



Greg Aplin MP
Member for Albury

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LOCAL YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR THE NSW YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, has advised that applications for the 2018 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will close on 30 September 2017.

The NSW YAC has a statutory role to advise the NSW Government on issues of importance to young people, as well as monitor and evaluate youth-related policies and legislation.

Council members are sought from diverse locations, backgrounds and life experiences.

Mr Aplin said the NSW YAC provides an important avenue for children and young people in the local area to have a say on Government policies and programs.

“I encourage young people to apply to represent local youth and have a say on issues important to our community.

“The feedback received from the Council plays an important role in assisting the NSW Government develop effective policies and programs.”

2017 YAC Chair, Declan Drake, found it rewarding to represent his peers.

“I’ve learned a great deal, but also genuinely feel I’ve had the opportunity to engage with matters I consider important to my generation,” Mr Drake said.

One of the key roles of the NSW YAC is to provide advice to the Advocate for Children and Young People, Andrew Johnson.

Mr Johnson, said the 12 person Council meets regularly throughout the year to monitor and evaluate policies and legislation that affect young people.

“The advice of the 2017 NSW YAC has been instrumental to our work throughout the year.

“The Council also met with various NSW Government Departments, such as NSW Health, Multicultural NSW and NESAs and helped organise events such as IDEATION 2017 and Youth Week.

“I urge young people to put their hand up to be the next NSW YAC leaders,” Mr Johnson said.

Council membership is open to all NSW residents between the ages of 12 and 24.

For more information and application forms please visit the Advocate for Children and Young People's website www.acyp.nsw.gov.au or by call (02) 9248 0970

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