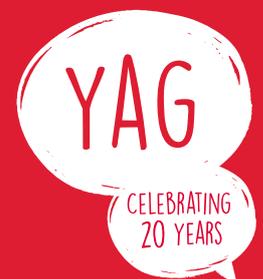




City of Launceston
Youth Advisory Group
2017 Report





YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Since its inception in 1997, the Launceston Youth Advisory Group (YAG) has worked to promote the contributions that young people make to their municipality and the broader community.

YAG comprises of young people aged 12–25 years and selected mentors who provide guidance. The groups' primary role is to act as a consultative and communicative link between the City of Launceston Council and young people. YAG also plays a vital role in informing and advising the broader community about matters that affect them.

The 2017 Youth Advisory Group consisted of 16 members from 8 different schools across Launceston; University of Tasmania, Newstead Christian School, Launceston Church Grammar School, TasTAFE, Launceston College, St Patricks College, Launceston Christian School, Riverside High School and Queechy High School.



Council Business

Youth Advisory Group members are young leaders in a shared decision-making environment who have the opportunity to present to council on matters of importance, as required.

YAG represents in council chambers

In September 2017, the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) acted in their young leaders' capacity, hosting their own council meeting. The Youth Council meeting was arranged and facilitated to reflect a local government meeting and took place in the council chambers. The meeting was chaired by his worship the Mayor and YAG members were seated around the table to consider and discuss deputations. The event was well received online through the live stream, media coverage, and the full public gallery which included Aldermen and University representatives in attendance to hear young people's views on Launceston's future. The meeting also included presentations from both West Tamar Youth Advisory Council and Migrant Resource Centre Youth Advisory Network in the Community Reports section of the meeting.

The Youth council meeting's main agenda item was the University of Tasmania (UTAS) Inveresk Precinct Masterplan and formed part of the UTAS Masterplan public consultation. YAG members were able to vote for or against the motion.

Find out more here:

www.facebook.com/CityOfLauncestonOfficial/videos/1334938296605341/

Supporting Launceston

The Youth Advisory Group members are passionate about making a difference to social issues and the lives of young people in Launceston. During the year, members have supported campaigns, sought feedback and created events to deliver key messages.

National Youth Week 2017

The 2017 National Youth Week project was an eight day event to reach and engage with young people across the municipality. A varied events program was created and a pop up venue opened in the Launceston CBD called YELL, Youth Events in a Little Location, during April 2017.

The project was delivered by a working group which included City of Launceston YAG members and the Northern Youth Coordinating Committee (NYCC) members. The event involved over 100 young people from West Tamar Youth Advisory Council, Migrant Resource Centre Youth Advisory Network, Headspace Reference Group, Allsorts Youth Group (from Working It Out Launceston), Launceston College art students, small business holders, young musicians, DRUMBEAT performers, young mums and dads from Karinya Young Mums 'n' Bubs program and clients from City Mission's IT IGNITE multimedia program.

The National Youth Week YELL event was an opportunity for young people to have a voice by coordinating all aspects of the project and enable them to take ownership of the event. Continuous involvement with young people throughout lifecycle of the event the including program planning, coordination and execution of the campaign/event/initiative ensured that young people remained actively involved, voiced their concerns and succeeded in delivering a series of events that was relevant to their peers.

QUICK FACTS

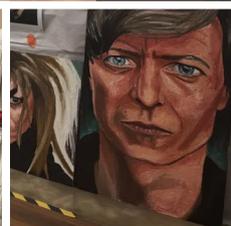
- 1,072 attendees to YELL over eight days
- 315 people voted for their favourite piece at the Launceston College Art Exhibition
- 103 people attended the Youth Makers Market
- Over 400 people attended the Youth Busker Competition to watch 22 performers
- An average of 10 young people engaged in the five workshop events delivered by service providers
- 2,300 views and 35 shares on the City of Launceston Official Facebook promotional video
- 104 young people involved in the development and implementation of the project and over 22 stakeholders involved in the project

The pop-up venue, YELL, was home to 12 scheduled events during the eight days of National Youth Week: Youth Makers Market

