



**FEDERATION
COUNCIL**



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Federation Council Youth Council

The Youth Council aims to:

- Provide a forum for young people to express their views on important issues affecting young people in the Federation Council.
- Provide an opportunity for young people to become involved in and contribute to the wellbeing of local young people and the wider community.
- Provide a youth perspective to Council in a structured and formal way.
- Give young people the opportunity to actively participate in Local Government planning and decision making processes.
- Promote and encourage the involvement of youth in the planning, development and implementation of activities associated directly or indirectly with young people.

Youth Council Format

Federation Youth Council is a group of up to nine young people aged between 15 and 25 years old that reside in the Federation Council area and strives to represent the community demographic.

The Youth Council will include seven Councillors, plus one Mayor and one Deputy Mayor. The Youth Secretary appointment is rotated between the members.

The term of a Youth Councillor is twelve months, with members volunteering their time during this period.

Meetings

Meetings will be held after school from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Council Chambers at the Corowa Civic Centre.

The Federation Youth Council is a consultative committee of the Federation Council. The Youth Council has obligations to Council such as providing an agenda, chairperson and minutes from the Youth Council meetings, as well as writing detailed reports and producing an annual report.

Youth Councillors may be required from time to time to attend focus groups, events and / or activities during school hours, on school holidays and weekends.

Role of a Youth Councillor

As a Youth Councillor you will:

- Engage with young people to learn what is important to them.
- Represent and advocate for young people to Council and the broader community.
- Help Council to identify youth issues and assist to develop strategies and actions to meet youth's needs.
- Participate in youth focused reference groups and advisory committees.
- Work with Council staff to develop local events and initiatives for young people that is youth driven and focused including Youth Week activities.
- Assist Council to develop youth friendly spaces.
- Represent young people at special community meetings, events and functions as requested by the Federation Council staff or Council.

Benefit to the Youth Councillor

The following opportunities will be provided to young people who become a Youth Councillor:

- The development of skills and knowledge in advocacy, leadership, governance and teamwork through structured learning opportunities.
- Being mentored by Council staff and provided with hands on experience in running meetings, public speaking, event management and marketing.
- Participating in youth focused reference groups and advisory committees.
- Meeting with and discussing matters of importance to young people with the Federation Council Mayor and Councillors
- Potential meetings with local members of Government and learning more about State and Local Government.
- The opportunity to participate in a Youth Council Conference.
- Be invited and given free access to all events and functions organised by Federation Youth Council.
- Recognition of their volunteer work and a reference for future employment opportunities.
- A Youth Council pack containing business cards, a business folder and notepad, branded t-shirt and drink bottle.
- The opportunity to make a difference in the community.

How do I get involved or find out more?

Nomination forms are available from the Federation Council website @ www.federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

For more information contact Amber Harvey, Community Development Team Leader, Federation Council on 02 6033 8974 or email amber.harvey@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au

Nominations for 2018 Youth Council close COB Friday 16th March 2018.