

22 - 24 September 2017 Macquarie University











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Introduction

WELCOME TO RYDE!

As home to Sydney's second largest business district and world-class education services, Ryde is at the heart of innovation in Australia. Macquarie Park is one of Australia's biggest centres of business and innovation boasting a range of corporations including Microsoft, Optus, Foxtel and Sony, and leading in cutting-edge research in telecommunications, technology, pharmaceuticals and electronics. Macquarie University likewise is a leader in tertiary education with the Australian Hearing Hub, Macquarie University Hospital and Innovation Hub all contributing advanced research and development projects. Aside from innovation, Ryde also plays host to a number of great attractions with an abundance of beautiful national parks, heritage-listed architecture and cultural attractions known far and wide. Ryde has a rich history beginning as Sydney's largest municipality and later becoming the birthplace of the Granny Smith apple. Ryde has also produced a number of well-known personalities including The Wiggles, John Howard and Iggy Azalea. We look forward to showing you all Ryde has to offer!

RYDE YOUTH COUNCIL

The Ryde Youth Council (RYC) is passionate about empowering young people with the skills to make a difference in the modern world. Since 2015, the RYC has worked diligently in reducing youth unemployment, improving life skills and advocating for alternative career pathways. In doing so, the RYC has built relationships with the Ryde Business Forum, commercial entities such as Top Ryde Shopping Centre and the Macquarie Centre, and various non-government organisations. The RYC has also drawn on past successes such as the 2014 Ryde Youth Empowerment Summit to continue to contribute to current issues including metal health, homelessness and alcohol-fuelled violence. We believe that with the plethora of new and emerging technologies, the best way for young people to make a significant difference is to learn how to use these technologies to their best potential.

2017 NSW YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The aim of the 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference is to give young people the knowledge and skills necessary to utilise emerging technologies and make change in their local communities. The Conference is being run by youth, for youth, with a key focus on the journeys of successful young people. Corporate partners from Macquarie Park and Macquarie University are also contributing invaluable support by providing an insight into new technologies and directions. Furthermore, the informed advice from NGOs and government representatives will ensure that the information given is realistic and can be applied practically. We look forward to you sharing with us your own personal journeys and coming away from the Conference inspired and confident in making a difference in the new world.

General Information

CONFERENCE VENUE THE MACQUARIE THEATRE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

There are many different ways to get to Macquarie University. We encourage people to use sustainable methods of travel where possible. There are regular train and bus services extending to areas right across Sydney. See http://www.mq.edu.au/about/contacts-and-maps/getting-to-macquarie for details.

CAR PARKING AT THE CONFERENCE VENUE

There will be free car parking throughout the conference. However, you must display a valid permit. If you require a permit, please contact Mike Paine – **mpaine@ryde.nsw.gov.au**Permits will be sent out one week prior to the conference.

SHUTTLE BUSES

Free Shuttle buses will be available to:

- Collect people from Sydney Airport domestic terminal (Friday AM only)
- Drop and collect people from the 7 identified hotels to get to and from the conference / evening activities
- Drop people to Sydney Domestic Airport terminal (Sunday PM Only).

You must contact Mike Paine to book your shuttle buses for pick up and drop off to Airport terminals.

REGISTRATION

On arrival at Macquarie University, please make your way to the Macquarie Theatre (see included map). Registration will be in the Foyer. We will have a secure bag area available where you can leave your bags before you make your way to the hotels.

Your ID lanyard will be issued while completing your registration on arrival at the Conference venue.

VOTING FOR THE HOST OF THE 2019 YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE

Voting cards for each delegate will be distributed during the Conference. 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.

CONFERENCE FACILITATOR

Mike Paine,

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CONFERENCE HOST

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Helpful Contacts

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Transport NSW transportnsw.info

TAXI COMPANIES

13Cabs sydney.13cabs.com.au Ph: 13 2227
Premier Cabs premiercabs.com.au Ph: 13 1017

TOURIST INFORMATION

Sydney Tourist Information **Sydney.com** Ph: 1800 067 676

HOSPITAL

Ryde Hospital, Emergency Department, Denistone Road, Eastwood NSW 2122 The Emergency Department is located off the U shaped driveway at the entrance of Ryde Hospital.

HEALTHDIRECT AUSTRALIA HELPLINE

Non-emergency 24 hour health advice Ph: 1800 022 222

CONFERENCE UPDATES & NEWS

To keep up to date with conference news, program updates, guest speaker bio's and who is joining us at the conference visit the City of Ryde website. To join the social conversation use this tag as frequently as possible: #RydeWithUs





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.

WI-FI

There is free Wi-Fi at the University. Access codes will be made available at registration.

MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES

You are encouraged to bring your phones and devices to enable you to participate in instant polling and to submit questions for speakers. Log in to **www.sli.do** using #RydeWithUs to access the conference site. NOTE: This will not be available until the week prior to the conference.





