

# JULY 2014



## Whangarei District Council Youth Advisory Group

### YAG Deputy Chair

Following the resignation of Kelsey Eaton from the portfolio of YAG Deputy Chair, because of other commitments, a confidential vote was held with Year 11 Whangarei Girls' High School student Pru Rhynd being named as her successor. Congratulations Pru!



### Liaison Role Review

The group discussed the direction of the YAG Liaison portfolio currently held by Te Kaurinui Parata. While it was originally made to liaise with youth orientated groups in the Whangarei District, the group felt it was more effective for the role to focus on direct liaison with youth themselves by implementing strategies along with the YAG Chair and Deputy Chair.



### Review of Youth Advisory Group work around the 2013 WDC Youth Policy & Youth Consultation

The Youth Advisory Group reviewed our current practices used over the previous year around youth engagement and ensuring that youth are having their voices heard.

Many members suggested that while the progress of the group continued to be of a high standard, there was always room for improvement. Ideas were floated as to how to achieve more meaningful youth engagement with the Whangarei District Council through YAG. The YAG Leadership Team will work on strategies that all YAG members can work to implement.

Suggestions from schools and interested parties are always welcomed, and can be sent to [chairman.YAG@outlook.com](mailto:chairman.YAG@outlook.com) or via [facebook.com/ShapeYourCity](https://www.facebook.com/ShapeYourCity)

### Communication

Two members accepted an invitation from the Whangarei Youth Space to a special meeting to vote for their new Youth Trustees on 14 July. YAG was also invited to a consultation with Council Policy Planners.