



# WEST TAMAR YOUTH MAYOR

## Information Pack for potential applicants

### What is the West Tamar Youth Mayor?

#### Scope:

- The West Tamar Youth Mayor Program is for a student from year 7-9 (grades 6-8 apply for the following year) who is selected by YAC (Youth Advisory Council) to represent the West Tamar municipality. They will provide a focus and a channel for young people's views to be heard by those in Council. The Youth Mayor can be influential in promoting the West Tamar Youth Strategy as they supporting shaping a positive future for local young people.

#### Term:

- This position is elected for 1 year; the term of office runs from December to December each year to coincide with school terms.

### Why does the West Tamar have a Youth Mayor?

#### Background:

- The 2020-2022 West Tamar Youth Strategy identified the goal of empowering young people with skills and confidence in our municipality. Objective 3.3 of the strategy states to Amplify YAC to further enable young people to positively affect Council about issues that matter to them. The role of Youth Mayor is a fantastic way to publicly and effectively work towards the goal of empowering local young people.

#### Position Aims:

- To give the young people a stronger voice in the local community.
- To raise awareness and engagement in local Council activities.
- Inclusion of young people in Council decision-making process.
- Increase understanding of the role and functions of local government.

### What is expected of a Youth Mayor?

#### Some duties include:

- Identify issues & engage with others in public forums.
- Provide feedback & give opinions on Council policies, local by-laws, services and programs that affect young people.
- Participate in decision making at a local/citywide level.
- Assist Mayor with ANZAC Day, Beaconsfield Youth & Community Festival and Volunteer Week duties.
- Attend Youth Advisory Council forums, Citizenship Ceremonies, launches and opportunities.

**Attend meetings:**

- Become a member of the West Tamar Youth Advisory Council and attend monthly meetings.
- Attend 3 Council meetings throughout the year.
- Attend 3 Community Development Unit Meetings throughout the year.
- Connect with Local Area Advisory Groups.

**What are the parameters of the role?****The Youth Mayor position is not a paid position. However:**

- Council will cover travel and food expenses required for the role.
- Council will organise any relevant training and orientation required.
- Selection to the Lead, Inspire, Grow Leadership Camp is included.

**Expected Time Commitments:**

- As the role is a 12 month commitment, we expect the Youth Mayor to be available for major events in the municipality, experience a variety of meetings and decision making forums and opportunities to be active in the community.
- The Youth Mayor would spend on average one meeting/evening a fortnight on the role. Some meetings are during the day and special exemption would be required from the respective school.

**Various supervision includes:**

- Report to Youth Development Officer regarding youth-related activities.
- Report to Media Officer for media opportunities.
- Report to Personal Assistant of Mayor for Mayoral calendar of activities.

**How do I become the West Tamar Youth Mayor?****Application Process:**

- Applications are required to be submitted prior to the October YAC meeting. The applications can be found on Council's website.
- The top three applications are shortlisted by YAC and sent to the Community Development Unit (CDU).
- The Mayor along with CDU will choose the successful applicant.
- Appointment of the Youth Mayor would be arranged in December.

**Appointment of Youth Mayor:**

- Council will work with the respective school to arrange a formal appointment process of the new Youth Mayor.
- Youth Mayor leadership pin and Chain of Office will also be arranged!

**Further Information:**

- For further information about the role and the application process, please contact the details below.

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