

Young Mayors Cairns

# Nominations Form (Printed Version)

Nominations for the Cairns Youth Council are open to young people aged between 13 and 17 years of age (at the time of applications closing on midnight Monday 21 July, and living in the Cairns area.

**We encourage young people with a diversity of lived experience of life in Cairns to nominate, including First Nations people, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people / people with disability, women and non-binary people, young people from low-income households, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people of colour.**

You do not need to be an Australian citizen to nominate yourself. Young people both in and out of school are eligible to apply.

**Please return this completed form via email to [young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au](mailto:young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au) no later than midnight Monday 21 July, 2025.**

**Name and Contact Details, Availability and Eligibility to join the Youth Council**

First Name		
Surname		
Phone		Email

<b>Home Address</b>		
<b>School or Workplace</b>		
<b>Date of Birth</b>		<i>Nominees must be aged 17 and under at the time of application</i>
<b>Which is your preferred region to nominate for?</b> (see attached map)	North Cairns Region Central Cairns Region South Cairns Region Far South Cairns Region	<i>In order to engage candidates from all parts of the Cairns region, we ask you to nominate your preferred region to represent. This might be the region where you live, you spend the most time, or feel the most connected</i>
<b>Are you available on the key dates?</b>	Yes / No	<i>See website for key dates</i>
<b>Are you available to attend fortnightly meetings, if elected?</b> Depending on availability of the youth councillors, meetings are mostly held in-person but we can provide online participation if needed.  Meetings usually run for 1.5 - 2hours and are held at Cairns Regional Council. More info <a href="#">here</a> .		Yes / No
<b>Do you have capacity to attend additional meetings and contribute in other ways?</b> Depending on the project, the youth council may hold project meetings in working groups during school holidays or in alternative weeks. These meetings are usually determined by need.		Yes / No

<b>What are your pronouns?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- She/her</li> <li>- He/him</li> <li>- They/them</li> <li>- They/her</li> <li>- They/him</li> <li>- Prefer not to say</li> <li>- Write your own:</li> </ul>	<i>*This helps us understand the best way to address each other and respects the wonderful gender diversity in our community.</i>
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### Important information

<b>I have read and understood the <u>Code of Conduct</u> and agree to adhere to it.</b>	Yes/No
<b>I have read and understood FYA's Privacy Policy and consent to FYA's collection of my personal information.</b>	Yes/No
<i>More information about how FYA collects, uses, stores and discloses personal information about you can be found in our privacy policy (<a href="http://www.fya.org.au/privacy-policy/">http://www.fya.org.au/privacy-policy/</a>).</i>	
<b>Please ensure your parent/guardian has completed the <u>consent</u> form and read the <u>Code of Conduct</u>. If this is not complete your application will not be eligible.</b>	
<b>I agree that I may be filmed, taped, interviewed, photographed or recorded while attending Young Mayors event.</b> I consent to the Foundation for Young Australians or third parties engaged by FYA filming, taping, interviewing, photographing or recording you. I further agree that FYA may use, publish, edit, incorporate, publicly distribute or otherwise utilise any materials produced under these Terms and Conditions for any purpose (and authorise others to do the same) without requiring any further permissions or releases from me.	Yes/No

## Nomination Questions

*The following questions will help us understand why you want to nominate for the Youth Council. Your responses to the questions help us assess your suitability and readiness to move to candidate phase of the program.. This information will be shared confidentiality with staff from our partner council, Cairns Regional Council, and an outgoing Cairns Youth Councillor. . The information will be presented de-identified (without your name or school).*

*Options on submitting responses:*

- *Written form*
  - *Online or via this printed form*
- *Video or audio format*
  - *3-minutes total, responding to the questions below.*
  - *Please keep video and audio direct and without effects.*
  - *Videos and audio can be uploaded via the online [nominations form](#) or email it directly to [young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au](mailto:young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au). Files should be no more than 64MB*

*Note: Video and audio nominations will be de-identified and transcribed.*

### **Question 1: In 100 words or less, tell us what motivates you to nominate yourself as a candidate for the Cairns Youth Council?**

The youth council forms an important voice for young people in Cairns, reflective of and celebrating the diverse strengths, interest, needs and cultural backgrounds of young people. (100 words or less)

**Question 2: We would love to hear more about your experiences of being a young person so far and how that might have shaped who you are and your motivation.**

This may be anything from your cultural background and/or identity, passions and interests, experiences of life, school or work; and what you love and don't love about your pocket of Cairns. (100 words or less)

<p><b>Question 3:</b> <b>In 100 words or less, tell us about an issue in your neighborhood / community.</b></p> <p>What is the issue? Why should the youth council tackle it? What are some steps you would like to see taken to begin to address it? How would addressing it benefit young people in Cairns? (100 words or less)</p>

**Do you identify as any of the following?**

\*This question is optional and will not be used to assess your application. **We ask to better understand if our program is inclusive, and to continuously improve our approach to creating safe and welcoming spaces for young people with lived experiences of injustice. This information will be used and stored confidentially by FYA only, councils will not have access to this information. FYA will never share identifiable information.**