- Youth Busker Competition at Quadrant Mall Busker Stage
- DRUMBEAT participatory performance at Quadrant Mall Busker Stage
- Official launch by his Worship the Mayor
- Launceston College Art Exhibition
- Karinya Young Mums 'N' Bubs Canvas Display
- Shadow Puppet Photo Booth by Young Aboriginal Support Program
- Virtual Reality Gaming by National Joblink
- Working It Out Film & Workshop by Allsorts youth group
- So you think you can start a business? Young Entrepreneur Workshop by Van Diemen Project
- Video Stream of Brainwaves Youth Forum by City Mission and Scotch Oakburn College
- Metal Minds Robotics Live Demonstration with activities

Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=CG84_HacSkQ

NYW NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK



1-8 APRIL 2017



**Pop-up youth venue during
National Youth Week**

70a Brisbane St, Launceston

Saturday 1 April 9am-1pm

Youth makers market plus hair
braiding and henna tattooing by
Migrant Resource Centre

**Monday to Friday 9am-5pm
Saturday 9am-1pm**

Launceston College Youth Art
Exhibition and Canvas Display
by Karinya Young Mums 'N' Bubs

Scheduled events

Monday 3 April 4.30pm-6pm

Official launch featuring DRUMBEAT
on Quadrant Mall Busker Stage, Youth
art exhibition by Launceston College
Students and Canvas display of
Karinya Young Mums 'N' Bubs

Tuesday 4 April 2.30pm-5pm

Virtual Reality Gaming by National Joblink

Wednesday 5 April 3.30-5pm

So you think you can start a business?
Young Entrepreneur Workshop by
Van Diemen Project

Thursday 6 and Friday 7 April

Video Live Stream National Youth
Week Forum by City Mission and
Scotch Oakburn

Saturday 8 April 9.30am-1pm

Metal Minds Robotics Demonstration



**youth Event in a really little location (and other stuff).*



Tasmanian Youth Conference

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) was represented at the 2017 Tasmanian Youth Conference: Power up for the Future. This is a biennial conference for young people delivered by the Youth Network of Tasmania.

The conference held in June 2017, included two days of workshops, learning experiences, presentations and an opportunity to hear and engage with key note speakers such as the Commissioner for Children and 2016 Young Australian of the Year winner's Nic Marchesi and Lucas Patchett founders of Orange Sky Laundry, a free mobile laundry business for the homeless.

This conference had an expo opportunity which was identified as an event which would enable YAG to reach the required audience, young people. Accordingly stall space was booked within the expo and YAG members prepared the stall and talked to young people about the benefits of the committee, benefits of membership and gaining consultation on youth based issues.

City of Launceston also provided sponsorship for six young people to attend the conference in addition to YAG member's attendance.

More information about the event can be seen here:
www.facebook.com/CityOfLauncestonOfficial/videos/1254357441330094/

Launceston College STEAM Day

The Youth Advisory Group was invited to attend Launceston College Student Council's Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) event for all local state high schools in August 2017.

This was the second year that YAG had taken part in this event. With both local primary and high schools attending YAG was able to reach a wide youth audience to promote the achievements of the committee and privilege of membership. It was also an opportunity to talk to young people about some of the future development occurring in our city such as Civic Square as part of City Heart Project.

Committee member, Alderman Simon Wood was asked to take part as a stall holder judge and engaged with a number of young people during the course of the event.



SEED Student Council Funding

Student Executive Equity Development (SEED) is a leadership program run by the Council's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) to help foster leadership and enable the launch of Launceston Student Council projects through funding. Up to \$1,000 was available from a \$2,000 budget.

The YAG was part of the assessment panel with support and guidance from the City of Launceston Grants and Sponsorship Officer, Youth Development Officer and Alderman Stojansek to assess all applications.

After assessment by the committee, the following schools received funding in July 2017:

- \$1,000 was awarded to Riverside High School Prefect Board for their on campus, Sensory - De-stress Room, to support students suffering/experiencing stress and anxiety. The room will supervised by working with vulnerable people registered support workers to run art and music therapy sessions in order to increase wellbeing at school.
- \$1,000 was awarded to Queechy High school for two separate projects:
 1. \$500 to the Student Representative Council for their War on Waste project. This initiative aims to reduce litter and make environmentally friendly decisions and changes at their school and;
 2. \$500 to the school's engineering team, Golden Diversity, to compete in the world final for F1 in Schools Competition in Malaysia.

Congratulations to all schools. YAG looks forward to the final results of all three worthy projects.

