

# YOUTH making a difference



The aim of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is to create a mutually respectful partnership with young people within Hedland communities to enable young people's ideas, skills, perspectives and contributions to better inform the Town of Port Hedland on youth related matters. The Town of Port Hedland invites YAC members to a range of Town functions.

For more information about the YAC, please refer to the Terms of Reference located on the Town of Port Hedland website.

## We're looking for people who have the following qualities, interests, and backgrounds:

- ✓ be aged between 15 and 24 years at the age of application
- ✓ live within the Town of Port Hedland
- ✓ be involved in the local community, for example involved in sporting clubs, community groups or volunteering
- ✓ have an interest in wellbeing, community services, youth events and activities, leadership and helping other young people in the community
- ✓ have the ability to work in a team, respect others and participate in group discussions as well as working independently
- ✓ have an ability to think about the big picture
- ✓ bring motivation, willingness, and commitment to participate on an ongoing basis
- ✓ have good communication skills – should language barriers occur; the Town of Port Hedland is able to assist
- ✓ be willing to be actively involved in conversations and contribute to discussions in a variety of environments and platforms
- ✓ prepared to undertake some training

## What else is really important?

- We acknowledge and value the diversity of the young people in Hedland. We encourage representation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, culturally and linguistically diverse groups, people with disability, the LGBTIQ+ community and people with lived experience.
- Access to the internet and phone is important but we may be able to help with a place where you can access these resources

## Time commitment

In between face-to-face meetings once a month, contact will be maintained through email and/or predetermined social media platforms. It is expected that you maintain contact with other member of the YAC and employees of the Town of Port Hedland.

Successful applicants can sit on the Youth Advisory Council for a maximum period of 2 years, served consecutively.

## Benefits

- Meet other young people who are passionate about youth wellbeing, services and events
- Develop skills in team building, leadership, organising and advocacy
- Contribute to the planning of youth activities and opportunities
- Be consulted about infrastructure, town planning, service design and development

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## nomination form

### How to get involved

To apply to be a youth member of the Youth Advisory Council, please follow the instructions in the nomination section below. **Only complete nominations that meet the requirements will be considered.** Nominations will be assessed after the closing date and all nominees will be advised of their nomination outcome.

### Nomination

Name	Date of Birth:
Nominating agency (if applicable):	
	Your age:
Contact Number – Mobile:	Home:
Address:	
Email:	
Gender:	
Cultural background: <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Torres Strait Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	
Language Group:	

### Why do you want to join the Town of Port Hedland YAC?

We encourage you to produce a **maximum 5-minute visual presentation** including an introduction to who you are and what living in the Town of Port Hedland means to you. This can be as innovative as you wish. This could include:

- What do you think the main issues are for young people living in Hedland communities?
- How would you help change these issues?
- What are you passionate about?
- What is one thing you would like to change or do in your community?

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### What are some personal attributes or experiences that you could offer the Town of Port Hedland YAC?

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### What do you think the priorities for the Town of Port Hedland YAC should be in 2023?

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I declare that I am between  
15 and 24 years of age:

Signed:

Date:

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**nomination form**

**Authorisation by Parent or Guardian**

(if nominee is under 18 years of age)

Full Name:

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Relationship to Nominee:

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Signed:

Date:

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Please email your completed nomination and visual presentation to:

[sbennett@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:sbennett@porthedland.wa.gov.au)

**Attention: Youth Advisory Council**

Alternative option:

**Town of Port Hedland**

**Youth Advisory Council**

**PO Box 41**

**PORT HEDLAND WA 6721**

Queries can be directed to:

Selene Bennett, Senior Youth Officer, 9158 9799 or

[sbennett@porthedland.wa.gov.au](mailto:sbennett@porthedland.wa.gov.au)