

TERMS OF REFERENCE - WEST TAMAR YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL



PURPOSE:

YAC are a group of local young people, with authentic voices, aged 12-25 working with the West Tamar Council influencing future thinking and strategies, in exciting and creative ways for the community. Some major areas of focus of YAC is to:

- Connect, plan and share at regular meetings.
- Have youth related issues heard with the community and Council.
- Organise events and activities in the West Tamar.
- Engage with the wider community and give advice from a young person's perspective.
- Assist in organising the Lead, Inspire, Grow youth leadership camp
- Have fun, meet new people and gain invaluable experience for your future.

RELATIONSHIP WITH COUNCIL

Council recognises the invaluable contribution young people make to their community. Council aims to further involve young people in council activities, further the understanding and acceptance of young people in the wider community and to assist young people to extend beyond perceived restrictions. Young people have a key role to play in Council's activities and the wider community.

Council will endeavour to:

- Appoint three representatives to attend Youth Advisory Council meetings
- Seek contributions from young people, where appropriate, in all aspects of council activities including strategic planning, urban design and development of their communities.
- Assist young people in developing local solutions to local problems.
- Involve young people in the development of strategies concerning crime and community safety.
- Ensure adequate funding is available to fulfil council's responsibilities in youth affairs.
- Seek funding from alternative sources to assist young people with projects.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Oversight of YAC is coordinated by West Tamar Council's Youth Development Officer with support from the Youth Assistant employee.
- 3 Local Council members are appointed to attend YAC meetings with the intention to bring discussion related to Council issues and concerns.
- Young people need to be aged between 12-25 who live, attend school or work in the West Tamar in order to be eligible to register as a member of YAC.
- The approval process of joining YAC is conducted through the young person completing an expression of interest form, followed by the YDO making a recommendation to a YAC meeting. Completion of the Lead, Inspire, Grow Leadership camp is recommended before joining YAC.
- Membership to be reviewed each December with current members indicating their intentions for the following year.
- Members will be registered as volunteers to the West Tamar Council.

YAC members are required to:

- Attend at least 50% of meetings with active participation in YAC organised events, fundraisers and other ventures.
- Undertake secretarial duties such as chairperson, taking of meeting notes, preparation of meetings etc.
- Commit to events and projects that they have agreed to participate in.
- Represent YAC in a positive manner through conversation, promotion, public speaking, or volunteering at events.
- Communicate to YDO regarding availability at a reasonable timeframe.

MEETINGS:

The Youth Advisory Council meets monthly to share ideas, organise events, raise awareness of youth issues, and projects for young people within the West Tamar. Meetings are held at the WCP Youth Space from 4pm-5.15pm with doors open from 3.15pm. Bus transport following the meeting is available. Further information on the running of the meetings can be made available. Appropriate meeting protocols must be adhered to (eg. following direction of chairperson, respectful conversations etc).

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