

MEETING MINUTES	
YOUTH COUNCIL	
MONDAY 05 MAY 2025	6.01PM



*Minutes of a meeting of the Youth Council held on Monday 05 May 2025, which commenced at 6.01pm, Te Āhuru Mōwai, Manawatu Community Hub Libraries, Pātiki Tahuaroa room.*

**Present:** Kahupounamu Potaka (Chair) Carlota Ramirez  
Mackenzie Carman (Marketing/Social Media) Wiremu Bray  
Ella Bydder Lavara Makutu  
Finn Macdonald Darren Wijerathna  
Rose Jeffery

**Attended:** Joey Mckechnie (Youth Engagement Co-ordinator)  
Cr Lara Blackmore (MDC Liaison Councillor)  
Tori Short (Staff Governance Support)  
Eric Schuster (Community Support)

**Apologies:** Kaea Tahi-Martin, Ruth Doyle, Aislinn Kuriger, Kyle England

YC 22-25/335

### MEETING OPENING

Kahu opened the meeting with karakia.

YC 22-25/336

### APOLOGIES

Kaea Tahi-Martin, Ruth Doyle, Aislinn Kuriger, Kyle England, Sam Mclean.

YC 22-25/337

### SMOKEFREE POLICY

Kemi spoke to us about the smokefree policy for NZ. Whilst smoking has decreased, vaping has increased by a large percentage. MDC want to provide a smoke and vape free environment for our community. The group discussed each of their views on what we can do to minimise vaping and smoking in our district.

YC 22-25/338

### YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2025

- Theme – We agree this is important to have as it shapes the night. We are yet to confirm what this will be.
- Award categories – We have 6 different categories that will hopefully align with all schools in the area.

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- Plants – We have agreed to have a plant and an overall winner plaque (maker space). Yet to confirm what plant this will be. Macca and Maddie to liaise with MDC comms for plaque.
- Guest Speaker – Joey and Kaea will email Stacey.
- MC – Agreed to have Chris again, with a potential co-host. Lara will email him.

YC 22-25/339

### **SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY**

This was discussed.

YC 22-25/340

### **YOUTH MARKET**

Joey spoke about YM. Provided a hard copy that I will attach with allocated roles etc.

YC 22-25/341

### **YOUTH WEEK**

Reached out to FAHS and HP about holding Spark that chat at one of the schools. Tori will speak to a dept principal to discuss holding it at FAHS.

YC 22-25/342

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Maccaa - wanted an update for credits. Joey is still working on this. Mr Grove from FAHS may be helpful.

Discussed about having an induction day. Need to confirm with Maree Brown and come back to see when best suits everyone.

Careers expo – Maree Pritchard would like to know if any youth can help on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Kahu, Macca and Finn possibly.

YC 22-25/343

### **MEETING CLOSURE**

Kahu closed the meeting at 7.52pm with karakia.

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The next meeting of the Manawatū District Youth Council will be held at Te Āhuru Mōwai (Manawatu Community Hub Libraries), the Pātiki Tahuaroa room, on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at 6:00 pm.