



# WHAT IS IYAC?

Ipswich Youth Advisory Council (IYAC) is a youth engagement initiative for young people aged 16-25. The goal of IYAC is to ensure Ipswich's young people are heard on the issues they care about and are empowered to undertake change-making initiatives across the city – designed by young people, for young people. **#byyouthforyouth** 

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Being a part of IYAC allows you to make a real impact in your community, other benefits include:

- opportunities to develop your own youth initiatives and events for young people in the City of Ipswich
- develop leadership, planning, administration, community engagement, research and teamwork skills
- chance to work with and collaborate with other young people, community groups and services
- opportunity to be an active member of your local community and make a difference
- build networks and contacts in the City of Ipswich and further abroad
- learn how local government works, influence decision-making and be a part of the process.

## WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

Ipswich City Council is looking for young people aged 16-25 living in the Ipswich region who are:

- dedicated, enthusiastic and committed to young people issues which affect and matter to them
- keen to learn new skills and experience personal development
- interested in becoming involved in and planning and development of youth events and initiatives
- willing to represent the youth of Ipswich at a range of events and other duties
- able to listen and respect the views of his/her peer group.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF IYAC MEMBERS:**

- all applicants will have to be prepared to commit to the Ipswich Youth Advisory Council for a minimum of 12 months and maximum of two years. After the successful completion of a two year term, applicants will have the option to re-apply for a second two year term within IYAC (providing the applicant resides in the City of Ipswich, and age requirements are met)
- attend monthly meetings which will be held at various venues across the City of Ipswich in the evening i.e. 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
- participate in local community events, forums and activities (both day and night events) on week days, weekends and during school holidays (as required).

#### **HOW TO APPLY:**

Submit an online application via Ipswich.qld.gov.au/IYAC or complete a print friendly version and return via post to:

Children & Youth Development Officer Ipswich City Council PO Box 191 Ipswich QLD 4305

For more information visit Ipswich.qld.gov.au/IYAC or contact council's Economic and Community Development Branch (07) 3810 6285 or youth@ipswich.qld.gov.au



