

YOUTH COUNCIL
STANDING COMMITTEE

Monday 7 September 2026

commencing at 6.30 pm

Council Chambers

1 Rosebank Terrace

BALCLUTHA

CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

YOUTH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Youth Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha, on Monday 7 September 2026 commencing at 6.30 pm, preceded with a workshop at 5.00pm.

Steve Hill
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Hannah Murray (South Otago High School)	Farheen Shah (South Otago High School)
Kalya Gamage (Tokomairiro High School)	Dakota Coleman (Tokomairiro High School)
Harper Melville (Catlins Area School)	Hollie Crawford (Blue Mountain College)
Jonathan Lawrence (Lawrence Area School)	Jayden Gelacio (Community)
Jerico Gerida (Community)	Waniya Khan (Community)
Nancy Antill (Workplace)	Ollie Tunnah (Workplace)
Tilly Davies (Telford)	Emerson Black (Telford)
Councillor Brendon Smith	Councillor Rachel Harrison

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APOLOGIES

None at the time of printing this agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM

None at the time of printing this agenda.

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1.	5.	Confirmation of Minutes <i>(For the Youth Council's Confirmation)</i> Attached are the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 27 July 2026 for confirmation.
2.	11.	Aspiring Leaders Forum <i>(For the Youth Council's Decision)</i> This report is a placeholder for Youth Councilors Tilly Davies and Ollie Tunnah to share their experiences.
3.	12.	Balclutha Bridge Park Project 2026 <i>(For the Youth Council's Decision)</i> The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report outlining details of the Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design.
4.	15.	The Ripple Effect – Mental Health <i>(For the Youth Council's Decision)</i> This outlining details of the proposed Ripple Effect Video with a focus on Mental Health Consultation.
5.	17.	District-Wide Community Ball <i>(For the Youth Councils Decision)</i> This report discusses progress on the "District-Wide Community Formal".
6.	20.	Youth Council Finance Report <i>(For the Youth Councils Information)</i> This is a new report presented to the Youth Council, giving them an overlook of their budgets.
7.	26.	Youth Council Work Programme <i>(For the Youth Council's Information)</i> This report updates the Youth Council members on their various projects/events with a timeline to complete by.
8.	28.	Youth Council Members update. <i>(For the Youth Council's Information)</i> Members of the Youth Council are asked to give a verbal report to the meeting.

9.	29.	Youth Council Meeting Dates 2026 <i>(For the Youth Council's Information)</i> The report outlines the meeting dates for the Youth Council meetings in 2026.

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Item for CONFIRMATION

Report	Confirmation of Minutes
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	1
Prepared By	Sonia Farquharson – Community Services Administrator
File Reference	1044490

REPORT SUMMARY

Attached are the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on the 27 July 2026 for confirmation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Youth Council confirms as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held 27 July 2026.

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Minutes of the meeting of Youth Council of the Clutha District Council held in the Council Chambers, 1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha, on Monday 27 July 2026 commencing at 6.36pm.

Present Youth Councillors Harper Melville (Deputy Chairperson), Farheen Shah, Nancy Antill, Jerico Gerida, Dakota Coleman, Hollie Crawford, Emerson Black, Tilly Davies, via teams Ollie Tunnah and Councillor Rachel Harrison.

In Attendance Lilly Paterson (Community Development Team Leader) and Sonia Farquharson (Community Services Administrator).

Apologies Youth Councillors Hannah Murray, Kalya Gamage, Jonathan Lawrence, Waniya Khan, Jayden Gelacio, His Worship Jock Martin, Councillor Brendon Smith and Rachael Walker (Clutha Youth Worker).

Moved by Youth Councillors Antill/Shah and Resolved:

"That the apologies be sustained"

URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

PUBLIC FORUM

There was no public forum.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Attached are the minutes of the meeting of the Youth Council held on 15 June 2026 for confirmation.

Moved by Youth Councillors Crawford/Antill and Resolved:

"That the Youth Council confirms as a true and correct record the minutes of the meeting held 15 June 2026".

