



Where and when are meetings held

The youth Council is required to meet 6 times per year. The day of the meeting will be decided by the Youth Council once they are inducted into office. Meetings will take place in Horsham at The Station Youth Hub on Pynsent Street, or sometimes at Council Chambers on Roberts Avenue

Are there any requirements for joining the Youth Council

Applications for Youth Council are open to any young people who live work or study in the Horsham Rural City Council area. We are looking for young people who are keen to advocate for their community and peers, as well as learn about leadership, public speaking and civic participation. Young people from diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply!

What will my child learn while on Youth Council?

Youth Councillors will learn about leadership, public speaking, team work, event planning and event management.

We also encourage Youth Councillors to be involved in the chairing of meetings and taking minutes.

Who is facilitating the Youth Council?

The Youth Council is overseen by the Horsham Rural City Council Youth team. Our staff have extensive experience working with young people and hold valid Working with Children Checks

What is the time commitment for my child?

We understand young people have heaps going on and we are mindful of the commitment to Youth Council. Early days there will be extra sessions for training and induction, however, over the course of the term the group will meet monthly. However, if projects and events arise, there may be more commitment. However we understand that School and family comes first

Does it cost anything for my child to be involved?

Not at all -Being involved in the Youth Council is free.

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How often does Youth Council meet?

The youth Council is required to meet 6 times per year. The day of the meeting will be decided by the Youth Council once they are inducted into office. There will be additional meetings for personal development, training, information sessions and special events

What will I learn on the Youth Council?

You will learn how Councils make decisions for it's residents, how to work as a team, improve your public speaking skills as well as learning about event planning.

Being a part of Youth Council also looks amazing on your resume and to potential employers!

What does a Youth Council actually do?

Youth Councils are the voice of young people in the community, and are there to represent your friends and peers. You will also help plan cool events and activities for young people in Horsham, and ensure that young people are represented in Council plans

Am I eligible to join the Youth Council?

The Youth Council is for people aged 12 to 25 who live, work or study in the Horsham Rural City. This includes people who live in surrounding shires, but work or study inside the Council area. We encourage applications from all young people, regardless of gender, race, disability or cultural background.

How long is a Council term?

A youth Councillors term is two years. But you have the right to reconsider your role each year if your work, study or personal circumstances change.

Do I need any special skills?

Not at all! You will receive guidance and mentoring from the Horsham Council Youth team, as well as from other Council staff and even members of Senior Council. You will learn about running meetings, taking minutes, public speaking and event planning. We are looking for motivated people and those keen to make a difference!



**Potential
Councillors**