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NSW YOUTH COUNCIL
CONFERENCE 2017

22 - 24 September 2017
Macquarie University

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

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Introduction

WELCOME!

We are thrilled to welcome you to the 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference. We have delegates here from right across the state representing Youth Councils, advisory groups and forums for Local Councils, NGO's and community organisations.

We encourage you to use every opportunity, network, share ideas and have fun!

If you require any assistance at all, our team of volunteers, staff and Youth Councillors will be wearing the khaki t-shirts with volunteer on the sleeve. Please approach any one of them who will be able to help you.

WI-FI

Network Name: Macquarie Events

Passcode: nyc2017

SHUTTLE BUSES

A separate timetable has been provided. Please be on time. **Buses will not wait!**

PARKING

No parking permits are required, as long as you park in car park West 5 car park (X8) – see attached map.

WALKING

Please refer to the attached map for the location of the theatre and easiest walking routes from Macquarie University train station.

ZEETINGS

We will be using Zeetings conference tool for audience interaction. Please go to zeetings.com/ryde on your mobile device to access the presentations, polls and surveys.

PRESENTATIONS

If you and your youth committee are planning on presenting on Sunday 24th, please ensure to hand in your presentation slides, no later than 4pm on Saturday 23rd. Please hand them in at the registration desk.

VOTING FOR THE HOST OF THE 2019 YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Voting for the 2019 hosts will take place via Zeetings. To ensure that you have a vote, please bring your mobile device. Youth Advisory Councils who wish to make a 5 minute 'pitch' to host the 2019 conference will be able to do so on Sunday 24 September, and delegates will be able to vote on the day by secret ballot and the results will be shown instantly.

#RYDEWITHUS

We encourage you to use the #RydeWithUs if you are posting anything on any social media platform.

MEALS

Meals are provided from Friday afternoon tea to Sunday Lunch, with the exception of Breakfast. There is a food court at the University with a wealth of options for Friday Lunch and Breakfast.

ALCOHOL

Alcohol must not be consumed during conference hours and activities. It is illegal to supply alcohol to minors. All events are alcohol free.

WORKSHOPS

Please make sure you sign up for a workshop in the foyer either at Registration or during afternoon tea.

LANYARDS

Please ensure that you wear your lanyard at all times throughout the conference (with the exception of the evening activities).

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY

This event will be photographed and videoed. You have already signed a consent form giving your permission to be photographed or videoed. If you would rather not be photographed or videoed please make yourself know at the registration desk. You will be asked to wear an identifier so that if we accidentally take footage of you, we will not use it. Please ensure that the identifier is in full view throughout the event (including evening activities).



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Conference Program*

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
11.00am	Registration Desk Opens	
1.00pm	Welcome To Country	Taylah Pearce
1.15pm	Conference Opening	His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), Governor of New South Wales
1.30pm	Welcome address	Welcome to Ryde, Aidan Fisher, Chairperson, Ryde Youth Council
1.35pm	Key Note Speech	Lilly Lyons
2.05pm	Key Note Speech 2	Carla Kassab – Youth Source app, Ryde Youth Council
2.35pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
2.50pm	Federal MP's Presentation	Mr John Alexander OAM MP – Federal Member for Ryde. <i>Mr Alexander is representing Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull</i>
3.00pm	State Members Presentation	The Hon. Victor Dominello MP – State Member for Ryde and Minister for Finance, Services and Property <i>Mr Dominello is representing the State Premier, Gladys Berejiklian MP</i>
3.10pm	State Members Presentation	The Hon. Ray Williams MP, Minister for Multiculturalism, and Minister for Disability Services (with responsibility for Youth Affairs).
3.20pm	Green Party Presentation	Dr Mehreen Faruqi – Greens NSW MP
3.40pm	Political Panel	Panel includes –The Hon John Alexander MP(fed), The Hon Victor Dominello MP (state)
4.30pm	Icebreakers / energisers and mini workshop	Ryde Youth Council
5.00pm	FREE TIME / BAGS TO ROOMS	
7.00pm	NSW YCC Olympics	Activities to include Laser Tag, bubble football and more.

