



River Murray Youth Council

## 2022 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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# 2022 RMYC information pack

# Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to find out about the 2022 River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) program.

RMYC is a fantastic opportunity for high school students (year 7-12).

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 7 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 events as you can. Use the registration form to indicate what you would like to do 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. Good communication is the key.

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 have 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 the Education team 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?

This year we aim 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 any change to COVID restrictions in our state.

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# Overview

The Education team are still finalising exactly what will happen in 2022 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 the information sessions in March and the planning day in April. But what we do know is:

## Two RMYC groups:

There will be two RMYC groups, one in the Riverland and one in the Murraylands. Both groups will be coordinated by Education officer Ilyth Burton but will be supported by other staff and mentors. 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 9 March, Lake Bonney Barmera.

Murraylands: Thursday 10 March, Swanport Wetland Murray Bridge.

## Joint planning day:

Thursday 7 April 2022. 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.

If you have ideas or passions that you would love to learn more about or be involved with - bring them to this meeting!

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:

RMYC students are able to access work experience opportunities. If you are thinking about your future you may be able to work

with experts and learn more about careers in the environmental or sustainable farming sector.

Students in years 11 and 12 will be able to apply for SACE Credits for any additional work experience completed through self-directed community learning. (See page 7 for more information).

## Online meetings:

Joint online meetings may sometimes be held via Microsoft Teams. These meetings are a great way to catch up, hear from amazing guest speakers and see what the other RMYC group has been up to.

## Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) forums:

RMYC students will attend and assist at Young Environmental Leaders (YEL) forums in terms 2 and 3. In term 4 RMYC students will facilitate and present an activity at the final YEL forum.

## Projects/activities:

Once ideas and topics are selected at the planning day in April, the Education team can coordinate and facilitate activities and projects based on those topics.

Project/activity days will be held in the second week of the school holidays. These will be a great opportunity for RMYC groups to get together and work on or learn about their chosen topics.

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

Riverland Field Days 16-17 September.

On-ground projects and monitoring opportunities as they happen throughout the year. Information will be sent to all members.



# Event dates

Here are the dates for upcoming and set events for 2022. We will also have opportunities pop up throughout the year and will advise of those as they happen.

Generally there will be one event during the school term and one joint activity during the school holidays.

## Term 1

### River Murray Youth Council (RMYC) info sessions:

**Wednesday 9 March** - Riverland, Lake Bonney Barmera.

**Thursday 10 March** - Murraylands, Swanport Wetland Murray Bridge.

### Joint planning day:

RMYC groups come together to plan activities for the year and participate in leadership skills activities.

**Thursday 7 April** - Karoonda.  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Transport provided by education team staff.

### School holiday joint activity day:

RMYC groups come together to take part in hands-on activity or project.

**Thursday 28 April.** Details TBA.

## Term 2

### YEL Forums:

RMYC members attend their local YEL forum to assist with activities, support younger students and learn skills for presenting their own activity.

Riverland YEL Forum:

**Wednesday 15 June** - Riverland, location and details TBA.

Murraylands YEL Forum:

**Thursday 16 June** - Murraylands, location and details TBA.

### School holiday joint activity day:

RMYC groups come together to take part in hands-on activity or project.

**Thursday 14 July.** Details TBA.

## Term 3

### YEL Forums:

RMYC members attend their local YEL forum to assist with activities, support younger students and learn skills for presenting their own activity.

Riverland YEL Forum:

**Wednesday 7 September** - Riverland, location and details TBA.

Murraylands YEL Forum:

**Thursday 8 September** - Murraylands, location and details TBA.

### School holiday joint activity day:

RMYC groups come together to take part in hands-on activity or project.

**Thursday 6 October.** Details TBA.

## Term 4

### YEL Forums:

RMYC members attend their local YEL forum and present an activity based on the YEL theme.

Riverland YEL Forum:

**Wednesday 16 November** - Riverland, location and details TBA.

Murraylands YEL Forum:

**Thursday 17 November** - Murraylands, location and details TBA.

### End of year overnight camp:

RMYC groups come together to celebrate the year with an overnight camp.

**Thursday 15 and Friday 16 December.** Details TBA.

# 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.

Important 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 student.

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.

# Member Registration

All students must complete and return this 2022 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.

This member registration form is for general permission to be involved in the group, our contact records and volunteer insurance cover.

Throughout the year, you will still be asked to register for separate events and activities and this will likely be via Eventbrite.

If the RMYC program becomes over subscribed for 2022, students may need to go through a further selection process.

ALL registration forms (whether for Murraylands or Riverland RMYC must be returned to Ilyth Burton.

Please scan or photograph and send to: ilyth.burton@sa.gov.au or post to PO Box 1374 Berri SA, 5343.





# 2022 RMYC member registration form

## Student details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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 you provide an 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 2022 RMYC member registration form

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tell us about yourself

Why is the environment important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2022 RMYC member registration form

## 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.

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

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List THREE words that best describe YOU.

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What is something you are VERY passionate about?

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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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# 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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## 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 2022 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 may sometimes be 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 also 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:

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