

# 2023 Youth Impact Council Annual Report



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THE DIVERSE  
YOUTH VOICES  
OF GEORGE  
TOWN**



# about the Youth Impact Council

## ✔ local youth aged 12-25

During term 1 of each year, there is opportunity for local youth to apply to become a member of the Youth Impact Council. Simply complete the online form and the team will be in touch.



## ✔ meeting to impact change

The Youth Impact Council meet once a month with the Mayor and elected Council members to discuss youth issues, concerns and opportunities. The members also meet regularly to plan and organise future activities, events and opportunities.



## ✔ delivering youth opportunities

The Youth Impact Council are determined to be leaders in their community by delivering opportunities that can improve George Town for young people. This may include youth events, activities and awareness raising campaigns.



## ✔ representing George Town with pride to the state.

Engaging in statewide opportunities ensures that the Youth Impact Council have a finger on the pulse with the bigger story. This includes meeting state and federal politicians, attending statewide forums, conducting Mock Council meetings and participation in Youth Week Tasmania events.



The Our Futures Project is delivered through the Future Impact Group with support from the Tasmanian Community Fund and George Town Council.



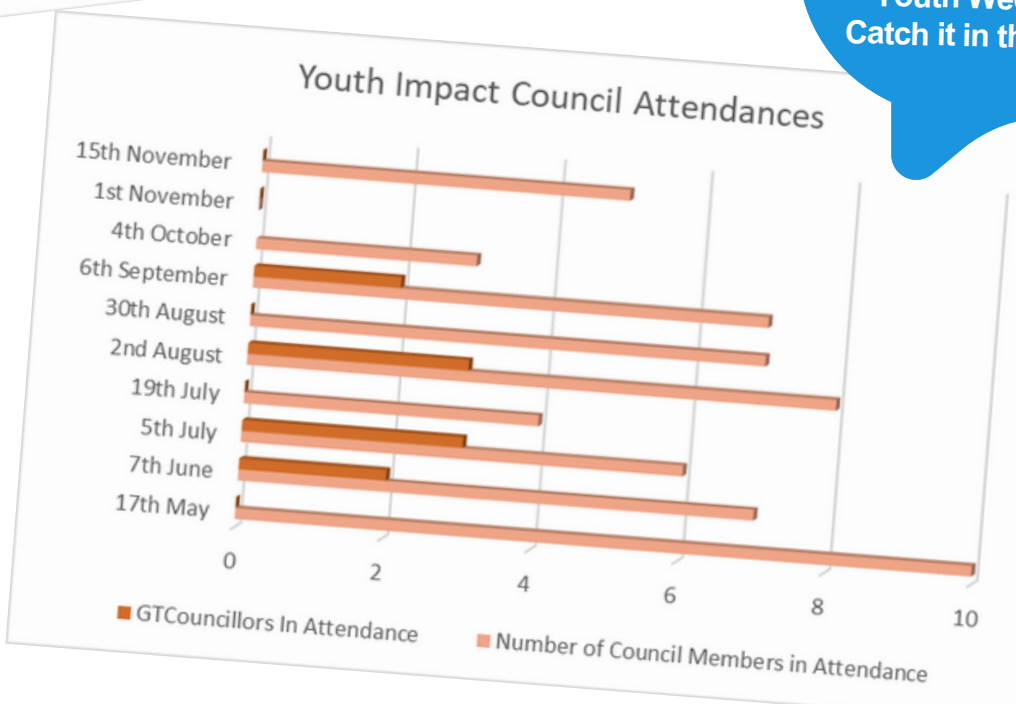
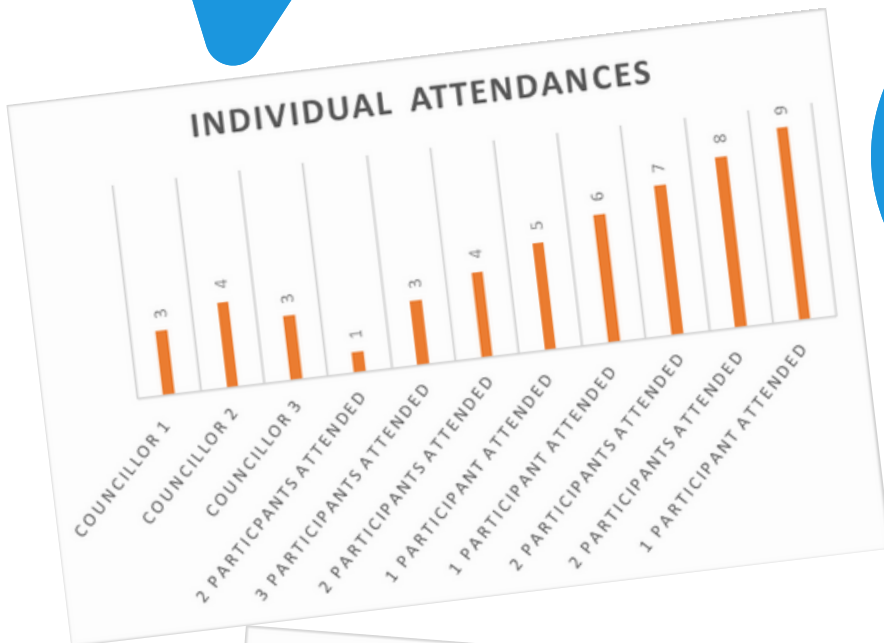
What has been a highlight of being part of the Youth Impact Council?