Conference Program*

FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
11.00am	Registration Desk Opens		
1.00pm	Welcome To Country		
1.15pm	Mayors Address	Mayoral address and official conference opening	
1.30pm	Key Note Presentation	Lilly Lyons	
2.00pm	Dealing with depression and anxiety - the trials and triumphs	Carla Kassab	
2.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
2.45pm	Federal MP's Presentation	Mr John Alexander OAM MP – Federal Member for Bennelong	
3.00pm	State MP's Presentation	The Hon Victor Dominello MP - State Member for Ryde	
3.15pm	Green Party Presentation	Dr Mehreen Faruqi - Greens	
3.30pm	Panel Q & A Session	Panel includes: Mr John Alexander OAM MP — Federal Member for Bennelong, The Hon Victor Dominello MP - State Member for Ryde, Mayor/Administrator of Ryde, Ryde General Manager	
4.30pm	Icebreakers / Energisers and Mini Workshop		
5.00pm	Free Time / Bags to rooms etc		
7.00pm	NSW YCC Games at Marsfield Park	Activities may include Laser Tag, bubble soccer and more	

SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC		SPEAKER		
9.00am	WAKE UP! Energiser Activity		Ryde Youth Council		
9.15am	Technology and the Indigenous Community		Macquarie Uni Indigenous Unit		
9.30am	Topic TBC		Rae Johnston		
10.00am	Building Community Support		#Fistsdown – Community Campaign		
10.15am	Pre-Launch Our Local trial		Andrew Johnson, NSW Advocate for Children and Young People		
10.45am	MORNING TEA				
11.00am	Building My Following		Neel Kolhatkar		
11.30am	Topic TBC		Claire Madden		
12noon	Mini Workshop		Ryde Youth Council		
1.00pm	LUNCH				
2.00pm	WORKSHOPS				
	Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture.	Managing Your Digital Relationship	Videos for Social Change	Designing a Community Project	How to Pitch – getting heard
3.10pm	AFTERNOON TEA				
3.20pm	WORKSHOPS				
	Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture.	Managing Your Digital Relationship	Videos for Social Change	Designing a Community Project	How to Pitch – getting heard
4.30pm	CLOSE AND FREE TIME				
6.00pm	Coaches pick up delegates				
7.00pm	Boat Cruise to city				
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SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER	
8.45am	WAKE UP! Energiser activity	Ryde Youth Council	
9.00am	From An Idea to a Movement	Kerri Major, 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.

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.

SELWYN LLOYD - FOUNDER #FISTSDOWN





Selwyn is of Maori Descent and believes his culture sits at the forefront of his understanding of life. He has a positive and encouraging outlook that connects to our young people, empowering them to find their voice and inspiring them to make better informed decisions. Selwyn is a young man that presents many talents.

- Founder of Te Tira Haka O Iti Rearea Inc. Creative and Performing arts cultural group of 90 young people from 2013 to 2017
- Vice chair and young adult for NSW Council for Pacific Communities 2014-2107
- Attended the National Student leadership Program in Canberra through a selection process being one of 300 young people throughout Australia and New Zealand 2015.
- Community mentor and youth support at Kingsgrove North High School, Leumeah High School, Macquarie Fields Public School 2016.
- Facilitator for Multicultural; NSW Youth forums 2015-2106.
- Completed the EOS training with Daniel Davis at Gallop Solutions Traction Training group 2017
- Master of Ceremonies Sydney Pacific Schools event, Liverpool 2015
- Master of Ceremonies, NZ Festival 2016 2017
- VIP cultural performers Harmony Day dinner 2016
- Runner up Zest Awards youth initiative category 2017
- White Ribbon Day Convoy Campbelltown 2015 2016
- Winner of overall chairpersons award NSW Pacific Awards Night.

Currently Selwyn has created a youth program associated with #Fistsdown that is being rolled out in schools throughout NSW.

"Join the movement and be the change you want to see in your community"

ANDREW JOHNSON



Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People

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 Millenial 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 Pitchlt! 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.

Politicians

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RYDE

Due to the local government council elections scheduled for 9 September 2017, we cannot confirm the name of the Mayor of the City of Ryde that will be in attendance.

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.

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.



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.

Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People



WORKSHOP 5:

CREATE NSW PRESENTS:

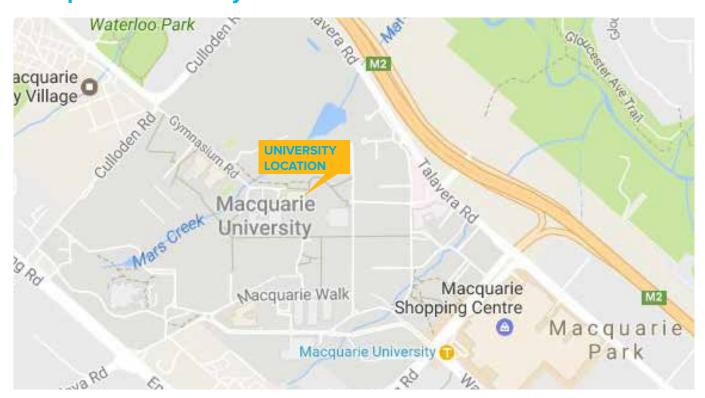
"Agents of Change: Inspiring Communities through Arts, Screen and Culture"

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





Macquarie University Location



Macquarie University Campus Map