Examiner Student Newspaper Program

City of Launceston supported the Examiner student newspaper program, which was re-established last year. Known as Momentum, the student publication is a newspaper is written by youth for youth. A number of students were involved and the Examiner team provided support and guidance.

Each year, YAG is offered the opportunity to take part and utilise the publication to advertise for members and contribute to online content of the publication. The publication can be found at www.examiner.com.au/youthnetwork



Educational workshops

The Youth Advisory Group members acquired new skills and knowledge in identified areas of interest through educational workshops and training.

Digital Ready Training

YAG members received digital and social media training in August 2017. This was a result of discussions about communicating clear messages to broader youth community through social media.

The purpose of the training was to build members confidence and skills in digital communications to ultimately improve the use of our social media page as a tool for engagement.

YAG members were trained in marketing, promotion, digital ready skills, creating content plans, story arcs and facilitating consultation and engagement strategies online.

The training was funded by the Tasmanian Government and delivered by King Thing Marketing.

YAG's online presence is on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/LauncestonYAG

Keep up to date and like our page!

University of Tasmania Inveresk Masterplan Briefing

Since January 2017, the YAG had continuing discussions with the YAG committee's Aldermen about the proposed University move from Newham to Inveresk.

In order to broaden the committee's knowledge and include them in the discussion for the new proposed development, the YAG formed a partnership with the University of Tasmania (UTAS). This resulted in YAG being part of the Inveresk Precinct Masterplan consultation.

It included an educational briefing by Vice-Chancellor Professor David Adams on the UTAS Inveresk Masterplan and technological experiences such as virtual reality goggles showcasing a live view of the development on the site.

From this learning experience, YAG members put their knowledge to the test and considered the UTAS Inveresk Masterplan at a live Youth Council meeting where members voted for or against the motion.



Celebrating our committee

Recognition of the Youth Advisory Group has been highlighted through award nominations and the committee's 20 year anniversary.

20 Year Celebration Film Project

In October 2017, the YAG started their first film project, with Sam Thiele from The Mish at City Mission.

The film will include interviews of past and present YAG members spanning the 20 years that the committee has been running. It will be a feature film to be shown at a civic event to highlight the achievements and importance of the City of Launceston's young volunteers over the last 20 years.

Celebrating 20 years: Civic Event

His Worship the Mayor of Launceston, Alderman Albert van Zetten, hosted a Civic Event at the Queen Victoria Art Gallery in December 2017 in honour of the Youth Advisory Group's 20 years of operation as a Special Committee of council.

The end of year event was held to celebrate, recognise and value the contribution that young volunteers bring to our city. It featured Youth Advisory Group's film capturing the stories of past and present members over the last 20 years.

Volunteer Award Nomination

The City of Launceston Volunteer Awards aims to recognise individuals and organisations for their dedication to the Launceston community.

YAG members received nominations for the City of Launceston Volunteer Awards for averaging 200 hours of voluntary service over the course of 2016. The Council expressed their thanks and were appreciative of the dedicated YAG volunteers work to ensure the Council has an informed youth perspective on youth services, issues, and initiatives provided to the Council.

YAG is set to receive nominations for their work in 2017 having completed over 200 hours of volunteer work initiating youth based campaigns, projects, activities and events at the City of Launceston.

Thanks

The Youth Advisory Group (YAG) is supported by three sitting Aldermen who provide valuable advice, mentoring and guidance. YAG would like to thank Alderman Simon Wood, Alderman Emma Williams and Alderman Karina Stojansek for their dedicated contribution for the course of 2017.

2017 YAG members

Monte Bovill

Nate Wise

Daniel Rose

Roda Alfred

Des Dusautoy

Alexander Fletcher

Grifn Brooks

Sarah Luate

Kyle Barrett

David Zheng

Arsham Emad

Tosh Mohan

Lauretta Kilby

Sophie Burgess

Claudia Kargbo



YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Get involved!

YAG is a special committee of City of Launceston council for young people aged 12-25 years.

Meetings are held at Town Hall every Tuesday fortnight from 4-5pm during school terms.

You will:

Meet like-minded people who want to make a difference.

Get an introduction to local government and direct contact with council Aldermen.

Help to create campaigns, projects, activities and events!

Interested?

Contact us for more information.

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