

MINUTES

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Name:	Youth Coalition of the ACT
Date:	Tuesday, 25 November 2025
Time:	12:15 pm to 1:04 pm (AEDT)
Location:	Default Location, 46 Clianthus St, O'Connor, ACT, 2602
Board Members:	Cindylee Young (Chair), Harrison Oates, Sunday Roach
Attendees:	Hannah Watts, Kylie Denny
Apologies:	Jalene Teo, Joshuah Yeend, Sonali Varma, Kat Reed, Mr Hassan Riaz

1. Annual General Meeting

1.1 Welcome and Opening

Meeting Opened at 12:15pm

Quorum Required: 5 Members

Members in Attendance: 14 Members

Member Attendance in person: Nat Oliver (Anglicare Rep), Rebecca Zappelli (Families ACT Rep), Joel Artup, Damien Kelly, Rikki Lloyd, Kieran Purves, Tony Rogers, Cindylee Young

Member Attendance online: Mel Haley (Conflict Resolution Service Rep), Beth Allibone, Mark Marlor, Harrison Oates, Sunday Roach, Ted Sherwood.

Stakeholder Attendance in person: Sonia DiMezza, Hannah Watts (CEO), Kylie Denny, Erin Barry, Thomas Stevens, Hayden Page, Shannon Lanza

Cindylee Young (Chair) welcomed everyone to the 2025 AGM. She acknowledged the Ngunnawal and Ngambri people as traditional owners and custodians of the land.

The meeting commenced with 14 financial members in attendance which represents a quorum in line with the constitution

1.2 Apologies

Apologies were received from: Anita Mills - ATODA, Sonali Varma, Joshuah Yeend

1.3 Confirm Minutes of 2024 Annual General Meeting

Annual General Meeting 19 Nov 2024, the minutes were confirmed as presented.



Motion that the Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting be acc...

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Moved by: Kieran Purves

Seconded by: Harrison Oates

Decision Date: 25 Nov 2025

Outcome: Approved

1.4 Chair's Report

Cindylee provided a summary of the year including the work that has been done internal organisation improvements. She thanked Hannah Watts for her first year as CEO and acknowledged the work that her and the Youth Coalition Staff have undertaken during the year to grow the organisation.

She thanked the outgoing board members - Beth Allibone, Sunday Roach, Kat Reed, Joshua Yeend, and Hassan Riaz for their contributions.

1.5 CEO's Report/Annual Report

Hannah provided an overview of the growing need for advocacy for young people, and connections between service providers as we work together as a sector to support young people.

Internally the youth co has has a focus this year on revising administrative and governance processes, aiming to stream line internal processes. Youth Co also received charity status through the ACNC this year.

Key issues that the Youth Co has focused on have included addressing gambling harm, domestic and family violence, supporting improved mental health and wellbeing, advocating for cost of living supports for young people, and emerging conversations around child exploitation and support for young men. We are reviewing youth participation mechanisms both internally, and looking at how we can support organisations who wish to engage with young people through advisory groups.

Hannah acknowledged the board and staff team and thanked them for all their hard work, and acknowledged the skills they bring to the organisation.

A full overview of the work of the organisation is available through our annual report on our website.

1.6 Treasurer's Report

Hannah presented the Treasurers report on behalf of Hassan Riaz, as he was unable to attend the AGM.

This year the Youth Coalition engaged an external book keeper, following the previous business manager resigning her position to move interstate. This required a significant change of processes for the organisation.

For our external audit, we also appointed a new auditor, Hardwicks Chartered Accountants, which required a large amount of work, but has provided us with new ways of working, alongside the new external bookkeeper.

The audited financial statement was made available to members and participants at the AGM.

Revenue and other income: \$946,416 (2024: \$787,770)

Surplus for the 24/25 financial year amounted to \$181,571 (2024: 12,404).

The board notes that this surplus is intended to support increased staffing capacity and associated program delivery costs in the 2025 - 2027 financial years. Subsequent to the end of the reporting period, the organisation entered into an employment contract for a new staff member, with salary and related costs to be partially funded from this surplus.

1.7 Appointment of Auditor



2025/26 Auditor

Motion: That the Finance and Audit Committee appoint Hardwickes as the Auditor for 2025/26

Decision Date: 25 Nov 2025
Mover: Sunday Roach
Seconder: Harrison Oates
Outcome: Approved

1.8 Election of Board Members

Board members are elected for a 2 year term. The following Director's terms will continue for the next year before they are required to run for re-election:

- Cindylee Young
- Jalene Teo
- Sonali Varma
- Hassan Riaz
- Harrison Oates

With several board members completing a term and standing for renomination, as well as casual vacancies from non returning board members we have four positions vacant and seven candidates.

An online election has been held in line with our constitution.

1.9 Confirmation of Appointment of Board Members



The four elected board Members are: Rikki Lloyd, Mark Marlor, Tim McNe...

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Rikki Lloyd
Mark Marlor
Tim McNevin
Damien Kelly

Thanks to all nominees Tony Rogers, Ted Sherwood and Sarah Lendon and we encourage you to stay in contact with us.

Decision Date: 25 Nov 2025
Outcome: Approved

1.10 Other Business

No Other Business raised

2. Close

2.1 Close the meeting

Next meeting: No date for the next meeting has been set.

Signature: _____

Date: _____