

YOUTH COUNCILS: USING YOUR VOICE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY



2009

Inaugural NSW Youth Council
Conference
17-18 July 2009,
Moree Plains Shire Council Chambers



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We invite you to the Inaugural NSW Youth Council State Conference entitled **Leaders of the Future: Youth Councils Using Your Voice to Strengthen Your Community**, on the 17th, 18th and 19th of July 2009.

COME AND JOIN US IN MOREE!

Overview:

The Inaugural NSW Youth Council State Conference - **Leaders of the Future: Youth Councils Using Your Voice to Strengthen Your Community** will be hosted by Moree Plains Shire Council.

With the ever changing needs of a diverse society it is important to develop the State's Local Government Youth Councils in order that they have the opportunity to make a difference in the social movements necessary to meet the growing demands of young people.

You will be taking part in a NSW Local Government history making event that will highlight your participatory democratic initiatives made on behalf of the young people you represent as a member of your Shire's Youth Council. An exciting range of Keynote speakers will address the conference - don't miss the opportunity to listen to these inspiring speakers and to meet them in person during the day.

Call for abstracts:

The Conference will include a range of themes from which participants may choose to focus on when deciding their presentation submissions; for example:

- Youth Council participation in Council's decision making;
- Youth Council relationships with their local Council;
- Community perception of your Youth Council and issues to be considered;
- The role of Youth Councils, or;
The future of Youth Councils.

Submissions are accepted on the basis that at least one presenter must register and attend the conference. **Receipt of abstracts will close on Friday the 5th June 2009.**

Who should attend this inaugural Local Government Youth Council Conference?

- Youth Council members;
- Youth Workers;
- Elected Representatives;
- General Managers;
- Community Development/Service Practitioners;
- Managers involved with cultural affairs, and;
- Project Officers.

We encourage you to register for this important event. The NSW Local Government Youth Council State Conference is a unique opportunity to exchange your views and ideas with Youth Council members and practitioners from around the State.

Registration Details:

Information on Registration details can be found on the attached Registration Form and our website. This Form includes the following topics:

- How to register;
 - Register online;
 - Registration fees;
 - Methods of payment;
 - Payment deadlines;
 - Cancellation of registration;
 - Welcome reception, and;
- Transport.

Younger members of Youth Councils are welcome to register a guest, for example a parent or carer, for the Conference. These guests will receive a discounted registration fee. For further details or enquiries please telephone 0267 573 218 or 0267 573 210 E-mail tony.baxter-tomkins@mpsc.nsw.gov.au or esther.chapman@mpsc.nsw.gov.au

Conference Sessions:

The NSW Local Government Youth Council State Conference will consist of plenary sessions during which time you will have the opportunity to interact with presenters in the question and answer time. On Day Two of the Conference the afternoon will be devoted to a panel discussion allowing for further questions and opinions from the presenters.

Conference Programme:

The Conference Programme will be a time and opportunity for delegates to meet other Youth Council Members and Council staff who are committed to the inclusiveness of Youth in the democratic process of decision making at the Local Government level. Make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere away from the more formal sessions and enjoy the warmth of other Youth Council Members who are making a difference in their communities.

Social Activities

The planned social programme will include nights of entertainment and visits to our local attractions; activities that will provide many memories to take home. For example:

- Welcome reception on the evening of the 16th July under the stars
 - A Pool Party – Friday night the 17th at our famous Moree Hot Mineral Baths with live entertainment and BBQ following Day 1 proceedings
 - Conference Dinner – Saturday night following Day 2 proceedings
- Optional; A guided tour of Lightning Ridge on the 19th – the famous home of the Black Opal or; a guided tour of Cotton Gins and a Bush Picnic.

The Venue:

This historical Inaugural NSW Local Government Youth Council State Conference will be held at the very comfortable Max Centre, Balo Street Moree.

Moree NSW is a rural community located in the Far North West of the State. As such it offers visions of glorious sunsets setting on vast black soil plains amid the most productive agricultural region in Australia. You will see cotton growing, and grain products such as wheat, sorghum, sunflower and oats – all covering thousands of hectares! You may also see some of our abundant wild life such as kangaroos and emus.

Accommodation:

There are many motels available in Moree; all of which are close to the CBD and the Hot Artesian Baths. Your accommodation needs may be booked by telephoning the sample of motels listed for your information.

- Albert Motel, Cnr Albert and Morton Streets – 0267 511 040;
- Alexander Motor Inn, Newell Highway – 0267 524 222;
- Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Webb Avenue – 0267 522 466;
- Billabong Motel, Frome Street – 0267 511 000;
- Burke and Wills Motor Inn, Mungindi Road – 0267 523 377;
- Dragon and Phoenix Motel, Frome Street – 0267 525 555;
- Golden Harvest Motor Inn, Frome Street – 0267 522 200;
- Jackaroo Motor Inn, Newell Highway – 0267 523 233;
- Maria Motel, Anne Street – 0267 521 427;
- Moree Lodge Motel, Warialda Street – 0267 524 504;
- Moree Spa Motor Inn, Cnr Alice and Gosport Streets – 0267 523 455;
- Spa Village Travel Inn, Warialda Street – 0267 524 033.

Travel Requirements:

Moree is situated on the Newell Highway some 600 kilometres north of Sydney. To reach us you can drive, travel by train or fly. Youth Council members and their guests will be met at the airport or train station and transported to their motel. Return transportation to the airport and train station following the Conference will also be provided.

All travel needs during the Conference (from motels to venue for example) will be provided where required.

We look forward to making you welcome. Come and join us in making local government history through exploring and participating in **Leaders of the Future: Youth Councils Using Your Voice to Strengthen Your Community** on the 17th, 18th and 19th July 2009 in MOREE.



**LEADERS OF THE FUTURE: YOUTH COUNCILS USING YOUR VOICE TO
STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNITY**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM.

Registration closes: **Friday 19th June, 2009**

NAME: -----

COUNCIL: -----

POSITION HELD: -----

Youth Council Member, Council Staff Member, Elected Representative, Guest for example

ADDRESS: -----

SUBURB: ----- **STATE:** ----- **POSTCODE:** -----

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (W) ----- **(H)** -----

FAX: ----- **MOBILE:** -----

E-MAIL ADDRESS: -----

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS? -----

ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS? -----

REGISTRATION DETAILS

FULL CONFERENCE: (17 th and 18 th July 2009) \$88 (GST Incl) (Welcome Reception is included)	\$ -----
CONFERENCE DINNER: \$30	\$ -----
LIGHTNING RIDGE EXPLORER: \$25 (Minimum of 10 persons required)	\$ -----
TOTAL PAYABLE:	\$ -----

MORNING, AFTERNOON TEA AND LUNCHESES WILL BE PROVIDED

PAYMENT: This form becomes a Tax Invoice upon receipt of payment ABN 46 566 790 528

CHEQUE **CASH** **MONEY ORDER** **CREDIT CARD**

Cheques payable to Moree Plains Shire Council

Direct deposits may be made by using 062574 00001239 Moree Plains Shire Council (CBA)

Payment Enclosed \$-----

Cancellation of Registration: Full fee payable if less than one week's notice of cancellation is given.

A charge amounting to 50% of fees will be incurred if less than one

Month's notice of cancellation is received.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL DETAILS AND RETURN TO: Youth Council Conference Registration

Moree Plains Shire Council
Po Box 420
MOREE NSW 2400

CLOSING DATE 19TH JUNE 2009.