2. INVESTITURE OF YOUTH COUNCILLORS

Clause 14 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires newly elected members to make and sign the Declaration set out in the Act.

- Emerson Black – representing Telford SIT has signed the declaration in the presence of Councillor Harrison.

Moved by Youth Councillors Davies /Gerida and Resolved:

“That Youth Council members are asked to make and sign the Declaration in the form prescribed in the Local Government Act 2002.”

3. FAST FIVES COMPETITION

The purpose of this report is to discuss progress and continue planning the fast fives competition.

- This item was heavily discussed during the pre-meeting workshop:
 - We have been successful with our application through Sport Otago’s Tu Manawa Fund. We have received funding to cover hire costs for 3 courts for 3 hours and additional funding to purchase dodgeballs. All money made from this will be donated to Youthline.

Moved by Youth Councillors Coleman/Antill and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Fast Fives Competition’ report, dated 27 July 2026”.

4. BALCUTHA BRIDGE PARK REPORT

The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report outlining details of the Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design.

- At the pre-meeting workshop, one of the artists was present (Joss Winslade) we decided on 13 topics for the 13 posts. Joss will do some concept designs to present back to Youth Council.

Moved by Youth Councillors Antill/Black Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design Project Report’, dated 27 July 2026”.

5. THE RIPPLE EFFECT – MENTAL HEALTH

The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report outlining details of the proposed Ripple Effect Video with a focus on Mental Health.

- Youth Councillors were asked to start thinking about open-ended questions that they can use when interviewing.
- Due to the sensitivity of the topic, the community development team leader will be making the initial contact with interviewees.
- Aiming to start filming end of August 2026, just need to hear back from selected participants with their correspondence.

Moved by Youth Councillors Gerida/Crawford Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the Ripple Effect – Mental Health report.

6. DISTRICT-WIDE FORMAL COMMUNITY REPORT

This report discusses progress on the “District-Wide Community Formal”.

At the additional workshop on the 18 May, youth council agreed to do another district-wide community formal, scheduled for Friday 3 October 2026 the following are the key discussion points:

- We have organised an additional workshop on Monday 3 August at the Cross Recreation Centre at 4.30pm to discuss further.
- Decision was made to not have a DJ

Moved by Youth Councillors Davies/Coleman and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives and continues to plan the ‘District-Wide Community Formal Report’, dated 27 July 2026”.

That the Youth Council allocates (\$4,700) towards the District-Wide Community Formal

Unanimous.

7. CLUTHA YOUTH NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS 2026

The purpose of this item is to share the results of the Clutha youth Needs Survey summary results.

A verbal update was provided at the meeting.

Moved by Youth Councillors Antill/Shah and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Clutha Youth Needs Survey Results 2026’ report, dated 27 July 2026”.

8. CACTUS 2026

The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report giving an update on the CACTUS Programme.

Moved by Youth Councillors Coleman/Crawford and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘CACTUS 2026 report’ report, dated 27 July 2026.

That the Youth Council agrees to apply to the Tu Manawa Major Round for funding for the CACTUS Programme in term 4 2026”.

Unanimous.

9. YOUTH COUNCIL FINANCE REPORT

This report presented to the Youth Council, giving them an overlook of their budgets.

Attached are a copy of the budgets and the actual expenditure for the period 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026.

- Opening balance should be \$17,000 due to the new financial year starting form 1 July 2026.
- Have received grants for Fast Fives and Bridge Park

Moved by Youth Councillors Antill/Davies and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Youth Council Finance Report’, dated 27 July 2026.”

10. YOUTH COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME

This report updates the Youth Council members on their various projects/events with a timeline to complete by.

- Add to the WIP - Christmas Float

Moved by Youth Councillors Antill/Gerida and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Work Programme’ report, dated 27 July 2026”.

11. YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS UPDATE

Members of the Youth Council are asked to give a verbal report to the meeting

- Any issues or concerns in relation to youth within your community.
- Any events, programmes, or activities in your local area that Youth Council

12. YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2026

The report outlines the meeting dates for the Youth Council meetings in 2026.

