

River Murray Youth Council

2021 River Murray Youth Council **Information** and registration pack

Join the River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) and be part of a group of like-minded young people who are keen to make a difference and learn more about caring for and conserving our local landscapes.

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Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to find out about the 2021 River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) program.

The River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) is a fantastic opportunity for high school students (year 8-12).

As a RMYC member, you will be given opportunities to explore, experience and learn about the environment and your local landscapes.

You will be inspired and empowered to make decisions that contribute to conserving and caring for our local landscapes.

As a member you will develop knowledge and skills in many areas such as:

- Ecosystem and environmental monitoring
- field work
- problem solving
- working as a team
- critical thinking
- collaboration with other high school students
- public speaking
- volunteering
- leadership
- career pathways.

As a member you will have the opportunity to work with experts in many fields and have a say in the projects and activities the group is involved with this year and beyond.

SACE recognition for year 11 and 12 students can be gained by being a member of the River Murray Youth Council program through Self-Directed Community Learning. (See page 5 for more information).



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Questions



How much does it cost?

There is no cost involved with RMYC activities and events. This program is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the landscape levies.

Students will be asked to provide a packed lunch, water bottle and snacks for events and in some cases you can bring spending money to RMYC events/activities.

What do I bring to an event or activity?

Your enthusiasm, love for the environment and your youth voice! Refillable water bottles, packed lunch, and snacks are always good.

What do I wear?

Enclosed shoes are a must for all activities. Please make sure you wear a shirt with sleeves/collar and if the weather permits, long pants. RMYC t-shirts and other apparel will be provided where possible.

What is expected of me?

Commit to being part of the group and attending as many activities and event as you can. Use the registration form to indicate what you would like to and what you will be able to take part in.

It's important to be a team player. Ask questions, speak up, let us know what you are interested in and why you are part of the group.

As a member of the RMYC you are expected to be a responsible person who is respectful of staff, mentors, other members and any community members you may be in contact with.

Wear your RMYC t-shirt and other 'uniform' to events and activities to show that you are part of a great, connected group.

Respect and ensure you are meeting any specific COVID-19 requirements and restrictions at events and activities.

You may be asked to provide information or your feedback on how an event or activity went. Please ensure you provide constructive feedback so that Education Program staff can use this to improve future activities.

Will you provide transport to events and activities?

Education Program staff will provide transport where possible - always in line with any current COVID-19 restrictions and requirements.

Students may have to make their own way to some events and activities throughout the year.

What about COVID-19?

It is our aim this year to provide in-person events and activities where possible.

Any RMYC events will be held in line with current COVID-19 restrictions and requirements including having COVID-safe plans.

Transport to and from events may need to be provided by parents/carers to ensure events can go ahead. Education Program staff will not always be able to transport larger groups.

RMYC members will be required to register for events via Eventbrite to ensure contact tracing and will be asked to adhere to COVID-safe requirements at all events.

Please be aware that events and activities may need to be rescheduled or cancelled at short notice in the event of an outbreak or lockdown in our state.

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Overview

The Education team are still finalising exactly what will happen in 2021 - because we want YOU to be involved in deciding what happens from here.

New and existing members will have the opportunity to have input into what happens this year during both the information sessions in March and the team building day in April. But what we do know:

Two RMYC groups:

There will be two RMYC groups, one in the Riverland working with Education Officer Cindy Kakoschke and one in the Murraylands working with Education Officer Christina Liapis. Each group will be involved with different activities and events but there will also be joint meetings and activities as well.

Information sessions:

Riverland: Wednesday 24 February, Berri.

Murraylands: Wednesday 3 March, Murray Bridge.

More details included in the flyers at the end of this pack. (Page 7 and 8).

Joint team-building and brainstorm day:

Wednesday 22 April 2021 (school holidays). All RMYC students will converge in a fun team-building and leadership day where you will develop skills, meet all the other members and have a chance to collaborate and come up with ideas for projects and activities for the rest of the year.

Put this in your diary now - we would love EVERYONE to be there. Final details will be sent out to all registered members ASAP.