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9.00am	WAKE UP! Energiser Activity	Ryde Youth Council
9.15am	The Bawurra Foundation	Jesse Slok
9.30am	Technology Empowering Young People To Tell Their Own Stories	Rae Johnston
10.00am	Ryde Youth Theatre	Ryde Youth Theatre
10.15am	Sneak peak of Our Local - a digital portal for finding local opportunities, activities, services and events	Andrew Johnson, NSW Advocate for Children and Young People
10.45am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Building My Following	Neel Kolhatkar
11.30am	Gen Z, Social Media & Community Engagement	Claire Madden
12noon	Mini Workshop	Ryde Youth Council
1.00pm	LUNCH	
2.00pm	WORKSHOPS	
	Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture. Room: W5A 105	Managing Your Digital Relationships Room: W5A 103
	Videos for Social Change. Room: W5A 101	Designing a Community Project. Room: Active Learning Space – MQ Theatre
	How to Pitch – getting heard. Room: MQ Theatre	

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER...CONTINUED

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER			
3.10pm	AFTERNOON TEA				
3.20pm	WORKSHOPS				
	Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture. Room: W5A 105	Managing Your Digital Relationships. Room: W5A 103	Videos for Social Change. Room: W5A 101	Designing a Community Project. Room: Active Learning Space – MQ Theatre	How to Pitch – getting heard. Room: MQ Theatre
4.30pm	CLOSE AND FREE TIME				
6.00pm	Coaches pick up delegates				
7.00pm	Boat Cruise to city				

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8.45am	WAKE UP! Energiser activity	Ryde Youth Council
9.00am	From An Idea to a Movement	Earth Hour
9.30am	Mini Workshop	Ryde Youth Council
10.30am	Pitches to Host 2019 NSW YCC	
10.50am	MORNING TEA	
11.10am	Pitch It!	The Frank Team
11.30am	What Have We Been Doing?	Opportunity for youth councils to showcase their work
12.30pm	Announce 2019 Hosts	Ryde Youth Council
12.40pm	Evaluations	
12.55pm	Official Conference Close	
1.00pm	LUNCH PROVIDED	

**Conference program correct at time of printing. Conference content and times may change.*



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Speakers

LILLY LYONS



Lilly is 15 years of age and has been an advocate for young people since the age of 12.

Her advocacy extends to child sexual assault and the laws and wellbeing of the survivor. She also supports programs including Youth Off The Streets (YOTS) after care program for Year 12 students who have left the support of YOTS.

She has been an ambassador for Save the Children, Australia tackling issues in the community that involve hardships for young refugees and migrants living in Australia and internationally.

She has worked with the NSW Youth Advisory Committee rolling out the NSW strategic plan for children and young people with the help of the Hon John Ajaka MP.

She is the host of her own youth radio show which she started aged 12.

She is on Liverpool Youth Council and started aged 12 and has since risen through the committee to achieve Assistant Media Representative and now holds the position of Chairperson. She is the recipient of the 2016 Pride of Australia award.

"I may be a little person but I have a big voice and I believe attitude is everything because youth issues matter and that's how you make IT happen."

CARLA KASSAB



Carla was a member of the Ryde Youth Council from 2010-2016.

In 2014, Carla was awarded the Ryde Young Citizen of the Year award for her work within the local community and on the committee where she was Chairperson.

Carla played an integral role in putting on the successful Youth Empowerment Summit held in Ryde in 2014 and organised by the Ryde Youth Council.

Carla also works for NSW Health as a Youth Health Promotion Consultant where she has been part of the design team for the YouthSource app and website, a resource which brings together information about services that work with young people throughout Northern Sydney.

Through all this, Carla has had her own personal battles but has always strived to better herself and the community.

HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (RET'D), GOVERNOR OF NEW SOUTH WALES, ACCOMPANIED BY MRS LINDA HURLEY



His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd), is the 38th Governor of New South Wales. He commenced his five year tenure in October 2014.

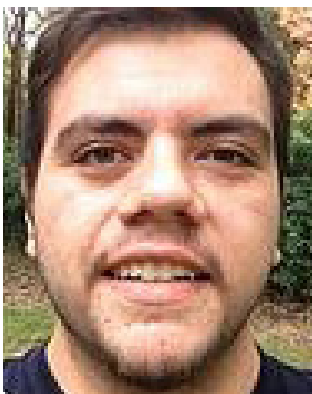
Prior to his appointment as Governor, His Excellency served for 42 years in the Australian Army, concluding his service as the Chief of the Defence Force. His Excellency was appointed a Companion within the Order of Australia in 2010 for eminent service to the Australian Defence Force, and had been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his leadership during Operation SOLACE in Somalia in 1993.

His Excellency is married to Linda and has three adult children: Caitlin, Marcus and Amelia. He has a wide range of interests in the arts and in sport.

As Governor of New South Wales, His Excellency intends to support the people and community organisations of New South Wales, through:

- Assisting programs and organisations that promote inclusiveness, diversity and active citizenship
- Recognising innovation, achievement and excellence
- Promoting industry and regional development
- Providing support in times of adversity
- Advocating for marginalised members of our community.

