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FACT SHEET

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Federation Youth Council

The Federation Youth Council is made up of a group of young people aged between 12 and 25 years old who act as the voice for young people within Council, advocating for the needs, wants and concerns of young people living, studying and working within the Federation Council area.

It is an advisory committee of Federation Council and provides a platform for young people to voice their perspectives and contribute to Council decision-making processes on issues that affect them and other young people in our community.

The Youth Council meet once a month, engaging with guest speakers from within council and external organisations and also manage their own self-guided community projects, events and activities

To be eligible to join the Federation Youth Council you must be aged between 15-25 and live, work, or study in the Federation Council area.

Youth Council Format

Federation Youth Council is made up of group of up to nine young people

- Aged between 12 and 25 years old, and
- That live, learn or work in the Federation Council area.

The Youth Council includes a Youth Mayor and Youth Deputy Mayor, and seven Youth Councillors. The Youth Secretary appointment is rotated between the members. The Youth Council has a Councillor Delegate and a Facilitator who is a staff member of the Federation Council at each meeting to provide support and guidance.

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

Meetings

The group meets for 2 hrs per month for meetings (not including Public Holidays or School Holidays). Youth Councillors can join face-to-face or via video conferencing.

Meetings are normally held between 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm at the Council Chambers at the Corowa Civic Centre. This is negotiable and locations are set by the Youth Councillors and the Facilitator.

The Federation Youth Council as an advisory committee of Council has obligations such as providing an agenda, chairperson and minutes from the Youth Council meetings, as well as writing 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 youth conferences, forums and events as requested by the Federation Council staff or Council.

Youth Councillor Benefits

Gain live experiences and skills

As a Federation Youth Councillor, you can:

- Attend state and regional youth conferences and forums.
- Participate in training and workshops for personal development.
- Develop employability skills such as leadership, team work and collaboration, problem solving and critical thinking skills.
- Learn hands on-skills such as running and facilitating meetings, community engagement, developing and leading projects, advocacy and much more.

Be part of a dynamic team that organises local events and activities

As a Federation Youth Councillor, you can:

- Support local initiatives and projects for young people.
- Help organise youth driven and focused events and activities.
- Plan, organise and facilitate a youth week initiative.
- Volunteer at events and within the community.

Be the voice that advocates and creates action for young people

The Youth Council is:

- A forum for young people to express their views in a safe environment.
- An outlet to provide advice to the council and the community about addressing issues that young people face.
- A chance for youth to say what they would like in their towns.
- An important opportunity for young people to engage with the council and have input into Council decisions.



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Be part of an inclusive committee where your opinion is valued.

Federation Youth Council aims to be inclusive:

- It is open to all young people across the Federation Council area.
- Council encourages young people from low socio-economic background, LGBTQIA+ identifying, young people with disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, and Culturally and Linguistically Diverse to apply.

Why else should I join?

As a Federation Youth Councillor, you can:

- Get free food at meetings.
- Meet new people.
- Hang out with friends.
- Get to see your ideas come to fusion.
- Make something exciting happen in your town.
- Be part of positive change.
- Have the chance to sit on other Council committees.
- It looks good on your resume or university application.

Have a question?

If you have any questions regarding the Youth Council, you can call Amber. Her number is 0407 998 777. You can also send an email to communityevents@federationcouncil.nsw.gov.au.

How do I sign up?

Please complete the Online Form to apply to be a Federation Youth Councillor.



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