Work experience:

The 2021 RMYC program will provide work experience opportunities for those students who would like to work with experts and learn

more about careers in the environmental or sustainable farming sector.

Students can choose whether or not to commit to and participate in ONE full day of work experience each term. Simply fill in the work experience section of the registration form and let us know what you are interested in. Education Program staff will then arrange work experience with Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board staff, Park Rangers and other experts.

Students in years 11 and 12 will be able to apply for SACE Credits for this additional work experience through self-directed community learning. (See page 6 for more information).

Online meetings:

Joint online meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams once per term (towards the end of the term). Meetings will be run by RMYC students with members taking turns in roles including chair, taking minutes, organising and introducing guest speakers. It will also be an opportunity to fill each other in on what's been happening.

Projects/activities:

This part is up to the members! What would you like to be involved with this year?

All new and existing members will have the opportunity to provide ideas and discuss options at the upcoming events in term one.

Education Program staff will assist and facilitate project ideas once developed.

There will be opportunity throughout the year for RMYC members to represent and be involved with events and activities such as:

Karoonda Farm Fair 9-10 April.

Riverland Field Days 17-18 September.

RMYC members can also look to get involved with the state-wide Youth Environment Council (YEC). (Please see page 9 for more information).

SACE credit

By being involved with the River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) you may qualify for SACE credits in year 11 or 12 through Self-directed Community Learning:

- Taking a leadership role in community Landcare or conservation groups.

What you need to do:

Please speak with your SACE Coordinator at school. They will talk you through submitting an application form to your school. This form (Form 11) is available on the SACE Board website on the self-directed programs page. To learn about the community learning program and download the application form visit:

<https://www.sace.sa.edu.au/studying/recognised-learning/community-learning>

Once your application has been received by the school, your SACE coordinator or another teacher will organise an interview with you.

At the interview, you'll need to provide evidence that addresses the nature, scope, and level of complexity of your learning. [The Stage 1 performance checklist](#) is used to guide the evidence of learning in relation to SACE requirements.

It's about having that conversation and showcasing the learning and skills you've gained by being part of RMYC including any work experience you undertake.

What kind of evidence?

You can provide evidence in a variety of ways, for example, written work, letter of support from your Education Officer or others you are partnering with, PowerPoint presentations, photographs, video clips, community awards and certificates.

Key things to think about when providing evidence:

- Setting goals
- priorities
- critical thinking – review and reflect
- leadership
- knowledge and application.

If Stage 2 credit is being sought please ask your SACE Coordinator to contact the SACE Board by the end of week 1 term 4 at the latest.

Process for Stage 1 Self-directed Community Learning Recognition:

Student and SACE Coordinator / teacher discuss applying for recognition before the end of November.

Student completes the application Form 11 and submits to teacher.

The school initiates arrangements for the interview with the school.

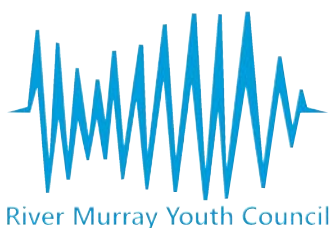
Teacher assists student to prepare for the interview.

Student is interviewed.

Assessor(s) report the recommendation to the SACE Board through Schools Online.

*Please note that Self-directed learning SACE credits earned do not contribute towards an ATAR at Stage 2 – If Stage 2 credit is being sought, then other flexible subjects may accommodate this learning e.g. Integrated Learning**

If you need any assistance with obtaining evidence of your involvement with RMYC please contact your Education Officer.



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Riverland information session

DRAFT ONLY – NEED TO UPDATE

Join us to learn all about the River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) Program and the great opportunities for 2021. New and existing students welcome.

Wednesday 24 February 2021
Martin Bend Wetland, Berri

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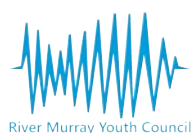
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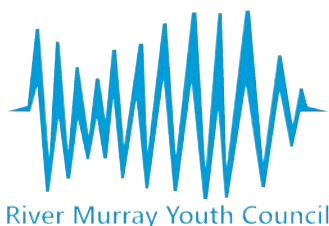
www.eventbrite.com.au

Cost:

Free. This project is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the landscape levies.

