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Whangarei District Council Youth Advisory Group

2014-15 Annual Plan

There were not huge changes made to the initial draft. The netball upgrade is now being moved from unfunded to funded which will have a beneficial impact on youth involvement in netball. YAG was praised for its submission to the Draft Annual Plan.

Youth Summit Update

107 youth from around Northland attended the Youth Summit held at the Te Ahu centre in Kaitiāia. It involved inspirational talks and encouraged participants that projects do not have to be big to make a positive difference to the community. In total 11 projects received funding, each getting \$500. Funded projects included a fluoro party at Moerewa, a concert in Kaikohe and the redecoration of the Rose St. bus terminal.

Public Places Bylaw

The Draft Public Places Bylaw 2014 is currently up for consultation process with the public. More information at wdc.govt.nz



FIFA U-20 World Cup Update - Pete Gleeson, WDC Economic Development

Pete explained to the group that his role with Council is to build a vibrant community and build relationships. He spoke to the group about the upcoming 2015 FIFA U20 World Cup, which is the third largest sporting event worldwide. The event will run from the 30th of May until the 20th of June 2015. Whangarei is one of the seven host cities selected. It will host three pool matches and one round of sixteen match; it will also host four teams. The first game will be played in Whangarei on the 30th of May. The event is expected to generate a number of direct and indirect social, economic and cultural benefits. YAG and other youth from the District can become involved by volunteering in a range of different categories.

More information at: [facebook.com/u20worldcup2015](https://www.facebook.com/u20worldcup2015)





Psychoactive Substances Policy Adoption

On 22 May the Chair, Brad Olsen, made an oral submission to Council on behalf of YAG, outlining the concerns held by the group about the impact of psychoactive substances on youth, and YAG’s positive feeling towards the Draft Policy.

On the June 11 WDC adopted the Psychoactive Substances Policy. Minor changes were made based on public submissions such as reduction in the “sale area” away from street corners. It also limits the proximity of sellers in the sales area and times of operation.

Hundertwasser Arts Centre

The Hundertwasser Arts Centre will be an agenda item for the full Whangarei District Council meeting on June 25th. Council will make a decision to either keep it or remove it from the Long Term Plan 2012-2022. If people want to express their personal opinion/view they are encouraged to contact their local Councillor. Contact details can be found on wdc.govt.nz

Haikou City and Whangarei City confirm friendship

A visit to Whangarei District Council was made from officials from Haikou City in the People’s Republic of China. Whangarei and Haikou City are now friendly cities. Haikou has a population of 2,046,189.

Whangarei has gained thousands of new friends with the signing of the “Friendly City” agreement between the two cities.

“This relationship has been building for 10 years during which representatives from Hainan have visited Whangarei,” said Mayor Sheryl Mai. “It is an honour to be taking this new step, formalising our friendship with this agreement.”

Both cities will commit to promoting their counterpart city in its own district and country, and look for opportunities to actively participate in key international events held by the other city with an aim toward sharing experiences and facilitating cooperation.

