

## 5. Youth Council Nominations 2009/10

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Nominations for the 2009/10 Youth Council have been received and recommendations for appointment are made for Council's consideration.

**Social Planning Coordinator**

### **BACKGROUND**

10 The Bega Valley Shire Youth Council has operated successfully for the past six years. Over the last 12 months, the Youth Council has undertaken a number of successful projects such as *Boom Box Band Nights* in Tathra and Pambula; *Disposable Art Project* and Exhibition and *Bare Foot Bowls - Youth Council Open Day*. The Youth Councillors have represented the Bega Valley Shire at the *Southern Regional Youth Council Forum* in Nowra, as well as being represented on the *YMCA NSW Youth Parliament*.

After an exciting 2008/2009, Youth Council nominations have been called to fill vacant positions for 09/10. A total of 6 nominations were received. We have received interest from a number of other young people and are expecting further applications over the next month. A summary of the background and experience of Youth Council applicants outlined in accompanying memo:

20 A public notice was placed in local papers, letters calling nominations were sent to appropriate Bega Valley Shire organisations, networks and department. Several announcements were made on local radio over a two week period. Nominations closed 27th May 2009.

### **ISSUES**

#### **Policy**

The Youth Council provides advice for the development of Council's youth policies.

#### **Financial**

Funds are allocated within the budget to support Youth Council activities.

### **CONCLUSION**

30 An impressive range of nominations have been received for the 2009/2010 Youth Council, with a cross-section of the community being represented amongst the nominees. Two existing Youth Council members have re-nominated with four new nominations also received.

Four less nominations than vacant positions have been received, so it is recommended that each applicant be accepted onto the Youth Council. The final position would be filled as soon as a suitable nomination is received.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the following people (names to be inserted at the meeting) be appointed to fill positions on the Youth Council:

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