

TASMANIAN YOUTH LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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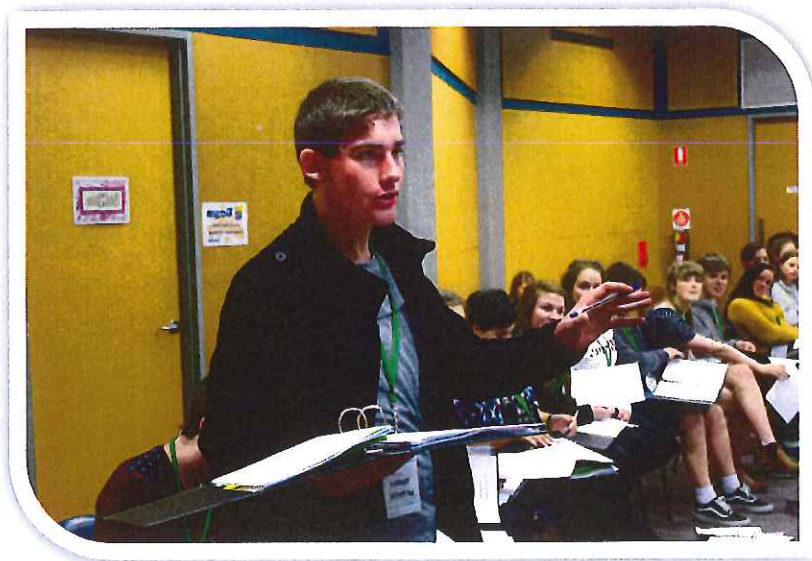
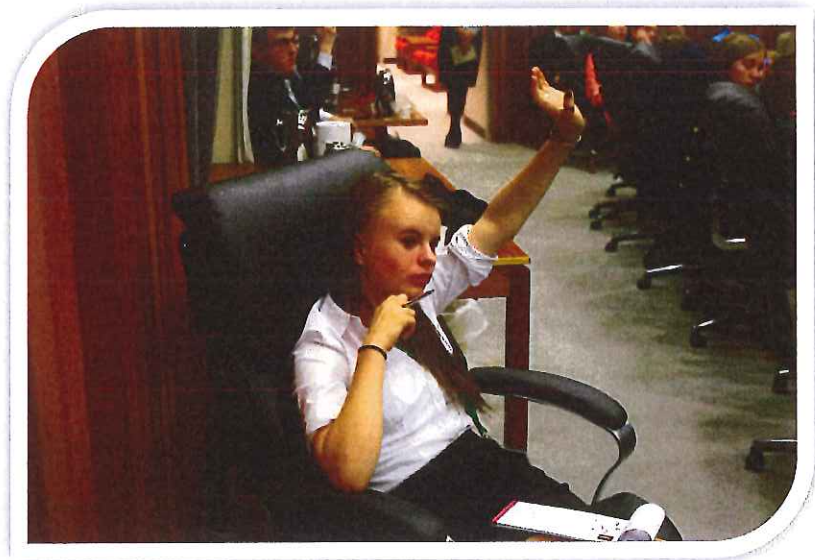
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ABOUT US

The Tasmanian Youth Government Association (TYGA) is an apolitical, youth-led organisation aiming to provide young Tasmanians with a forum for their ideas, concerns and expectations about their government.

Each year TYGA coordinates the Tasmanian Youth Parliament and this year we are running Tasmanian Youth Local Government. This program will help us achieve our aims by facilitating a forum for young Tasmanians specifically in the area of issues surrounding Local Government

TYGA also aims to allow young people to develop confidence through public speaking, interpersonal, analytical and teamwork skills.

As well as providing awareness amongst young people of the issues and processes of government, TYGA aims to provide governing bodies with documents that express the considered view of young people on a range of issues.

The Tasmanian Youth Government Association is committed to the youth of Tasmania and providing them the tools and skills in order to be heard in the community.



FROM THE CONVENER

The Taskforce for the Tasmanian Youth Local Government are delighted to offer you the opportunity to take part in our event in 2017. Sponsorship is a key part of what makes our conference great, and we would love to have you involved.

The Tasmanian Youth Local Government program allows young people from around the state to come together over two weekends; one local event, and one weekend in our capital city for educational and social activities. Most importantly, the conference functions as an outlet for our best and brightest to discuss key issues facing our areas of local government.

The program is coordinated by the Tasmanian Youth Government Association and is a program run 'for-youth, by-youth'.

This prospectus details the ways that you can get involved in sponsoring our program, and how you can help enrich the lives of young Tasmanians by increasing our scholarship opportunities.

Through a series of workshops, speaker's panels and debate days, Youth Local Government aims to engage young people with Tasmanian issues, and empower them to create local solutions.

We hope you take the time to look through our prospectus, and join us making this event a success in 2017.



