

CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO

Youth Council

Youth Councillor Roles

Youth Councillors the role of Youth Councillors is to provide a voice for young people in Greater Bendigo. Youth Councillors will:

- Participate in the development of strategies that improve outcomes for young people in the community.
- Advocate on behalf of all young people in Greater Bendigo.
- Provide written submissions to City of Greater Bendigo Council on policy and strategies that impact young people.
- Oversee the delivery of *Explore, Engage, Empower – Young People in Greater Bendigo (City of Greater Bendigo Youth Strategy)*.
- Participate in reference groups & advisory committees.
- Attend City and community events, civic functions and conferences.
- Identify and nominate projects and/or policy portfolios at the beginning of their term.
- Develop and participate in working groups on key priority policies.
- Provide advice on the management of the YO Bendigo youth facility.
- Develop a 12 month action plan to guide the direction of the Youth Council.
- Develop community events to celebrate young people in the community.

Youth Mayor

The Youth Mayor, with assistance from the Deputy Youth Mayor and Inclusive Communities staff will:

- Chair Youth Council meetings.
- Ensure that the overall direction of the City of Greater Bendigo Youth Council is in accordance with the City's Community Plan and Youth Strategy.
- Represent Youth Council at community meetings/events functions when requested by the Mayor, Councillors or City staff.
- Provide a public figure and spokesperson for the Greeter Bendigo Youth Council.
- Work with Youth Council members and Inclusive Communities staff to compile meeting agendas.
- Work with Youth Council members and Inclusive Communities staff to develop, complete and implement the Youth Council annual work program.
- Be the spokesperson for Youth Council and represent the views and recommendations of the Youth Council.

Deputy Youth Mayor

The Deputy Youth Mayor, with assistance from Inclusive Communities staff, will:

- Support the Youth Mayor as required.
- Assume all Youth Mayor responsibilities in the absence of the Youth Mayor.
- Work with Youth Council members and Inclusive Communities staff to compile meeting agendas when required.
- Work with Youth Council members and Inclusive Communities staff to develop, complete and implement the Youth Councils annual work program when required.
- Represent Youth Council at special community meetings/events functions when requested by the Mayor, Councillors or City staff.