Moved Youth Councillors Antill/ Crawford and Resolved:

“That the Youth Council receives the ‘Youth Council Meeting Dates 2026’ report, dated 27 July 2026”.

The meeting closed at 7.29pm.

Confirmed

Harper Melville

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

Youth Council

Item for DECISION

Report	Aspiring Leaders Forum
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	2
Prepared By	Lilly Paterson – Community Development Team Leader
File Reference	1044491

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is a placeholder for Youth Councillors Tilly Davies and Ollie Tunnah to share their experiences from attending the Aspiring Leaders Forum in Wellington earlier in the year.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Youth Council receives the ‘Aspiring Leaders Forum’ report, dated 7 September 2026

Youth Council

Item for INFORMATION

Report	Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	3
Prepared By	Lilly Paterson – Community Development Team Leader
File Reference	1044492

REPORT SUMMARY

The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report outlining details of the Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Youth Council receives the Balclutha Bridge Park Mural Design Project report.

REPORT

Both artists, Joss and Zoe have been working behind the scenes on some draft concepts for the posts.

PROGRESS

As of 27 July:

One of the artists Joss Winslade attended the pre-meeting workshop, where together we have decided on the themes of the 13 posts – Balclutha, Milton, Bruce, Lawrence/Tuapeka, Kaitangata, Catlins, West Otago, Clinton/Clydeale, Kiwiana, emergency services, ANZAC, cultural and flags of the world.

As of 15 June:

Youth Council's funding application was successful to the Otago Community Trust's Rangatahi-Led fund

As of 4 May:

Youth Councillor Murray worked on an application to the Creative Communities Scheme with our two artists Joss and Zoe, unfortunately they were unsuccessful with the application. An application has been submitted by Youth Councillor Murray on behalf of the youth council to the Rangatahi Led Fund.

As of 25 February:

At the last youth council meeting in November 2025 the following was agreed:

Moved by Youth Councillors / and Resolved:

"That the Youth Council receives the Bridge Park Mural Design report."

"That the Youth Council agrees to work alongside local wahine artists to create design concepts for the poles."

That the Youth Council agrees to apply to the Creative Communities Scheme for funding this project."

Youth Councillor Hannah Murray and Community Development Team Leader have been working behind the scenes to obtain what is needed for the funding application.

A further update will be presented at this meeting.



Draft concept that Joss came up with when first approached.

Project has not officially started yet

Youth Council

Item for INFORMATION

Report	The Ripple Effect – Mental Health
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	4
Prepared By	Lilly Paterson – Community Development Team Leader
File Reference	1044494

REPORT SUMMARY

The Community Development Team Leader submitted a report outlining details of the proposed Ripple Effect Video with a focus on Mental Health.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Youth Council receives the Ripple Effect – Mental Health report

REPORT

The Community Development Team Leader has formally contacted the following individual/organisations regarding participating; some follow up correspondence has gone out to those who we have not heard back from.

- A local story/individual – Councillor Dean McCrostie has accepted, Darren Oxley has accepted.
- First responders – fire brigade (accepted), police (would like to see questions first), st johns (accepted)
- Martina from Ethos Psychology - accepted
- Funeral director - accepted
- Local GP – not responded
- Local mental health team – not responded
- Rural Support Trust – declined, but more than happy to share the final product.

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

The entire pre-meeting workshop will be spent working on the interview questions.

BACKGROUND/PROGRESS TO DATE:

At the pre meeting workshop on the 4 May, Stacey Murray from the Balclutha Fire Brigade and Georgia Crutchley from Well South were present to speak to the Youth Council and share insights/perspectives of recent mental health events that have occurred in the Clutha District as of late and the impact it is having on not only our youth but wider community, especially our emergency services.

As a result, discussions formed on ways the youth council could collaborate with the fire brigade with support from Georgia, to talk about mental health and share positive stories of hope in a sensitive, respectful manner that will also have an impact. Our Youth Council then landed on creating the next instalment of the Ripple Effect, this time, rather than having a focus on road safety it would be around mental health/suicide and that message of hope or resilience.