Amber Scott

Convener,
2017 Tasmanian Youth Local Government



THE TASKFORCE

The Tasmanian Youth Government Association have selected the following Taskforce to construct and run Tasmanian Youth Local Government. They are as follows:

AMBER SCOTT – CONVENOR

Amber is our 2017 Convener. Amber has taken on this role with the aim of building a conference from the ground up that will shape a pathway for youth voices to be heard in the division of government and also create a pathway for the youth to get involved with their Local Government. Amber has been a taskforce member of the last three Tasmanian Youth Parliaments and is a member of the Latrobe Youth Local council. Amber is also a fourth-year Law Student at the University of Tasmania.



SHARIFAH ZALIAH ROHAN – COMMUNICATIONS

Sharifah is the communications officer for the 2017 Taskforce. Sharifah has been tasked with this role due to her exemplary public communication skills developed during her volunteer work within local governments during her upbringing on the North-West Coast of Tasmania. Sharifah's focus for the conference is to provide local councils with an insight into the change the youth want to see. Sharifah is a second-year Arts/Law student at the University of Tasmania.



MATT ETHERINGTON – CONTENT AND EDUCATION

Matt is the Content and Education officer for the 2017 taskforce. Matt is passionate about youth engagement and this is reflected in his extensive volunteer work within the Red Cross and UN Youth Tasmania. Matt is responsible for content and education as he has an eye for detail and recognises the importance of providing an engaging, real-world educational content to a youth conference. Matt is a third-year Arts/Law Student at the University of Tasmania.

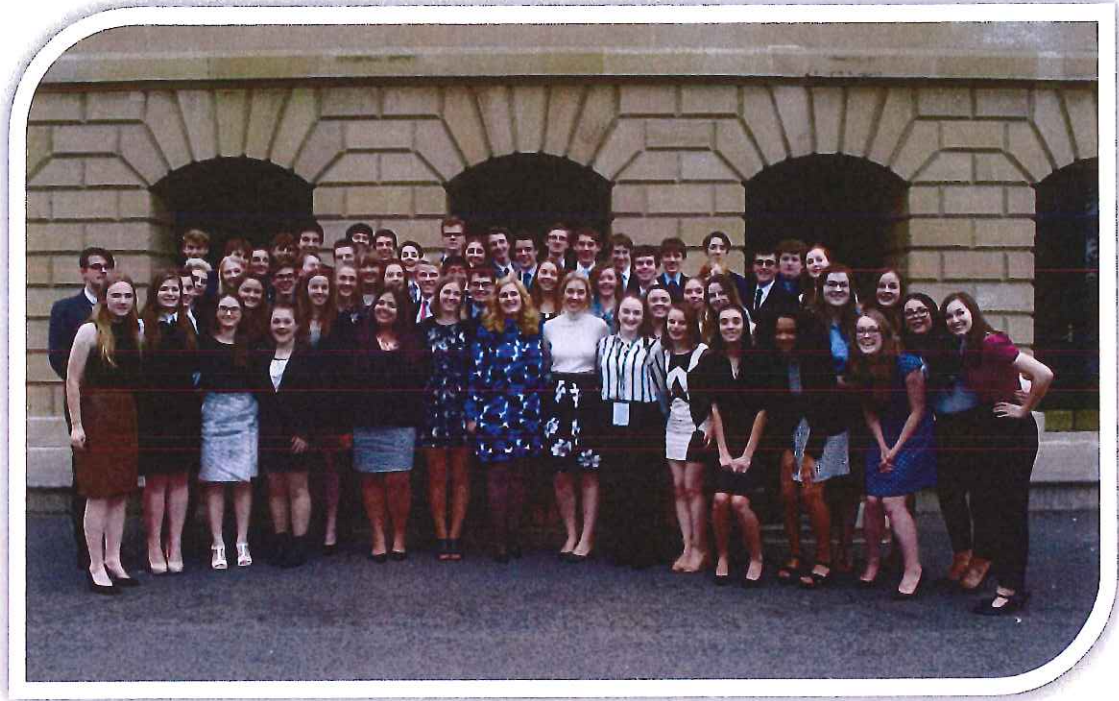


LILY RUSSELL – LOGISTICS

Lilly is has been given the large responsibility of logistics officer on the 2017 taskforce. Lilly's passion for engaging the youth is long standing with involvement in various past Tasmanian Youth Parliament Conferences. Lilly has been well-recognised for her organisation and time management skills, resulting in her running the logistical elements of Tasmanian Youth Local Government. Lilly is a second year Arts/Law student at the University of Tasmania.



THE PROGRAM



The Tasmanian Youth Local Government program aims to empower its participants to engage with local issues, represent their community and collaborate on policy ideas. Nominees from each region will come together with representatives from around the state to debate social and development issues whilst gaining worthwhile experience in community consultation.

The program will focus on the power of grassroots advocacy, combining workshops, speakers' panels, and group discussions to provide a rewarding and welcoming environment for young councillors to discuss what is most important to them.

