



YOUTH ACTION KALAMUNDA

New Member Pack



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About Youth Action Kalamunda (YAK)

Our Purpose

Youth Action Kalamunda (YAK) is the City of Kalamunda's Youth Advisory Council whose role is to advise and make recommendations to the Youth Services Team on a range of identified issues and concerns affecting young people in the Kalamunda community! We are an avenue for action allowing the group to plan and run events and activities relating to identified issues.

Objectives

1. Identify issues/concerns for young people within the community
2. Plan and create events and activities addressing issues identified by the team
3. Be a voice for the youth in the community
4. Provide feedback on the effectiveness of the Youth Services' programming
5. Provide leadership opportunities to young people



*Led by young
people for
young people*

What does being a YAK Member mean?

As a YAK Member your role is to act as a **voice for the young people** and represent the concerns and interests of all young people in the City of Kalamunda. YAK is the **key youth volunteer group** for the City of Kalamunda Youth Services Team and will be frequently called upon to **support a variety of community events and initiatives run by the City of Kalamunda**. Advising on youth issues the group act as the **voice** to provide their thoughts and views on items to be put to Council that will affect the City of Kalamunda's youth.



What does being a YAK Member look like?

Membership is open to any young person aged between **11-25 who lives, works, studies or volunteers in the City of Kalamunda**. YAK Members are required to attend **scheduled meetings** and are able to contribute to those meetings however they feel comfortable. YAK Members will also be called upon to help facilitate a **variety of Youth Service's events** throughout the year including **week-long Youth Week Celebrations, end of year School's Out Celebration as well as other events created by the YAK team at meetings**.



Meeting Times and Locations

The meetings take place:

- **Fortnightly on Wednesdays** at Kalamunda Senior High School, 12 Cotherstone Rd, Kalamunda WA 6076 (**Kalamunda**)
- **Fourth Wednesday of each month** at Darling Range Sports College, 117 Berkshire Rd Forreestfield WA 6058 (**Forreestfield**).

The YAK meets for an **hour and a half after school during the school term**. Each meeting we will learn a new skill that is relevant to project planning, ranging from budgeting skill, to how to design flyers and promotional materials. The YAK team will work towards developing and facilitating some awesome events of their own choosing, as well as assisting to run the various Youth Services Events!

YAK Pack Benefits!

- Yummy snacks are provided to get your creative juices flowing!
- Collaborate with like-minded people and create programs surrounding your passions and issues identified within the community.
- Build a variety of skills including networking, communication, public speaking and coordination. Take a stand and use this platform to make positive change!
- Additional leadership and volunteer opportunities for different City of Kalamunda events, these can include MCing, running an event stall and more!
- Special YAK Team Building days to get to know your team mates, develop your teamwork, communication and leadership skills
- Certificate given to each event or program you're involved in creating
- Letters of Reference provided on request to add to your resume
- Guest industry speakers attending some of our meetings for extra skill development
- Opportunities to get involved in local government and politics
- Special member-only YAK Merch including YAK shirts and hats to wear at events
- Hours can be signed off as volunteering and/or citizenship experience

YAK PACK Highlights

Below are just some of the events YAK have designed over the years:



- **Annual Youth Week Programing** such as Youth Week 2018: Eco-Festival, Youth Week 2019: Jump, Climb Create, Youth Week 2023: You, Me, Us
- **Annual School's Out Event** including School's Out Pool Party and School's Out Cinema
- **Tech Savvy Seniors Workshop:** YAK Pack facilitated an event focused on showcasing their best Tech Tips and answering any Tech related questions for local senior residents
- **Helping Minds: Youth Mental Health Workshop:** YAK Pack created a fun workshop to help discover how nutrition, sleep, friendships, and self-talk play a vital role in maintaining your own wellbeing
- **Youth Movie Night:** Johnny English Strikes Again! YAK Pack organised a movie night at Kalamunda Town Square featuring spy themed games, sausage sizzle and popcorn



Meet our YAK Pack



"My brother was in YAK and convinced me and I wanted to help Kalamunda"

"It looked really cool"

"Wanted to get involved with the Council and have young peoples voices heard"

"I joined YAK for the snacks and to help the community"



"The Youth Services Team are great and make sure our voices are heard as well as make the meetings fun"

"My favourite memory would be our You, Me Us Youth Week Events"

"I feel really welcomed and all the members are really fun and nice"

"The School's Out Cinema Christmas event has been my favourite"











Join YAK Pack

To apply email the Youth Services Team at **youth@kalamunda.wa.gov.au** or give us a call on **9257 9999**.

Visit our website for more information or check out our socials Facebook on **CityofKalamundaYouth** and our Instagram at **kalayouthservices**.



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