

GET INVOLVED



**Be a representative on the
Ryde Youth Council**



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

What is the Ryde Youth Council?

The Ryde Youth Council is made up of young people who live, work, study or play in the City of Ryde and includes one Councillor Representative.

The Ryde Youth Council has been created to allow young people within the City of Ryde to share their opinions, ideas and views with Council.

What does the Ryde Youth Council do?

The Ryde Youth Council:

- Advocates, provides advice, and makes recommendations to Council on matters affecting young people and the community
- Coordinates, plans and implements community activities and events
- Participates in community activities and consultations
- Promotes awareness to the community on issues impacting on young people
- Encourages positive views and opinions of young people and their achievements in the community



Who assists the Ryde Youth Council and how?

The Community Project Officer – Young People assists the Ryde Youth Council with information and planning. This includes assisting in the booking of a meeting space, the administration of the committee and providing information on Council practices. The Community Project Officer – Young People is also the main contact for members of the Ryde Youth Council and any other external groups who may have any enquiries and are seeking further information.

"Ryde Youth Council has a place for everyone, whether you are a shy year 7 student, or Ryde Young Citizen of the Year. I have been both and I owe that to RYC!" - James Camilleri





WHAT'S INVOLVED IN BEING A MEMBER?

How much time does it take?

There are six meetings each year, one every second month. The meeting times and dates are coordinated by the members of the group and will be set for the two year term.

Additionally subcommittees will be set up throughout the year to organise events.

Membership of these subcommittee is entirely voluntary.

Does the Ryde Youth Council **do more than just meetings?**

Yes. The Ryde Youth Council has the opportunity to organise youth events and activities for existing community and youth celebrations and events such as National Youth Week and

the Granny Smith Festival. The Ryde Youth Council has the ability to coordinate its own activities, events and programs to meet the needs of local young people.

The Ryde Youth Council also represents young people, the City of Ryde and Council at other external events, conferences and youth /community programs.

Who can be a member?

Anyone who lives works, studies or plays in the City of Ryde Local Government Area and is aged between 12-25 years old.

Is there supervision?

The Ryde Youth Council is open to young people aged 12-25 years. This means that some of the young people participating in the Youth Council may be under the age of 18 years and require supervision. The person

supervising the group will be the Community Projects Officer – Young People or any other Council staff assisting with the functions and practices of the Ryde Youth Council.

All staff that supervise the Youth Council have undergone the appropriate Working With Children Checks.

What do I get from being involved?

There are lots of great outcomes from being involved in the Ryde Youth Council:

- Gain experience in meeting procedures, event management, advocacy and developing programs
- Opportunity to build skills, try new things and meet lots of new people
- Learn more about the community in Ryde and the state of New South Wales
- Opportunities to have your say and represent local young people of the City of Ryde at events, conferences, consultations and youth / community programs.

**ARE YOU
INTERESTED?**

Submit your Expression of Interest form
to become a member of the Ryde Youth Council.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

About this form

Use this form to express your interest in becoming a member of the Ryde Youth Council.

Please read the terms of reference of the Ryde Youth Council available at

www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryc

Address your form to the

Community Project Officer - Young People
and submit via

Post Reply Paid 65204, North Ryde NSW 1670

Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au

Fax (02) 9952 8199

PART 1 : APPLICANT DETAILS

Name*

Address*

Suburb*

Postcode*

Mobile*

Home Phone

Email*

☐ Male*

☐ Female*

Date of birth*

Day/Month/Year

Country of birth*

Languages spoken at home*

Please indicate if you are:

☐ At School

☐ At University or TAFE

☐ Working

☐ Looking for work

☐ Other, please specify

PART 2 : EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please tell us about your interests, goals and hobbies and how these can help you to meet the roles and responsibilities that are outlined in the Ryde Youth Council Terms of Reference:

Please tell us why you would like to be a member of the Ryde Youth Council:

PART 3 : DECLARATION

☐ I would like to be a member of the Ryde Youth Council (RYC)

☐ I have read the current Terms of Reference of the Ryde Youth Council

☐ I understand that I will be required to participate in bi-monthly meetings and additional activities and events as required

☐ I give permission for photographs of myself/ my son or daughter to be used to promote the Ryde Youth Council in various media medium including the City of Ryde website and media releases

☐ I accept that my name will be listed in various public documents of Council including the City of Ryde website.

Signature*

Date*

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If you are under 18 years of age you must have your parent or guardian sign the consent form below.

**Signature
and Name***

Date*

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How many people are a part of the Ryde Youth Council?

There is a minimum of 14 young people as Youth Councillors, a minimum of one Councillor representative and the Community Project Officer – Young People to provide support to the committee.

Why does the City of Ryde have a Youth Council?

The City of Ryde wants to hear the opinions and ideas of young people. The Council would like to see more young people participating in decision making for the community as well as attending and planning more events and activities within the City of Ryde. We want to help young people in the City of Ryde gain new skills, try new things and meet new people.

What do we want from the Youth Councillors?

To sign up, have fun and gain skills!

We would like the Youth Councillors to advocate on behalf of their individual and other people's opinions, ideas and needs. We would love for this to occur during the 12 meetings over two years of your term of membership and your help to coordinate events and activities for other young people.

What does advocacy mean?

Advocacy is when you speak or write on behalf of or in support of a person, idea or cause. We have over 17,000 people aged between 12-25 years in Ryde, so we have many different young people and ideas to represent.

How do I join?

Please read the further information about the Ryde Youth Council membership application process and the endorsed Ryde Youth Council Terms of Reference 2013 at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ryc

Complete the tear out form at the end of this booklet and send it to the address shown on the form.

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