The Ripple Effect is essentially a short film, where we interview a series of people to share the effect this topic has on not just one person in a community.

At the 15 June Youth Council Meeting, Youth Council approved to allocate \$7k towards this project, as well as this they approved the quote from the videographer (Storybridge Studio):

Based on the information so far, I would estimate the project to come in around \$3,500 to \$5,000 including GST.

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Item for INFORMATION

Report	CDYC Community Ball
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	5
Prepared By	Lilly Paterson – Community Development Team Leader
File Reference	1044506

REPORT SUMMARY

This report discusses progress on the “Community Ball”.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Youth Council receives and continues to plan the ‘CDYC Community Ball’ report.

REPORT

The following roles have been delegated to make the ball happen and will all give a verbal update at the meeting:

- Decorations – Hollie and Jayden
- Advertising – everyone
- Photographer – Emerson & Lilly
- Playlist – everyone
- Prizes - TBC

PROGRESS TO DATE

At the Youth Council meeting on the 15 June, Youth Councillors Tunnah and Antill were tasked with creating a budget for this formal. Budget is below for approval. Youth Councillors can then decide on the \$ value that they would like to allocate towards this project.

Item:	Amount:	Comment:	Supplier:
Venue	\$508.00		Te Pou O Mata-Au Gallery
Catering	\$2,550.00	\$17 per person x 150 people	George Cafe
Decorations	\$500.00	Balloons, lights, streamers, crates, table runners, fairy lights etc	Temu, Schools
DJ	\$700.00		Leigh Carmichael
Photographer	\$0.00	Will be done by Youth Cr Black and Lilly	Emerson and Lilly
Prizes	\$150.00	Best dressed, King, Queen	TBC
Contingency	\$292.00	If we need it	
Total	\$4,700.00		
Tickets	\$30.00 pp	Total income	200 - \$6,000.00 150 - \$4,500.00 100 - \$3,000.00

At the additional workshop on the 18 May, youth council agreed to do another District-Wide Community Formal, the following are the key points with verbal updates to be included at this meeting:

- Will be for anyone in the Clutha District to attend that is aged year 12 (17 years old) to 24 years old
- Youth Councillor Gelacio has booked Te Pou O Mata-au for Friday 2nd October, quote comes in at \$508.00
- Youth Councillor Murray is obtaining a quote from George café for finger food
- Lilly is to talk to Leigh Carmichael and Gravity for DJ quotes

- Photography (done by Youth Councillor Black and Lilly)
- Theme – rustic for decorations
- Dress/suits – like a normal formal
- Tickets will be done through Eventbrite, Youth Council needs to decide on a ticket cost.

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Item for INFORMATION

Report	Finance Report
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	6
Prepared By	Oscar Melad- Financial Accountant
File Reference	1010790

REPORT SUMMARY

This is a new report presented to the Youth Council, giving them an overlook of their budgets. Attached are a copy of the budgets and the actual expenditure for the period 1 July 2026 to 31 July 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Youth Council receives the Finance Report dated 7 September 2026

June 2026

Youth Council Civic		
Opening Balance		3,726
25/26 Income		
		-
25/26 Spend		
Food For Council Meetings		502
Gift		23
Survey		243
Business Card		43
Mileage		815
		1,626
Closing Balance		<u>2,101</u>

Youth Development Fund		
Opening Balance		4,080
25/26 Spend		
Awarded Grants		1,500
		1,500
Closing Balance		<u>2,580</u>

Mental Health Project		
Opening Balance		8,276
25/26 Income		
Otago Community Trust		5,160
Jazz Thornton Event Tickets		3,173
		8,333
25/26 Spend		
Jazz Thornton Speaker		6,947
Advertising		134
Food Catering		1,278
		8,359
Closing Balance		<u>8,250</u>

Event Support		
Opening Balance		2,000
25/26 Spend		
Sanata Parade Float		170
		170
Closing Balance		1,830

Cactus Program		
Opening Balance		9,720
25/26 Income		
Clutha Foundation Grant		870
		870
25/26 Spend		8,699
		8,699
Closing Balance		1,891