JESSE SLOK – THE BAWURRA FOUNDATION



Jesse Slok is a Gamilaraay man from Tamworth, NSW and a current student at Macquarie in his final year of a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in International Business and Entrepreneurship.

Jesse is passionate about Aboriginal Empowerment through culture, education and commerce and is also the Chairman and Co-founder of The Bawurra Foundation which is a not-for-profit organisation helping to improve the literacy ability of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children by working with remote Aboriginal communities, preserving their cultural history and languages, and donating tablets to schools in the community to give them access to high quality educational resources. These resources not only aim to preserve Indigenous culture but allow young people to connect with their learning through technology by accessing Indigenous knowledge in the 'Bawurra Library'.

RYDE YOUTH THEATRE



Ryde Youth Theatre (RYT) began in 2009 in response to demand from young people and quickly became City of Ryde's most successful arts programme.

Responding to demand from young people and an industry gap, RYT evolved as a young writer's theatre, developing and producing scripts by young people aged 11 to 20.

Each year RYT creates five-to-six original productions, written, directed and performed by young people and our Artistic Director. At RYT young audiences find a theatre all their own, reflecting their values, world view, questions, language and humour. Approximately 70% of our audiences are aged under 18.



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ANDREW JOHNSON



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Andrew Johnson was appointed to his current role of Advocate for Children and Young People in January 2015. Since being appointed, some of his achievements include, the development of the first three-year whole of government Strategic Plan for Children and Young People and hearing from more than 10,000 children and young people across NSW to inform decisions that affect their lives.

He has more than 20 years of national and international experience working in senior leadership positions in NGOs and international intergovernmental organisations, including Plan International, Save the Children, ChildFund Alliance, UNICEF, UNCHR and the Australia Council of Social Service (ACOSS).

His work has included management and oversight of large scale service delivery programming, policy development and advocacy campaigns. He has been requested to present to the UN Security Council, US Congress and the Australian Parliament on issues pertinent to children and young people. Andrew also chaired the UN Assembly Special Session on Children and Young People's Participation and was an Adjunct Professor at NYU, developing and teaching courses on child and human rights.

About ACYP

ACYP's role is to improve the safety, welfare and well being of all children and young people in NSW. ACYP works with, by and on behalf of children and young people to engage and listen to their feedback and input to ensure that their rights are respected and their points of view heard by adult decision makers.

NEEL KOLHATKAR



With over 480,000 plus Facebook followers, 380,000 YouTube subscribers and millions of views across all platforms, Neel Kolhatkar is certified internet famous.

Charismatic, unapologetically anti-PC and still only 23 years of age, he has been dubbed as the 'voice of Generation Y' and 'one of the brightest prospects in the comedy world.'

A prolific performer, Neel's insightful, hard-hitting and at times scathing commentary on topics ranging from youth, media, gender and race; coupled with his array of character voices, impressions, crowd-work and charismatic stage presence has now charmed audiences across five countries.

The winner of The Melbourne International Comedy Festivals national 'Class Clowns' Competition at the tender age of 15, a main cast member of the digital Emmy award winning TV show #7DaysLater in 2013 and the operator of a small business teaching improvisation and drama to children, Neel boasts a CV envied by other comics.

Also a talented filmmaker, Neel Kolhatkar is perfectly placed to become a global megastar in coming years.

RAE JOHNSTON



Rae is a video game, consumer technology, comic book and pop culture writer/television and radio presenter, She aims to present news and opinions in a way that can be appreciated by hard-core fans and newcomers alike.

She is a proud Wiradjuri woman with Greek, Irish, Welsh, German and apparently also Mongolian ancestry, she is geek Mum to her teenage son (best known as her Padawan).

You can read her work on Gizmodo Australia (where she is a full time journalist) as well as on Kotaku, Lifehacker, Business insider and PopSugar.

She is the host of The Point (9.00pm Tuesdays on NITV), and regularly appears on The Project, Today, Sunrise, Today Tonight and The Feed as well as national news programs on SBS, ABC, Channel Ten, Channel 7 and Channel Nine.

She is also a regular on Triple J (7.00am Wednesdays), 2CC (4.20pm Wednesdays), ABC Radio National and 2UE Radio as well as on Gizmodo's podcast Static, which she produces and hosts.

CLAIRE MADDEN



Claire Madden is a social researcher, media commentator, keynote presenter, TEDx speaker, business consultant and founder and director of the strategy and communications agency, Hello Clarity.

Claire is in demand for her skill in effectively identifying the emerging trends and assisting business leaders to strategically respond to them. With academic qualifications in communications and postgraduate studies in leadership, Claire brings robust, research-based content to her engaging presentations and consulting.

