



Youth Ambassador Program 2021.

Learn the skills. Be the change.

About the program.

The Macedon Ranges' Youth Ambassador Program (MR YAP) is an annual program for young leaders connected to the Macedon Ranges, aged between 15 and 25. The Youth Ambassadors Program was established in 2011 and has been a critical driver and enabler of youth leadership in the region, with almost 100 students from years 11 and 12 completing the program. Youth Ambassadors gives a voice to young people in the Shire, empowering our next generation of leaders to tackle community issues that matter to them, and connecting the group to Council to make a genuine and sustainable difference in the Macedon Ranges.

The program involves 8-10 participants who want to make a genuine difference in the community; influencing decisions, leading projects, attending leadership activities, hosting events, driving the change they want to see.

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The cornerstones of the program are: designing and implementing a community project; hosting the youth awards; and representing youth voices to council decision-making. There will be a focus on the development of practical and general leadership skills through workshops and guest presentations. There may also be an opportunity to work with the broader Youth Services team to deliver on the 2018-28 Macedon Ranges Youth Strategy.

Requirements.

The program runs on Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm with a mix of face to face at the Kyneton Youth Space (COVID restrictions permitting) and online during school term. It is expected that participants attend as many of these meetings as possible, and communicate with the program facilitator ahead of time if they can't make it.

As part of the Macedon Ranges Shire Council's commitment to youth development, all reasonable costs for the program will be covered for MR YAP participants.

As an applicant you must:

- Be aged 15-25;
- Care about your community;
- Be passionate about leading change;
- Be based in or around the Macedon Ranges; and
- Be available to attend the scheduled meetings.

Facebook.

Between meetings, most of our work will be done through our Facebook group, MR YAP 2021. Be sure to like the [Macedon Ranges Youth](#) page as well to see updates that might also be relevant to you. Let me know if you don't have a Facebook account and we'll make sure you get all of the updates through whatever means works best for you (text, email, whatsapp, etc).

Key dates.

The meeting schedule for 2021 is still being finalised, but the most important dates you need to be aware of at this stage are:

1. First meeting: **Tuesday 9 March from 4:30-5:30pm** at Kyneton Youth Space (located in the portable building at the rear of the Kyneton Town Hall in the Hutton St Car Park) otherwise online
2. Planning / leadership day/s: **April school holidays**, day, time and location TBC
3. Youth Awards: **TBC** at Kyneton Town Hall – possibly Tuesday 7 September

Application.

If you are interested in participating in the 2021 Youth Ambassador Program please complete the Application Form on the end of this page and email to: sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au.

Want more information?

Sarah Day: Youth Ambassadors coordinator

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Youth Development Unit

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YAP Application Form 2021.

Name:

Email:

Connection to Macedon Ranges (circle those that apply): live / study / work / other:

School (if relevant):

Why would you like to join the Youth Ambassadors Program?

What is something you would hope to gain by being involved?

What is something you could share with other participants if you were involved?

What issues or topics do you feel passionate about?

What is the best/worst thing about being a young person in today's society?

I understand the time commitment involved in participating in the Youth Ambassador Program and will work to my best ability to be a positive role model in my community?

Yes No

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Please email completed forms to: sday@mrsc.vic.gov.au

MACEDON RANGES SHIRE COUNCIL/YOUTH SERVICES ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FORM (UNDER 18)

Program/Activity: Youth Ambassadors Program

Date: Various in 2021

Venues: Various in 2021

PARTICIPANTS DETAILS AND INFORMATION

FIRST NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

SUBURB: _____ POST CODE: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ MOBILE CONTACT NUMBER: _____

AGE: ____ Birth date: __/__/____

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____

MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND TREATMENT: _____

DO YOU HAVE AMBULANCE COVER? Yes No, in an emergency an ambulance will be called with all costs associated being covered by the parent/guardian. If yes, what is the number?

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DETAILS

NAME: _____ RELATIONSHIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

I, _____, Parent/Guardian (must be over 18) of _____ (young person) agree to them taking part in this Youth Services program/activity and:

- Acknowledge the program undertakes a number of activities which may have inherent risks where injury may occur. I understand Macedon Ranges Shire Council and its representatives are acting in good faith to provide a reasonably safe environment for participants to undertake these activities.
- Agree they will comply with all reasonable rules and requirements governing safety and behaviour whilst participating in the program and on direction from the program supervisor/leader
- Acknowledge they have read and understood and agrees with the rules outlined in this document
- Agree in the event of inappropriate behaviour I will be contacted to attend the program to collect the participant or they will be sent home at my expense.
- Agree Macedon Ranges Shire Council are not responsible for the loss or theft of their personal property and/or valuables when involved in the program
- Agree they will report to the program coordinator any accident, injury or near miss which may have occurred when participating in the program
- Authorise staff, in the event of an accident or illness, to obtain all necessary medical assistance and treatment for the participant, including transport by ambulance if required
- In the event of the participant requiring medical attention I understand that the program coordinator will endeavour to communicate with me concerning the required action.
- The information I have provided on this form is true and correct.
- I acknowledge that photos will be taken during the program and I consent that my child may be included in these photos, which may be used by the council to help promote our programs.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Participants Signature: _____ Date _____

PRIVACY POLICY

Council is collecting this information for the purpose of registering your child for Macedon Ranges Shire Council Youth Programs. The information will be used for administration purposes and to contact you in the event of an emergency, but will not be disclosed to any other party except as required by law. If you fail to provide this information, the registration may not be processed. You may also access this information by contacting Council on 035422 0333