

Port Stephens
Youth
Advisory and
Action Panel

GET INVOLVED AND HAVE A VOICE

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PORT STEPHENS
COUNCIL

A BRIEF HISTORY OF YAP

(NOW YAAP)

The Port Stephens Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) has always been about creating meaningful opportunities for local young people. Our focus is on participation and young people being seen, heard and involved in ways that feel safe and that are appropriate to their needs and interests.



The Port Stephens Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) was established.

2013



Our YAP members worked on the development of the Port Stephens Youth Strategy 2014 to 2018.

2014



Our YAP focused on mental health and wellbeing by helping to host forums and events.

2015 to 2016



We established the YAP Port East and Port West structure to reduce travel for members and allow teams to work on local projects.

2017



Our YAP members focused on advocating for a youth hub and places for young people in Port Stephens to connect.

2018 to 2019



During COVID-19 lockdowns, we went digital! Our Live @ The Alley event was a huge success and we focused on connecting online.

2020 (COVID)



We now have a chance to reinvent and put a focus on **action** as well as advice. Welcome to YAAP — the Port Stephens Youth Action and Advisory Panel.

2021



INTEREST GROUPS

Interest groups are all about establishing connections between young people who are like-minded and have common interests.

All youth interest groups under YAAP are created with the goal of being youth run and independent. The level of participation is up to each individual.



COUNCIL BUSINESS

Young people in Port Stephens have told us the issues of mental health, education and training, employment, homelessness and having youth friendly spaces are important to them. The YAAP's focus is on making sure our Council's business aligns whenever possible to current youth issues.



LEADERSHIP

Port Stephens Council is committed to building the abilities of young people to be leaders on issues that are important to them. This includes providing access to training to build skills and confidence.

With increased confidence and networks, young people lead change in their community with the support of experienced community advocates.



COMMUNICATION

Our communication needs to connect with local young people. This includes promoting the YAAP to young people in Port Stephens and working on digital media projects focused on local youth issues and interests.

ALL ABOUT YOU...

The purpose of the information is to identify people participating in the Port Stephens Council Youth Action and Advisory Panel. All registered participants are recognised as volunteers of Council for insurance purposes. No information is shared unless you give consent.

Your name: _____

Date of birth: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

Gender (how do you identify?) _____

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage?

Yes

No

No response

By signing below, you consent that material produced and information collected in relation to the event you participated in can be used in the future.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature: _____

(If under 18 years of age)

Date: _____

What opportunities offered by the YAAP interest you? (You can tick more than one)

- Interest groups
- Council business
- Communications
- Leadership

Tell us a little more about your choices above and why you are interested in getting involved.





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