For more information please contact Cindy Kakoschke. Ph 0429 413 074 or email cindy.kakoschke@sa.gov.au





2021 River Murray Youth Council **Murraylands** information session

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Wednesday 3 March 2021
Murray Bridge

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Registration via eventbrite is essential:

www.eventbrite.com.au

Cost:

Free. This project is supported by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board through funding from the landscape levies.

For more information please contact Christina Liapis





Are you a student in years 7-11 with an interest in sustainability?

Do you want to make a difference and develop your leadership skills
all while having heaps of fun?

WHY NOT JOIN THE YOUTH ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL?

What's involved?

- Share your passion for the environment and sustainability with other like-minded students across SA.
- Develop leadership, team building and public speaking skills at camps, workshops and forums.
- Take action for the environment and make a difference.
- Share your views and actions with Government.

**REGISTER
YOUR
INTEREST**

**Visit the website
for all the details**

www.yecsa.net.au

Member Registration

All students both new and existing must complete and return this 2021 member registration form. Once received, you are a registered member of the RMYC and will be able to participate in upcoming events, projects and activities.

Please ensure you fill in all the required information and parents/carers provide permission and sign where required.

You will still need to register for separate events/activities and this will likely be via Eventbrite. This form is for general permission to be involved, our contact records and volunteer cover.

If the RMYC program becomes over subscribed for 2021, students may need to go through a selection process.

ALL registration forms (whether for Murraylands or Riverland RMYC must be returned to Christina Liapis.

Please scan or photograph and send to: christina.liapis@sa.gov.au or post to 110A Mannum Road, Murray Bridge SA 5352.



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Student details

Name: _____

School: _____

DOB: _____

Year Level: _____

Contact details: please note that most communications for RMYC will be sent out via email to both student and parent email addresses. Please ensure you provide your BEST contact email address below (if you do not check your school email regularly please ensure provide alternative email address).

Email address: _____

Postal address: _____

Mobile no: _____

Are you on: ☐ Facebook? ☐ Snapchat? ☐ Instagram?

Other: _____

(We have an RMYC Facebook group that you will be added to and would like to know what other social media you use).

Student acknowledgement and signature

I acknowledge that as a member of the River Murray Youth Council I will be expected to act in a responsible and respectful manner at all times. I will always do my best to represent the group and my fellow members well and I will contribute to meetings and events to the best of my ability.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Student details continued

Medical information

Do you have any health/medical issues that may affect your participation in any events or activities?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If yes, please provide information including any medication: _____

How serious is the condition(s) if aggravated?

☐ Can be self-managed

☐ Could require medical treatment

What actions, situations or triggers need to be avoided? _____

Tell us about yourself

Why is the environment important to you? _____

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Student details continued

What is something you'd like to achieve as part of the RMYC? It could be a personal goal, or an environmental goal.

Tell us about any other involvement you have had with other environmental groups or something that has allowed you to develop leadership skills.

List THREE words that best describe YOU.

What is something you are VERY passionate about?

Do you have any specific topics or issues to do with your local environment that you would like to learn about or take action on this year?

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Work experience

The 2021 RMYC program will provide work experience opportunities for those students who would like to learn more about careers in the environmental or sustainable farming sector. Students can choose whether or not to commit to and participate in ONE full day of work experience each term (or less if needed). You may be working alone OR with other RMYC students as part of this work experience depending on your chosen interests and who is available.

Simply fill in this section to let us know what you are interested in. Education Program staff will then arrange work experience with available Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board staff, Park Rangers and other experts.

☐ I would **not** like to participate in work experience as an RMYC student this year.
(Please proceed to next section of the registration form).