Please tick all that apply or write your own

- ☐ Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Indigenous (other than Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
- ☐ Refugee or migrant background
- ☐ Person of colour
- ☐ Using a language other than English at home
- ☐ Person from culturally diverse background
- ☐ Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer, Trans or gender diverse
- ☐ Disabled or person with a disability
- ☐ Neurodiverse (as distinct from disabled)

☐ Write your own \_\_\_\_\_

**How did you hear about this opportunity?**

- ☐ School intranet/notices page
- ☐ Presentation at school
- ☐ School social media (Facebook / Instagram other)
- ☐ Parent / Carer

	<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Pop up event / Shopping centre <input type="checkbox"/> Other young person
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Thanks for nominating! We'll be in touch by Monday 28 July 2025 to let you know if you have been selected as a candidate. **Please note, not everyone who applies will be selected as a candidate to run for election.**

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact Etuina Suavai at [young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au](mailto:young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au)

**What are the key dates?**



**Nominations**

**9 July 2025** - Youth Council nominations open

**Young Mayors info sessions**

During nominations we will run the following information sessions. Please email Etuina Suavai at [young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au](mailto:young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au) for details and to register your interest.

- 24 June | Young Mayors 101 | online
- 14 July | Champions info session | online. An opportunity for parents, guardians and carers to ask questions.

**Monday 21 July 2025 midnight** - Youth Council nominations close

**Week commencing Friday 25 July** - Final list of candidates confirmed

**All details can be found here:**

<https://www.fya.org.au/young-mayors-Cairns/>

**Campaigning and Election**

**31 July 2025** Campaign period begins

**How to campaign workshops and drop in sessions**

These workshops will help you develop and lead your campaign. They are not compulsory, but strongly encouraged for you to get the most out of this experience!

Workshops are a mix of online and in person

- 31 July | Welcome and kick-off session | City Library 4 August | Being an elected representative | Online 11 August | Campaigning 101 | Online
- 7 August | Campaign support | City Library
- 14 August | Campaign support | City Library
- 21 August | Meet the Candidates Prep | City Library
- 1 September | Election week ready for Champions | Online
- 3 September | Election week ready for candidates | City Library

We also host an online drop in session once a week during the campaign period. This is an opportunity to ask any questions, catch up with other candidates and share your experiences of campaigning.

**Friday 29 August** | Meet the Candidate Forum

**8 September - 12 September** Election week

<b><u>Induction</u></b> <b>October 2025   Induction sessions (held over 2 Saturdays)</b>	<b><u>Term in Office</u></b> <b>October - December 2025   Skills development and Priority Agenda planning</b> <b>1 February 2026 - 30 June 2027   Term in Office</b> Most meetings are held during school term. There are 4 meetings per term. Additional holiday catch ups and project meetings are offered throughout the Term in Office. Youth council members are invited to attend events and activities throughout the year.
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# Parent/Guardian Consent Agreement

*Please use the checkboxes below to signify your consent.*

Thank you for supporting your young person to participate in the Young Mayors Program.

We will be running an information session for parents, guardians and community champions in a few weeks. If you would like to stay informed, please reach out to Etuina Suavai at [young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au](mailto:young.mayors.qld@fya.org.au)

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT AGREEMENT**

*Please use the checkboxes below to signify your consent.*

- I am aware of the Young Mayors program, understand the nature of the activities, and authorise my child's participation in a variety of events and activities, including council meetings, development workshops, the Meet the Candidates event, the Election Celebration event, and any other program-related events. I acknowledge that these events may be both virtual and in-person, and may involve interactions with community leaders, media appearances, and other public engagements as part of the program.
- I consent to The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) collecting my child's personal information for the purpose of their involvement in the Young Mayors program.
- I consent to FYA using any of my child's feedback or data for research and/or evaluation purposes.
- I give permission for my child to be photographed and filmed with their consent, and understand that my child's image, words and story may be reproduced across FYA's website and social media channels, and the participating Council's website and social media channels
- I understand that the duration of this consent is for the length of my child's participation in the program, and I can revoke consent at any time by contacting FYA on the details below.
- I consent to my child's participation in events, workshops, or activities related to the Young Mayors program, including but not limited to council meetings, workshop sessions, public speaking engagements, and other

program-related events. I understand that these events may be both virtual and in-person, and I authorize my child's participation in such events throughout the duration of the program.

- I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it.

Parent/guardian's name:

Participant's name

Date:

### **TRAVEL TO AND FROM MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS**

Workshops and meetings are held in a central location after school and occasionally on weekends. Start and end times are provided for each session.

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that the young person is safely travelling to and from the meeting. We encourage you to reach out to us if there are any concerns, or if your young person needs assistance getting to/from the venue.

### **PARENT/GUARDIAN EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

Please note the following details may be shared with the participating Council. In the case of an emergency, please contact:

Emergency contact 1

Name:

Relationship to participant:

Mobile:

Email:

Emergency contact 2

Name:

Relationship to participant:

Mobile:

Email:

The Young Mayors Team will be in touch with the Contacts provided above for updates, invitations to relevant events for the program and should an emergency situation arise.