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YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM CENTRAL WEST YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people in Central Western NSW will be asked to share their views and concerns this week when the NSW Government’s peak advisory group for youth visits the region.

The NSW Youth Advisory Council will hold consultation sessions in six schools as well as meeting with the Dubbo City Youth Council on Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 August.

Minister for Citizenship and Communities Victor Dominello, who is responsible for youth affairs, said these consultation sessions are an opportunity for young people living in regional and remote areas to speak up on issues that affect their lives.

“It’s important for young people in regional areas to have their ideas heard and reported directly to the Government,” Mr Dominello said.

“Having the Youth Advisory Council sit down with local young people is a great way to learn about their issues and concerns.

“The council’s visit is an opportunity for young people living in Central Western NSW to share their opinions and voice their concerns.

“I encourage them to speak their minds and I look forward to hearing not only their views but also their ideas for building great communities,” Mr Dominello said.

The Youth Advisory Council is made up of 12 young people from around NSW, aged under 25 years, who advise the NSW Government on matters of concern to young people.

Mr Dominello said members of the Youth Advisory Council will be leading the consultation sessions.

“The Council is one of the NSW Government’s key vehicles for consultation with young people,” Mr Dominello said.

“We want to encourage genuine youth participation across all areas of community life.”

The members of the Youth Advisory Council visiting Central Western NSW are:

Ms Emma Byrne, aged 21 from Uranquinty
Mr Dev Bhutani, aged 20 from Kellyville
Mr Robert Barrie, aged 19 from Ambervale
Mr Rhett Burraston, aged 21 from Airds
Mr Daniel Conifer, aged 21 from Warwick Farm
Ms Amna Karra-Hassan, aged 24 from Granville
Mr Nathan Inwood, aged 19 from Bathurst
Mr Alexander Leighton, aged 18 from Gloucester
Ms Marie Nemani, aged 15 from Kogarah
Ms Melissa Wolfshoerndl, aged 18 from Milperra

The Youth Advisory Council is supported by the Office of Communities.

YAC Central West itinerary:

Wednesday

Dubbo City Youth Council 5:00pm - 6:30pm

Thursday

9.30am -11.00am: Dubbo College-Senior Campus (Students from Delroy Campus & South Campus also attending)

9.30am – 11.00am: Narromine High School

9.30am – 11.00am: Gilgandra High School

1.30pm – 2.30pm: Wellington High School

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Peak Hill Central School

1.00pm – 2.30pm: Dunedoo Central School

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