☐ I **would** like to participate in work experience this year and
I can commit to the following: (please indicate if you can commit to ONE day per term - or less and indicate which day of the week would be best suited eg. once per term on a Friday)

If you have already been thinking about a career in an environmental, farming or similar sector please let us know what you have been looking into? (eg. would you like to be a park ranger, wetland officer, farmer, viticulturist, marine biologist etc). If you have no idea that is OK!

Please select/tick ANY of these topics that interest you or that you are passionate about. This will help when we are arranging work experience and finding staff and experts who can help.

☐ National Parks (park ranger)

☐ Water management

☐ Animals

☐ Education (teaching others)

☐ Native plants, trees and grasses

☐ Fish, frogs, waterbugs

☐ Sustainable farming

☐ Pest plants and animals

☐ Other (please specify): _____

☐ Wetlands and river health

☐ Irrigation and efficient water use

☐ Landcare and conservation

☐ Dryland and mallee environments

☐ Birds

☐ Climate change

☐ Fire management

☐ Fungi

Children Consent Form

TALENT RELEASE FORM

For the use of images for promotional purposes

I: _____
(parent's/guardian's name - PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME)

of: _____

(address - PLEASE PRINT)

On behalf
of: _____
(child's name - PLEASE PRINT)

1. am the parent or guardian of the child named above;
2. consent to the use of my child's image and performance in video footage or photographs taken by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board on behalf of the Minister for Environment and Water (the Minister) for the purposes of promotional activities or other purposes, (including print publications, websites and advertisements or other means of communication);
3. agree that copyright in any recording made or image taken by the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board of my child, or any performance of my child, in connection with promotional activities is owned by the Minister and I further agree that any use by the Minister of my child's performance or my child's image is authorised for the purposes of the Copyright Act 1968, Privacy Act 1988 and any other applicable laws such as the Information Privacy Principles (SA);
4. acknowledge that my child's participation in promotional activities may be edited at the sole discretion of the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board;
5. acknowledge that the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board is not obliged to include my child in the promotional activities;
6. release the Crown in right of South Australia from any claim by my child or anyone on my child's behalf for any cost, expense, loss or damage arising out of the use of video footage, photos, or other images of my child for promotional activities or other purposes, (including print publications, websites and advertisements or other means of communication);
7. acknowledge that there will be no payment or other consideration paid for the use of my child's image or my child's performance.

Signed: _____

Date: ____/____/____.



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Murraylands and Riverland
Landscape Board



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Parent/carer details and permission

Name(s): _____

Mobile number(s): _____

Email address: _____

(please provide best contact email address to receive details about upcoming RMYC events).

Please tick to acknowledge the following:

☐ I/we give permission for our child to be part of the River Murray Youth Council group for 2021 and understand they will participate in hands-on projects and activities including (but not limited to): Tree planting/watering, rubbish clean up and tree guard removal, monitoring and surveys of water quality, birds, frogs and other ecological parameters, water activities (i.e. kayaking), weed removal/control and general maintenance work.

☐ I/we understand and give permission for our child to participate in RMYC events/activities during school holidays and during school time if/when that may occur throughout the year.

☐ I/we understand that students may use simple tools during their work including (but not limited to): hammer, shovel, crowbar, screw driver, electric drill, rake/hoe and that they will be shown how to use required tools and supervised when doing so.

☐ I/we give permission for external media outlets (journalists/reporters and photographers) to take photos of and speak to our child at RMYC events and activities to assist with promoting RMYC and the students' work. We have also signed the attached photo consent form for promotion and social media purposes.

☐ I/we understand that we are required to arrange transport to and from RMYC events and activities unless otherwise provided or arranged with Education Program staff.

**** Please note that students will need to register to attend specific RMYC events and activities that occur within their usual RMYC region via Eventbrite (links will be provided with each event information flyer). Full day trips and/or overnight camps will require your permission and forms will be forwarded prior to any event.**

Parent/guardian signature(s):

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Contacts

For more information about the
River Murray Youth Council program
or to talk to your local Education Officer:

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Visit the Murraylands and Riverland Landscape
Board website:

<https://www.landscape.sa.gov.au/mr/home>

