

## Waimakariri Youth Council 2025 – Information Pack

Here is what to expect from being a part of the Waimakariri Youth Council in 2025.

### **Meetings**

Monthly formal meetings:

- Last Tuesday of every month, except December.

The following group meetings:

- **Community Space Development - Dudley Park** – Fortnightly every Thursday
- **Environmental** – Fortnightly every Wednesday (This group will be split into two groups, one will focus on River Cleanups and the other will focus on other environmental issues and projects, such as plantings, competitions, etc.)
- **WaiYouth** – Weekly every Tuesday
- **Youth Voice** – Monthly, day is yet to be confirmed
- **Youth Strategy Advisory Group** – Work will begin in March 2025.

### **Events**

There will be roughly 4 events for each of the following groups per year: Community Space, WaiYouth, and Environmental. The dates are TBD and will be in line with the group activities.

### **Training and Leadership Opportunities**

- Waimakariri Youth Council
  - Tuesday April 15<sup>th</sup>- Training day for all members
- Youth Voice Canterbury Trainings
  - February 15 - Youth Takeover Survey
  - April 12 - Events Planning (practical based)
  - June 15 - Te Tiriti o Waitangi Training
  - July 26 - Local Elections / Civics Training
  - October 3 - Basic Rights of a Young Person (current political / government climate)
  - December 1 - YVC Network Break Up

### **Celebrations and Ceremonies – Optional**

- ANZAC Day commemorations
- Christmas Parades
- Community Service Award – Youth Service Award

### **Representative advisory groups**

- Youth Voice Canterbury Youth Committee
- Waimakariri District Council Youth Service Award panel
- Waimakariri District Council Youth Development Grant panel
- Creative Communities – Waimakariri
- Pegasus Bay North Advisory Group
- Public Transport Youth Reference Group
- Sport Canterbury Youth Panel
- Waimakariri District Council Road Safety Reference Group

- Southbrook Road Safety Reference Group

### **Consultations**

- Long Term Plan
- Youth Strategy Review

### **Structure of Youth Council**

- Two Co-Chairs
- One Administrator
- One WaiYouth Leader
- One Dudley Park Leader
- Two Environment Leaders
- Eight General members

### **Transport**

For most events and activities, the Waimakariri District Council will not provide transport.

### **Membership Expectations**

Here below are the expectations of being a Waimakariri Youth Council member.

- Attending eleven (11) Youth Council Meetings per year. Meetings are the last Tuesday of each month.
- Be an active member of the Youth Council.
- Per month, be available for approximately 4 hours of work and meetings.
- Social media – Create and share appropriate content with the Social Media Project Group for Youth Council's social media profiles which will inform youth in the District about opportunities to engage with local community initiatives and relevant youth information.
- Present to Council at least once (1) a year.
- Join one project group: Environment, Community Spaces, WaiYouth or Youth Strategy Advisory Group
- Shall be willing to represent the Youth Council at specific public events, such as ANZAC commemorations, Annual Plan presentations.
- Shall ensure Youth Council direction is focused on delivering the Youth Strategy 2018 and working within the Terms of Reference of the Waimakariri Youth Council.

### **Waimakariri Youth Council's Terms of Reference**

The document that guides the work that Youth Council does and is involved with. The full Term's of Reference is available on the Youth Council's webpage on the Waimakariri District Council website.

### **Waimakariri Youth Council's citizenship definition:**

Community involvement which builds a sense of identity and belonging. Helping the community to understand their rights, duties, and opportunities.

Purpose:

Identify and communicate to the District Council the interests and preferences of Waimakariri young people in relation to;

- the content of strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws of the District Council,
- the processes and mechanisms for engagement with young people in the District,
- the consideration of regional issues raised by local young people,
- consultation with local young people and the community,
- advocating and advancing the Waimakariri Youth Strategy,
- any matter that the Youth Council considers to be of particular interest or concern to Waimakariri young people.

Youth council will facilitate positive public engagement and involvement of young people in the community. Through various project groups which focus on;

- Events/opportunities
- Development of youth spaces
- Social and intergenerational connections
- Environmental protections
- Public Engagement and opportunities for young people to have a voice

Additionally, the Youth Council will work with other youth participation groups and partners to represent the district, the community and its young people nationally.

Waimakariri Youth Council's Values:

- Be respectful & non-judging
- To representing young people
- Accept each other
- Be active & committed to Youth Council
- Value the whole District
- Approachable & friendly
- Value and seek everyone's opinion
- Open to new ideas
- Value positive youth development

### **Criteria**

Youth people who are aged between 12 and 24 years, who also live or study in the district.