

Youth Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, 28 February, 2024

Location: Jervis Bay Rooms, City Administrative Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra

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Overview 2024

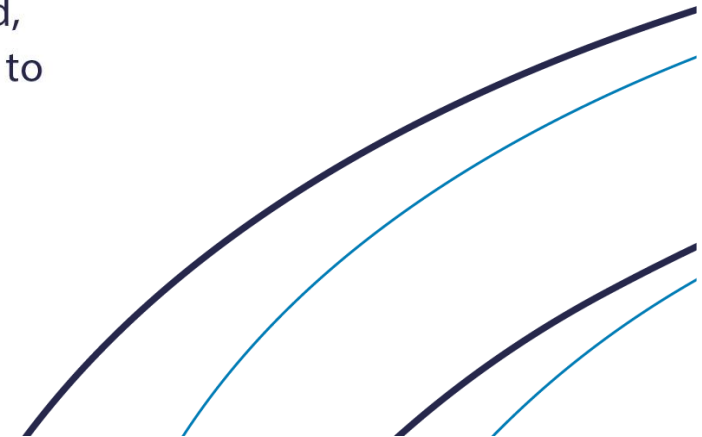


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Acknowledgement of Country



We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land in which we gather upon today. We acknowledge their continuing connections to the land, culture and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and future.



Purpose

To represent the interests and views of young people to Council and the Community.



Terms of Reference

- **Membership:** Young people aged 12 – 25 years from local High Schools, Youth Services, and the wider community.
- **Capacity Building:** Participation in the YAC should be an empowering experience for the members.
- **Meetings:** Quarterly in person YAC meetings on a rotating schedule across the LGA. Additional virtual working group meetings are offered to ensure ongoing communication and consultation.
- **Code of Conduct:** Informal meeting format that meets Council's Code of Meeting Practice Policy.



Priority Areas – Youth Shoalhaven



- In October 2022 the YAC agreed on the following priority areas for young people in the Shoalhaven.
- What matters to YOUth?
 1. Health and Wellbeing support, in particular Mental Health support.
 2. Education, Training and Employment Opportunities, in particular improving education systems and pathways.
 3. Belonging and Connection to Community, in particular acceptance and respect.
 4. Climate Change and Sustainability.
 5. Public Transport.



Strategic Planning

- These priority areas inform strategic decision making by Council.
- The YAC does not have a current Strategic Plan in place.
- Previously Council worked within the YAC Action Plan 2019 – 2022 which outlined potential opportunities to take action on priority areas in the Council's Shoalhaven 2027 Community Strategic Plan.



Policies and Procedures



The YAC is guided by the Youth Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (POL21/29).

