



MEETING WRAP

To begin this monthly meeting, we did two team building activities.

The first one was solving rebus puzzles and the second one was a funny challenge where we were given a role of toilet paper and were told to take as many pieces as we would like without further context to why.

It turned out that the number of pieces we chose was the amount of fun facts we had to share about ourselves, the numbers ranging from 1-22. Next, we had former Youth Councillor and Secretary Neil Alombro come to propose an idea he had about an Environmental Subcommittee specialising in interacting with farms and educating school pupils.

We gladly took on his idea and over the next year we will work with Neil to put a Subcommittee in place. After that we had Deputy Chairperson and Event Liaison Henry Goodes report back to us about a Youth Audit training he attended, and this has inspired us to conduct some audits of our own.

Our first one being of the Skate Park at Skate Jam. Then we had Janice McKay come to talk to us about running some workshops on being Global Ambassadors. Global Ambassadors is a program run by the Council for youth and it focuses on many things from cultural competency to international internships.

Next, we had Steve Fabish come to talk to us about Inspiring the Future which is a program where youth get introduced to inspirational people's story's and learn how they made it to success and how they themselves can also reach success.

We loved this idea and are hoping to be able to work with Steve to take Inspiring the Future further in the community.

Finally for general business we found out who would be writing this month's articles and congratulated Beatrice on her scholarship to join the Burwick Outdoor Experience.



MADDIE PAGE
Secretary

JOIN AYC'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUB-COMMITTEE

The Environmental Eco Sub-Committee is a plan that past AYC member, Neil Alombro, has put together to explore and develop ideas where we can teach the youth in our district about keeping eco-friendly.

Eco-Educate are eager to partner with us, they run classes and workshops about a variety of different topics such as waste audits, recycling and compost, and many more. The intention of creating this sub-committee was to raise the subject of helping out around the community and for everyone to learn about why it is so important for us to keep our environment clean.

There are 2 main ideas that could possibly be developed and achieved by this Sub-Committee within the next two years, with other ideas to be established in the future.

School Outreach in the Ashburton/Methven District:

This is where we can engage primary, intermediate and secondary schools in our community and assist them by providing workshops that teach students about single-use plastic in



lunches and other topics that would be beneficial for students to learn about.

General Clean-Up Days:

As a Sub-Committee it would be a great idea to be able to gather as many people as possible from around the district and move between towns and native zones in our community to look out for our environment and clean up rubbish in these areas; places such as native reserves or rural towns.

This could be a fun and great volunteering opportunity for families or a group of friends to go out on a Saturday for just a couple of hours and help out our environment. The location of these clean-up days

would still need to be decided, but this would also be another plan that could possibly happen within the next year.



Having other youth in our district who are also interested in helping out our community and being part would be a great opportunity for them to learn about important issues revolving around environmental problems happening today.

With this Sub-Committee being created, creating change and guiding youth in our district about these topics is the first step we want to make.

Anna Tu'amoheloa - Council Member

YOUTH AUDITS

For this year one of the goals for the Ashburton Youth Council is to do audits on our events

I was lucky enough to do a training up in Christchurch and have a first hand look on how audits work and the purpose of them.

With the information I have obtained from the training the Youth Council will be able to implement into all the events we will be doing and buildings that the youth of Ashburton uses. At the training we learnt the benefits of an audit and the pro and cons of doing an audit.

There were a huge amount of people from different Youth Councils with lots of experienced auditors who told us everything we needed to know about adults. The first audit will be ready for Skate Jam, the first Youth Council event for the year on the 9th May.

With the feedback from Skate Jam then we will be able to make a final copy of the audit and use the same method for the next events for the year.

With going to the training I was able to

meet new people and learn new skills that could really be helpful in life and would highly recommend going to an audit training.

Henry Goodes - Deputy Chair/ Event Liaison