Claire is on the board for a financial services company and on the Advisory Board of UTS Business School.

In addition to delivering keynote presentations at conferences in Australia and overseas, Claire is booked to conduct training days for corporate and not for profit clients, facilitate panels across an array of industries and deliver workshops across diverse generations. Claire is uniquely placed as an expert on social trends, organisational culture and generational engagement. From her role on TV, radio and in print as a media commentator, to delivering keynote presentations at business conferences, Claire is in demand as a social researcher who is also an engaging communicator.

NATASHA MUNASINGHE – THE FRANK TEAM



Natasha Munasinghe is a Lawyer, graduating from University of Sydney and the Australian National University. She is now the CEO, of The FRANK Team - one of Australia's largest Millennial training providers working with 88,000 young people and young professionals. In 2016, she was invited by the Lord Mayor as the Keynote Speaker for the City of Sydney's International Student Welcome.

Natasha is passionate about entrepreneurship and co-founded the Sydney Young Entrepreneur meetup with over 4000 members. She also spearheaded the Global Entrepreneurship Week Campaign in Australia which impacted over 250,000 people across Australia and got the support of the Prime Minister and the NSW Premier.

Natasha will be launching the PitchIt! Competition in NSW.

KERRI MAJOR - WORLD WILDLIFE FUND AUSTRALIA Climate and Earth Hour Engagement Manager



Kerri Major is the Climate and Earth Hour Engagement Manager at WWF-Australia. Her role is to bring attention to the pressing issue of climate change and to improve awareness of renewable energy solutions.

Kerri's expertise is in cleantech and she has worked extensively with clean technology scientists at the cutting edge of research. She has worked with businesses big and small and is excited about the potential benefits solar and renewable energy can bring to rural communities in need.

She has managed major government programs in Singapore for clean energy and was part of an advisory group working with Singapore's Cabinet on clean energy and energy security.

Kerri grew up in Singapore and studied at Nanyang Technological University. She is also a deft baker and a former singer in an experimental bossa nova band.



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Politicians

THE HON (RAY) RAYMOND WILLIAMS MP



Ray Williams was sworn in as the Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services in January 2017.

He was first elected to the NSW Parliament in 2007, following a term as councillor on the Hills Shire Council.

Prior to his appointment as Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services, Ray was Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads and for Western Sydney.

Ray began his career in two metal trade apprenticeships before working in the transport industry for 22 years.

Between 1985 and 2005 Ray held a Racing NSW Thoroughbred Trainers License and successfully operated a small business in the industry.

MR JOHN ALEXANDER OAM MP – FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BENNELONG



John Alexander, known as “JA” across the nation, was elected to Parliament in 2010 as a firm believer in opportunity and individual endeavour. Combined with a strong discipline these values laid the foundations for his success as a touring professional tennis player.

JA rose to #8 in the international singles rankings, and #2 in doubles, winning 7 singles and 27 doubles titles. He represented Australia from 1968-83, including leading the victory in the 1977 Davis Cup Final in Sydney. In 1978 JA played the first ever professional tennis match in China, against Bjorn Borg in Guandong.

A passion for public health led JA to manage a variety of sport-related small businesses and the development of multi-activity sports centres as the Managing Director of Next Generation Clubs Australia. This role included the construction of the Ryde Aquatic Centre for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The Centre provides health and recreation services to over one million visitors every year.

Since his election to Parliament as Liberal Member for Bennelong in 2010, JA has balanced his local duties with a role leading the Liberal Party Sustainable Cities Policy Taskforce and Chair of the Vision 2020 Policy Group. He also established the bi-partisan Parliamentary Friends of Medicines Group and Parliamentary Friends of Rail Group which invite industry leaders to present emerging issues, research and opportunities to parliamentarians.

Since his election to Government in 2013, JA has been appointed to the following positions:

- Chair, Parliamentary Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities
- Former Chair, Parliamentary Committee on Economics
- Former Chair, Parliamentary Committee on Tax & Revenue
- Chair, Coalition Policy Committee on Infrastructure & Regional Development
- Chair, Coalition Policy Committee on Tourism
- Chair, Australia – East Asia Parliamentary Network
- Chair, Australia – Republic of Korea Parliamentary Group
- Chair, Sydney Airport Community Forum

THE HON VICTOR DOMINELLO MP - STATE MEMBER FOR RYDE



Victor was elected to the NSW Parliament at the Ryde By-Election held on 18 October 2008 with a swing of 23.1 per cent, one of the largest in the State's history.

