communities. This camp is the first of its kind.
- The YPP (Youth Partnership Project) is bidding to Minister Simpson to keep running post-June though the CANs will continue even if the YPP doesn't.
- Anania discussed the opportunity for all of the CANs to band together for a 1 day advocacy forum in June with details to be announced shortly.
- The group questioned whether their youth could be invited to a YLR (Youth Leadership Roundtable) meeting or if the YLR could meet their group to inspire and discuss their stories – how they got to where they are etc. The group agreed this would be a good idea and individuals will discuss further opportunities.

AYIP Multisport School Holiday Program Presentation

11.30-11.55am

Jamie Barr – Ignite Basketball – City of Armadale

Jamie from City of Armadale provided an engaging presentation on an inspiring school holiday program that the Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP) ran this past school holidays.

- The program engaged with 5 hard to reach, disengaged youth who are known prolific offenders in the area.
- \$27,000 was provided by the YPP to run the project.
- Youth workers engage with the youth, all had existing positive relationships built with the youth.

Key things that worked well:

- Excellent attendance and engagement with particularly difficult to engage participants
- Resumes created
- Job interview practices
- Engagement with Headspace
- 78% reduction in offences by participants over the month
- Better understanding of participants to allow tailored support structures
- 3 young people referred to Reconnect and receiving ongoing support
- 2 young people enrolled and engaged in Cert II Leadership course (Challenger)

Things that need improvement in future:

- More lead time to plan program
- Better communication with partner orgs
- More pre-planned post support

Wrap up, Next steps & Close

11.55 – 12pm

Ashleigh Tapper

- Ashleigh thanked everyone for attending and for their input into the workshops today
- Look forward to working towards our key focus areas.
- Please forward any suggestions for guest speakers and future agenda items to Ash
- Ashleigh to notify network of next meeting.