Remaining 25/26 youth council projects budget		7,064
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JULY 2026

Youth Council Civic		
Opening Balance		3,892
26/27 Income		-
		-
26/27 Spend		
Food For Council Meetings		65
		65
Closing Balance		3,827
Youth Development Fund		
Opening Balance		4,261
26/27 Income		-
		-
26/27 Spend		
		-
		-
Closing Balance		4,261
Balclutha Bridge Park		
Opening Balance		-
26/27 Income		-
		-
26/27 Spend		
		-
		-
Closing Balance		0

Fast Fives		
Opening Balance		-
26/27 Income		
Sport Otago		2,938
		2,938
26/27 Spend		
		-
Closing Balance		2,938
Community Ball		
Opening Balance		4,700
26/27 Income		
		-
26/27 Spend		
		-
Closing Balance		4,700
Ripple Effect		
Opening Balance		7,000
26/27 Income		
		-
26/27 Spend		
		-
Closing Balance		7,000

Event Support		
Opening Balance	2,000	
26/27 Spend	-	
	-	
Closing Balance	<u>2,000</u>	
Cactus Program		
Opening Balance	1,891	
26/27 Income		
	-	
26/27 Spend	-	
	-	
Closing Balance	<u>1,891</u>	

Remaining 26/27 youth council projects budget		1,409
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Item for INFORMATION

Report	Work Programme Report
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	7
Prepared By	Lilly Paterson – Community Development Team Leader
File Reference	1044515

REPORT SUMMARY

This report updates the Youth Council members on their various projects/events with a timeline to complete by.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Youth Council receives the 'Work Programme' report.

Project/Activity:	Description:	Community Contributions:	Status:	Lead Person/s	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Youth Week	Mental Health Resources Launch	Information and Support from local services	COMPLETED	Youth Councillors Khan, Murray, Davies and Councillor Harrison												
Volunteer Week	Have a Go Expo	Volunteer Groups and Schools participating	ON HOLD	All												
Fast Fives	Over consecutive weeks	Potential funding application to Tu Manawa	WIP	All												
Mural - bridge park	Funding applications and painting in Spring	Local artists from SOHS	WIP	All												
Ripple Effect Video	2nd instalment of the ripple effect, focus on mental health	The individuals/organisations to be interviewed	WIP	All												
Formal	District-Wide Formal for 17 -24 year olds at TPOMA	That age group attending	WIP	All												
KEYS:																
	indicates that project/event has been completed															
	indicates project/event is a work in progress/not completed															
	indicates 'goal' month to complete project/activity in															

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Item for INFORMATION

Report	Youth Council Members Update
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	8
Prepared By	Sonia Farquharson – Community Services Administrator
File Reference	1044516

REPORT SUMMARY

Members of the Youth Council are asked to give a verbal report to the meeting.

REPORT

1 Background

Reporting to include:

- Any issues or concerns in relation to youth within your community.
- Any events, programmes, or activities in your local area that Youth Council members might be interested in.

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Item for INFORMATION

Report	Youth Council Meeting Dates 2026
Meeting Date	7 September 2026
Item Number	9
Prepared By	Sonia Farquharson – Community Services Administrator
File Reference	1044517

REPORT SUMMARY

The report outlines the meeting dates for the Youth Council meetings in 2026.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Youth Council receives the Youth Council Meeting Dates 2026 report.

REPORT

1. Background

Listed below are meeting dates and time frames for the 2026 Youth Council Meetings.

All meetings will be held at the Council Chambers (1 Rosebank Terrace, Balclutha). The 'hosted by' below is for which representatives are helping set up and clean up.

Date:	Venue	Hosted by
Monday 23 March	Council Chambers	Workplace
Monday 4 May	Council Chambers	South Otago High School
Monday 15 June	Council Chambers	Lawrence
Monday 27 July	Council Chambers	Telford
Monday 7 September	Council Chambers	Blue Mountain College
Monday 19 October	Council Chambers	The Catlins Area School
Monday 30 November	Council Chambers	Tokomairiro High School

Please arrive early to the Council Chambers if you are hosting to help set up.