Participants of this program will produce submissions and project proposals, which will be presented to Councillors at the program's conclusion, with the hopes that some of these proposals may be adopted by local governments throughout our state.

Throughout this process, the participants will develop public speaking, planning and problem solving skills that will allow them to contribute in their schools and communities, and provide them with the confidence, and necessary skills to stand up as advocates for the issues they believe in. Not only that, the program will connect participants with like-minded people to form friendships and collectively contribute to a stronger community, whereby young people can feel that they are being heard by those that represent them.



SPONSORSHIP

HOW YOU CAN HELP

The Tasmanian Youth Government Association thinks globally and works locally. As we aim to provide a forum for young Tasmanians to express their voice and learn extensively, engagement is critical.

Previous programs have provided life-changing experiences for participants, and the Youth Local Government taskforce aims to offer the program at a fee that is accessible for young Tasmanians from an array of backgrounds. Therefore, we are requesting your support which will allow for us to keep fees for participants to a minimal, as well as provide additional subsidies to participants who may require financial support.

We believe that it is crucial that young people in our state are mobilized, and feel that they can contribute to shaping the policies which govern their everyday lives. Through sponsoring this program – we believe that there will be a mutual benefit for both students and sponsors.

Through sponsoring students, you will have direct access to some of the most motivated and capable young Tasmanians, who will be the next generation of decision makers, politicians, policy makers and community leaders.

Furthermore, sponsorship will allow you to:

- Enhance your brand or organisation's reputation as community-minded, forward thinking, supportive and a good 'corporate citizen'.
- Contribute to the growth of a better, brighter Tasmania.

As a means of saying thank you, your support will be acknowledged in various ways throughout the program, as well as indirect recognition through promotional and marketing materials, reaching hundreds.

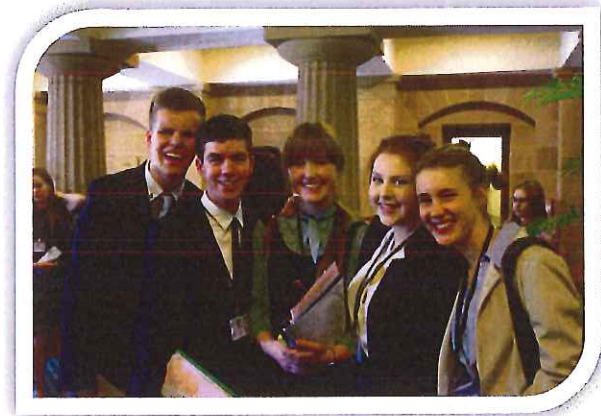
WHAT CAN YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL DO?

We're aiming for wide representation and involvement, to increase youth engagement in regional areas and to strengthen youth connections to community. We want to make the Youth Local Government experience as engaging and realistic as possible. Therefore, we aim to have students from each municipality represented - your support could help make this a reality.

We hope that councilors will accompany the nominees and contribute to the program meaningfully.

Benefits to the community and local government include:

- High impact sponsorship for young leaders with fresh perspectives.
- Opportunities for community consultation.
- Improving the image of local government.
- Feedback on reform areas and issues of relevance to Tasmania.
- Intergenerational learning for all participants.



HOW YOUR LOCAL STUDENTS CAN GET INVOLVED

We are running a restricted application process for Tasmanian Local Youth Government, unlike any of our other conferences. We are opening registrations to two students from each Local Government to ensure that all areas are represented.

Who is eligible for application:

Students attending school in grades 9 or 10.

When is the conference:

Northern/North West Round: Saturday 30th of September and Sunday 1st of October.

Southern Round: Saturday 8th of October and Sunday 9th of October.

Residential Weekend in the South: Saturday 14th of October and Sunday 15th of October.

Where will the conference be held:

This is yet to be confirmed but will be advised as soon as possible. However, we can ensure that each round will be held in a central area to ensure accessibility for students from an array of backgrounds and geographical locations.

The Cost:

The cost associated with this conference is \$90 per student. This will cover the accommodation and all meals on the residential weekend. Tasmanian Youth Government Association aim to keep costs as low as possible to ensure accessibility for all students.

The application Process:

We would like each council to advertise this opportunity to schools within their municipality in order to seek interested students. Each council would then select two students to represent their local area. We see this as the best way to ensure all areas are equally represented. This is also a fantastic way to create a communication avenue with students in your local area. These students will then report back to your council with the topical areas discussed at camp and the main areas identified that need reform.

Once each council has selected their student representatives, the relative forms and information will be sent to the individual students to prepare them for camp.

We would love to keep a constant stream of communication with you to ensure each council has student representatives. We would suggest that if your council has a youth officer or councilor that takes a particular interest in youth activities in your area we would love to be put in contact with them to ensure your local government is able to make the most of this worthwhile opportunity.



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