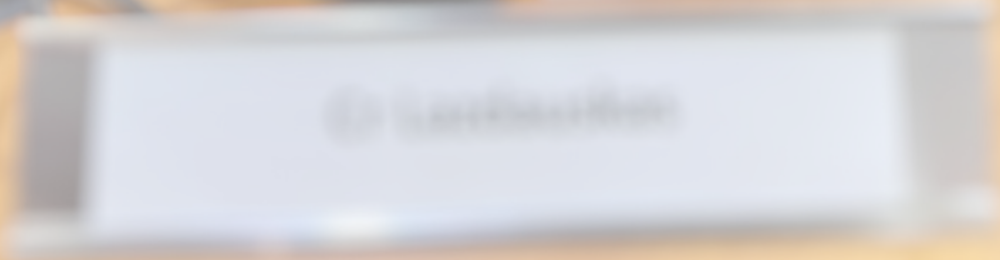
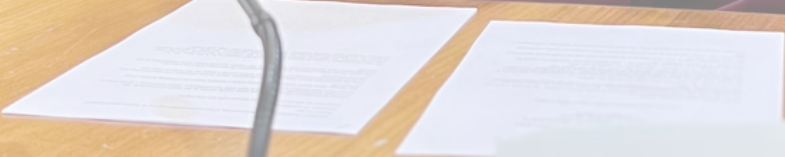
'The road trip to Clarence City Council for the Youth Advisory Summit.'

'The formal meetings where the mayor and Councillors attend and hear our advice.'

'The informal meetings where the group have visiting guests such as theatre games, politicians or event planning.'

'Participating and helping with events such as the Youth Week event and Catch it in the Catchment.'







**How likely would you recommend a friend to join the Youth Impact Council?**

**Av 5**

**This is what the young people said:**

'I have done so in the past and would love to see more people join.'

'I love it and I believe they would also love it.'

'It's a great experience for the youth to participate in.'

'It was fun. It helped me get out of the house it allowed me to speak up with my concerns and it allowed me to meet new people.'

**Do you feel more equipped to advocate on youth issues in George Town and beyond?**

**Av 5**

**This is what the young people said:**

'Yes, I hope to help out with letting the youth have a voice and I feel more prepared to do so.'

'In the training that i did i became more and more involved in what i was doing.'

'I can't.'

**Do you feel like the Mayor and elected Councillors understand what life is like for youth in George Town now that we have the Youth Impact Council?**

**Av 4**

**This is what the young people said:**

'I believe that the YIC has provided a better opportunity for the council to be in more touch with the youth of the town.'

'Im in the middle about that because i think that we do need a lot of improvement for the future of youth.'

'Yes because our concerns got out to help George town and that allowed us to feel better about our surroundings.'



**Do you think George Town Council are involving youth more in their decision making?**

**Av 4**

**This is what the young people said:**

'Considering that YIC is now a thing, I would say yes.'

'The council have been doing more things involved with the youth of george town.'

'Can't decide on a answer.'

**Are there any ideas that you would like to share to improve the Youth Impact Council for 2024?**

**This is what the young people said:**

'More advertising, Andy!!!!'

'Quicker respond time to requests.'

'No'







## Mock Council Meeting

On Wednesday the 6th of September, the Youth Impact Council met at the Council Chambers to conduct a Mock Council meeting. Mayor Button and Deputy Mayor Sky, along with a cohort of Councillors, discussed youth issues, moved motions and answered questions from the public gallery.

The Youth Impact Council voted on seven recommendations with a unanimous vote for each one.

**Motion 1**  
To endorse the official naming of the youth advisory group to Youth Impact Council

**Motion 2**  
To improve bus stops utilised by local youth and to create signage with timetables

**Motion 4**  
To install appropriate lighting at jetty/bait station

**Motion 3**  
To investigate mitigating the slippery footpaths on Macquarie St

**Motion 5**  
To create a plan for community art projects with local youth to mitigate vandalism

**Motion 7**  
To financially support the attendance to the Youth Advisory Summit

**Motion 6**  
To explore George Town having a dedicated youth space

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George Town Youth Impact Council

One Thousand, Seven Hundred and  
Ninety Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents

T-shirts, hats, print promotional  
products and outdoor flags

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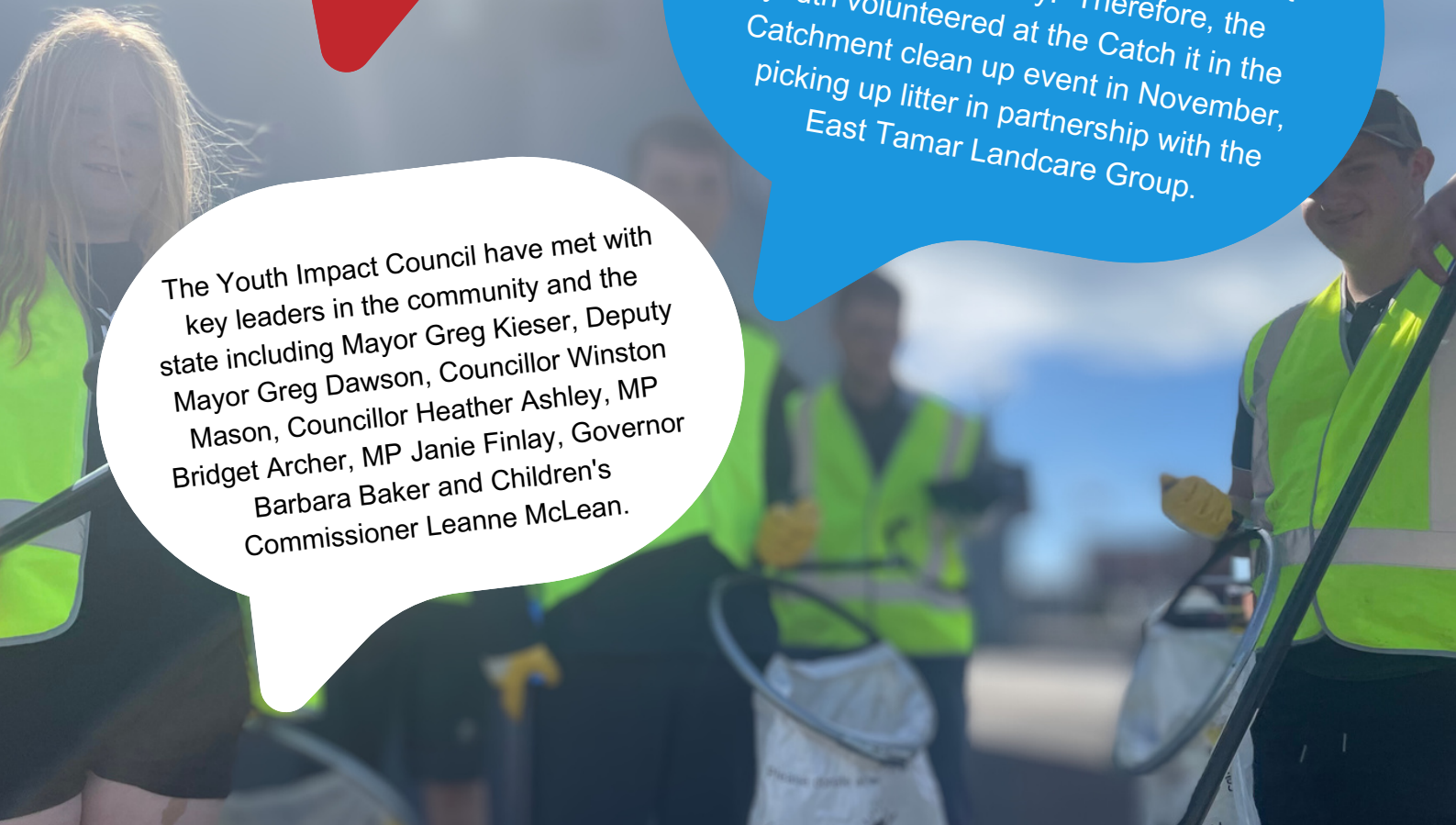


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The Youth Impact Council attended the Youth Advisory Summit which was held at Blundstone Arena, Clarence City Council. The youth met up with other youth advisory groups, discussing key issues and ways to improve their own groups.

The Youth Impact Council recognised that partnering with other community networks that care for the environment should be a priority. Therefore, the youth volunteered at the Catch it in the Catchment clean up event in November, picking up litter in partnership with the East Tamar Landcare Group.



The Youth Impact Council have met with key leaders in the community and the state including Mayor Greg Kieser, Deputy Mayor Greg Dawson, Councillor Winston Mason, Councillor Heather Ashley, MP Bridget Archer, MP Janie Finlay, Governor Barbara Baker and Children's Commissioner Leanne McLean.



# 2024 Plans

Attend Statewide forums including Tas Youth Forum and the Youth Advisory Summit

Partner with Healthy George Town to provide youth activities during Youth Week

Recruit new members, conduct future Mock Council meetings and speak to elected leaders

Support new cohort of Seagulls to Chips participants and support the 2024 Youth Voice Collection

Create street art projects for youth to help mitigate vandalism and anti-social behaviours

# For further information on the Our Futures Youth Project:

website - [www.futureimpactgroup.org.au/our-futures](http://www.futureimpactgroup.org.au/our-futures)



George Town Youth Impact Council facebook page



Future Impact Group facebook page



Podcast page on Spotify



You Tube channel for Future Impact Group



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