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Information Package and Application Form 2020
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Purpose

• To provide a forum for young people to highlight issues, needs and aspirations important to them and relevant to local government in Corangamite Shire
• To build confidence, skills and knowledge in young people, including leadership, communication, team work and project management skills
• To provide advice and suggestions to the Council regarding issues affecting the youth of Corangamite
• To increase social connections with peers, family and adults
• To initiate programs to help in the development of young people in Corangamite
• To educate young people about local government, the structure within it and the role it plays in the Corangamite Shire

The Youth Council will:

• Recognise the role of a Youth Council member as a position of responsibility that represents young people across the Shire
• Initiate ideas and visions that address issues of importance to young people
• Actively involve young people in the planning and organisation of the Youth Council
• Promote young people as being integral members of the community
• Encourage the participation of young people in all aspects of community life
• Liaise with young people and agencies in Corangamite to promote youth issues
• Advocate on behalf of young people in Corangamite
• Support and assist promotion of the Corangamite FReeZA crew and youth events

Benefits of being a member of Youth Council:

• Increased confidence, skills and knowledge in communication, leadership, team work and project management
• Opportunity to provide suggestions, advice and views about issues concerning young people in Corangamite
• An opportunity to increase social connection with other young people, families and the broader community
• Opportunity to learn and be mentored in running meetings, events and community activities
Youth Council Terms of Reference
The Corangamite Youth Council will consist of the following:

- Four (4) young people from the community
- At least one (1) student from Camperdown College
- At least one (1) student from Cobden Technical School
- At least one (1) student from Derrinallum P-12 School
- At least one (1) student from Hampden Specialist School
- At least one (1) student from Mercy Regional College
- At least one (1) student from Terang College
- At least one (1) student from Timboon P-12 School

* Non-school applicants are most welcome to apply

Youth Council members are supported by:

- Youth Development Officer (non-voting advisory capacity)
- Youth Projects Officer (non-voting capacity)
- Two Elected Members (non-voting advisory capacity)

Selection method and criteria:

- Members must be aged between twelve (12) and twenty-five (25) for the entirety of their time on Youth Council and live, work or go to school in Corangamite Shire
- Nomination for membership will be sought from any young person within the community who falls into one of the categories above. School staff, community members and community organisations may encourage young people to apply and act as referees for applications.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 29 February 2020.

- Applications will be viewed by Corangamite Shire Council’s Youth Development Officer and Youth Projects Officer. Interviews for Youth Council will commence on Wednesday 4 March 2020.
- Applicants will be interviewed by Corangamite Shire Council’s Youth Development Officer, Youth Project Officer and a Youth Councillor. Potential members will be notified no later than Friday 13 March 2020.
- Each appointed Youth Council member who is, or turns 18, before or during their term is required to complete a Working with Children Check. Members are to maintain their Working with Children Check at all times and submit evidence of such to Council.
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Applicants will have:

• A genuine interest in youth issues across Corangamite Shire
• An understanding of young people’s views and issues relevant to the Corangamite Shire
• Some understanding and a willingness to work within the Local Government environment
• Enthusiasm for being involved in the Youth Council and a commitment to attend meetings and activities that are part of being a team

Term of appointment:

• Each member of Youth Council will be eligible for membership of a 2-year term and members may apply for re-appointment for a further two-year term.
• Appointment will be reviewed on the basis of active membership.

Election of office positions:

• The Mayor will be elected by a majority of the Youth Council and will stand for a period not exceeding one (1) year. The Youth Mayor is responsible for chairing the meetings of Youth Council.
• The Deputy Mayor will be elected by a majority of the Youth Council and will stand for a period not exceeding one (1) year. The deputy mayor will chair the meetings when the Youth Mayor is unavailable.
• The Youth Secretary will be elected by a majority of the Youth Council and will stand for a period of up to (1) year and may re-apply for a further term. The secretary will be responsible for Agenda and Minute compilations before and after meetings with support of the Youth Services Team.
• The Youth Council shall elect up to two (2) publicity officers who will stand for a period of up to (1) year and may re-apply for a further term.
• The Youth Council shall have the voting powers to nominate/elect persons to fill casual positions as the need requires
• Youth Council will elect the above positions annually

In keeping with the function and purpose of Youth Council, members will be supported by the Youth Team to hold and conduct their meetings.
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Important dates

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Monthly meeting schedule 2020

Meeting locations will vary across the Shire to better reflect the geography of our community.

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Please note

- Meetings go for one and a half (1.5) hours unless notified prior to meeting
- Meetings are not scheduled during school holidays
- Additional meetings may be called during the year depending on special activities
- All Youth Council members rely on working as a group and need the active participation of each other. If you can’t attend a meeting call or text 0439 156 601, email youthservices@corangamite.vic.gov.au or use Facebook messenger. Apologies must be received 48 hours prior to the meeting.