

# Attachments

## Council Meeting

Monday 15 April 2024

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**10.1 Whitehorse Youth Consultation and Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee Cyber Safety Project**

Attachment 1 WYRC Council Report Dec 23 Existing Cyber Security Safety Strategies & Tools

## 10.1 – ATTACHMENT 1. WYRC Council Report Dec 23 Existing Cyber Security Safety Strategies & Tools

### Existing Cyber Security Safety Strategies & Tools

Protecting oneself from social media trolls and online harassment can be challenging, but there are several cyber safety tools and strategies that are available to help:

1. **Privacy Settings:** Adjust your social media account settings to limit what information is visible to the public and only allow trusted friends or connections to interact with you. This can include making your accounts private and controlling who can send you friend or follow requests.
2. **Blocking and Reporting:** Most social media platforms have features that allow you to block or mute users who are harassing or trolling you. You can also report abusive behavior to the platform administrators.
3. **Content Moderation:** Use content moderation tools to filter out offensive or harmful comments and posts. Many social media platforms and third-party services offer these features.
4. **Keyword Filters:** Set up keyword filters to automatically hide or block posts and comments that contain specific words or phrases associated with harassment or trolling.
5. **Muting:** Muting specific accounts or keywords can help you avoid seeing harmful content while still allowing you to interact with other users.
6. **Monitoring and Alerts:** Some tools and services can monitor your social media accounts and alert you to potential threats or harmful activity.
7. **Anonymity Settings:** If possible, limit the amount of personal information you share on social media, reducing the risk of trolls being able to identify you offline.
8. **Use Strong Passwords:** Make sure your social media accounts have strong, unique passwords to prevent unauthorized access.
9. **Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Enable 2FA on your social media accounts to add an extra layer of security.
10. **Secure Chat and Messaging Apps:** Use secure messaging apps with end-to-end encryption to ensure your private conversations are not easily accessible to trolls.
11. **Educate Yourself:** Understand the policies and terms of service of the social media platforms you use. Familiarize yourself with the reporting mechanisms and support resources available.
12. **Limit Personal Information:** Avoid sharing sensitive personal information, such as your home address, phone number, or financial details, on social media.
13. **Seek Legal Action:** If the harassment or trolling reaches a severe level, consult with legal authorities and consider pursuing legal action against the harasser.
14. **Support Networks:** Share your concerns with friends and family who can provide emotional support and help you navigate the situation.

While the WYRC members believe the above strategies and tools are comprehensive there is concern that the government and the tech companies focus on helping and supporting young people are not effectively influencing young

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people's behaviour. The WYRC believe there is an important need for a grass roots responses by Council and the community to improve online safety.

**10.2**                      **Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee 2023  
Annual Report**

Attachment 1            WYRC 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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Meet the Committee



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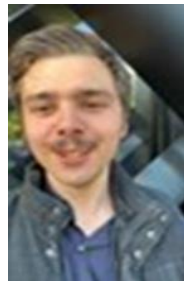
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## Introduction

The Whitehorse Youth Representative Committee (WYRC) is made up of young people aged 12 to 25 who are passionate about making positive changes for young people in the Whitehorse community. The committee meets every two weeks for 2 hours in Box Hill and discusses the organisation of different events and initiatives.

### Aim:

The fundamental goal of WYRC is to represent young people in Whitehorse and to collect ideas to report to Whitehorse City Council to further improve the community. The primary aims include:

- Offer young people a safe space and safe events to connect with each other.
- Provide different workshops to provide young people with reliable information to support them throughout their life journey.
- To consult with community to understand youth issues and seek potential solutions.

### Benefits:

As a member of WYRC, you will gain the opportunity to embrace multiple opportunities, make positive changes in Whitehorse for young people and be engaged in relevant trainings required to fulfill the role. Another major advantage of joining the WYRC is meeting similar minded and kind young people. Some more benefits and skills developed include:

- Communication skills
- Leadership
- Problem Solving
- Team Work
- Advocacy
- Public Speaking
- Consultation
- Different certificates (such as first aid)
- Organisation skills
- Time management

### Recruitment:

Young people who are aged 12 to 25 years old who live, study, work or have any interactions with the City of Whitehorse community are able to sign up for the WYRC. The recruitment starts in November and ends in January. The opportunity is promoted through multiple platforms including: Seek.com, social media (Instagram and Facebook), schools and the Whitehorse publication, 'Whitehorse News'. Candidates are then required to attend an interview which consists of questions that inquire about their goals, perspectives and expectations of being a part of the committee.

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The WYRC's main training and induction sessions occurred over two Saturdays, in February with the FreeZA 'Flying Pigs' Committee. There were multiple bonding and getting to know each other activities throughout the days, providing an opportunity to break the ice, share our goals for the year and make new friends. The first induction session was held at Youth ConneXions, where our responsibilities as committee members were outlined and our roles were explained in detail. We also participated in two training sessions - event management and, promotion and marketing. Both sessions were facilitated by Kate Wilde from 'The Workshop'. The second induction session was held at Maroondah Federation Estate. It was kicked off with fun icebreaking sessions, followed by a group bonding activity at Strike Bowling Eastland for the individual committees to get more familiar with each other. Our final training session for the induction included: advocacy, consultation and leadership training with Kate Wilde and Liz from 'The Workshop'.

On March 22, the WYRC had the opportunity to meet the Mayor Mark Lane at Nunawading Civic Centre. This was followed by a tour of the Council Chambers, where Mayor Mark Lane gave us a snapshot of his duties and how he could work with WYRC throughout the year. We also discussed local youth issues, as well as how we could implement our ideas to benefit the young people of Whitehorse. It was a great opportunity to learn about what the Mayor and Councillors do and the important role that Council plays in the community.





























**10.3**                      **Impact of Minister’s Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges**

Attachment 1              Minister's Guidelines For Service Rates and Charges - December 2023















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**Audit and Risk Committee Bi-Annual Report**

Attachment 1

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