Victor was sworn in as Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Minister for Citizenship and Communities. His responsibilities included veterans' affairs, volunteering, youth and multicultural affairs and in 2014 Victor also became Assistant Minister for Education and while retaining his previous portfolio responsibilities, Veterans' Affairs was added to his official title.

As Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Victor successfully implemented landmark reforms to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, established the state's first Aboriginal Language and Culture Nests and the position of Aboriginal Deputy Ombudsman.

As Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor reformed the role of the state's multicultural peak body, Multicultural NSW, enshrining into law its duty to protect social cohesion by promoting the beliefs and values which unite us all as Australians.

Following the Baird Government's re-election in March 2015, Victor was sworn in as the state's first Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation.

In this role Victor was responsible for the Office of Fair Trading and the NSW Government's ICT Strategy as well as leading on a range of open government, data analytics, innovation and regulatory reform initiatives. Whilst Minister for Innovation and Better Regulation Victor introduced historic reforms to the State's strata laws. He also launched FuelCheck providing customers with real-time updates of fuel prices to ensure they receive a better deal at the bowser.

In January 2017, Victor was asked to serve as Minister for Finance, Services and Property in the Berejiklian Government. In his current role, Victor has oversight of Service NSW, Office of State Revenue, the Land Titles Office, Government Property NSW, Government Procurement, the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) and the Government's ICT Strategy.

DR MEHREEN FARUQI MP - GREENS NSW



Dr Mehreen Faruqi joined the NSW Legislative Council in June 2013 and is the first Muslim woman elected to any Parliament in Australia. Prior to this she was the Director of the Institute of Environmental Studies at University of NSW and an Associate Professor in Business and Sustainability. She is a civil and environmental engineer with a PHD in Environmental Engineering. Since migrating from Pakistan to Australia in 1992, with her young family, Mehreen's work has focused on developing real solutions to social and environmental challenges.

In 2013, Mehreen received the UNSW Faculty of Engineering Award for Leadership and was voted No.5 in Fairfax Media Daily Life's list of top 20 women for 2013 who made a difference and inspired Australians and a finalist in 2015. In 2015 she was announced as one of the top 100 Most Influential Engineers in Australia. She is a Fellow of the Institution on Engineers Australia and a member of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand.

Her portfolio responsibilities include the Environment, Transport, Roads, Maritime and Freight, Status of Women, Multiculturalism, Animal Welfare, Drug and Harm Minimisation, Young People, Western Sydney and the NSW Mid North Coast.

Mehreen is a passionate activist on a range of issues, and has worked as a volunteer, campaigner, Convenor of NSW Greens' Women's Group and candidate for The Greens NSW, including achieving a record 30% of the vote in the 2012 Heffron by-election.



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Workshops

WORKSHOP 1:

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY - DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA, MUSIC, COMMUNICATION AND CULTURAL STUDIES PRESENTS:

“Video For Social Change”

This will show works and discuss strategies that have been employed for various video projects including Racism Stops With Me, Unified Ryde and others.



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WORKSHOP 2:

YOUTH ACTION PRESENTS:

“Designing a Community Project”

So you have some great ideas to create change in your community, but you're not sure how to start? Youth Action will help you pull together your ideas to design an awesome community project that will create real impact and will be ready to take off when you get home from this conference.



About Youth Action

Youth Action is the peak organisation representing young people and youth services in NSW. Youth Action works towards a society where all young people are supported, engaged and valued.

WORKSHOP 3:

THE FRANK TEAM PRESENTS:

“Pitch It!”

This workshop will explore the skills required to successfully pitch a project, whether it be to get authority to start the project, get funding for the project or get buy in from your peers.



WORKSHOP 4:

THE OFFICE OF THE ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTS:

“Managing Your Digital Relationships”

The Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People (ACYP) will present findings from children and young people on two key areas of digital citizenship. You will hear what young people are saying about how they conceptualise online bullying and what solutions are being suggested. The workshop will also look at the impact of non-consensual image based abuses. We are keen to hear your ideas on how to address these important issues.

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WORKSHOP 5:

CREATE NSW PRESENTS:

“Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture”

This workshop showcases projects developed by young artists and explores opportunities available to develop your creative ideas with and for your communities.



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Macquarie Theatre (W2.4A)

- Driving to West 3 and West 5 carpark
- Walking route from carpark to venue
- Walking route from train station to venue

- Legend**
- PATHWAYS
 - ROADS
 - SHARED ZONES
 - PARKING
 - CAFE/RESTAURANT
 - BUS STOP
 - TRAIN STOP
 - GATE
 - FRONT DOOR
 - ACCESSIBLE ACCESS

