

TASMANIAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT

2024 Prospectus

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENORS



We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to take part in our 2024 program. Sponsorship plays an essential role in helping Youth Parliament flourish.

The Tasmanian Youth Parliament allows a group of passionate, enthusiastic and diverse young people from around the state to come together to learn about our systems of government. Throughout the week we run educational and social activities to facilitate engagement with the political process. We aim to encourage young people to speak up on the issues that matter to them, and empower them with the knowledge of how to engage meaningfully with communities and lawmakers.

The conference functions as a platform for young Tasmanians to have their voice heard, and to come together discuss key issues facing our state. The Youth Parliament program is run by a team of volunteers, with support from the Y Hobart and with a financial grant from the Department of Premier and Cabinet of the State Government of Tasmania.

However, in recent years, Youth Parliament has faced new challenges, with the COVID-19 pandemic and rising operating costs combining to prevent

the conference from running in 2020 and 2022. In 2023, we bounced back about rebuilt the program despite these challenges. This year, with our highest participant count in five years, we have two key priorities: **financial sustainability** amid rising costs, and **accessibility**, to ensure our program remains affordable for all young Tasmanians, this year and into the future.

This prospectus describes how you can get involved in sponsoring the program, engaging with the enthusiastic and intelligent young people who come from around the state to be involved. Give us the opportunity to offer financial assistance to those participants who need it, making our program inclusive and accessible.

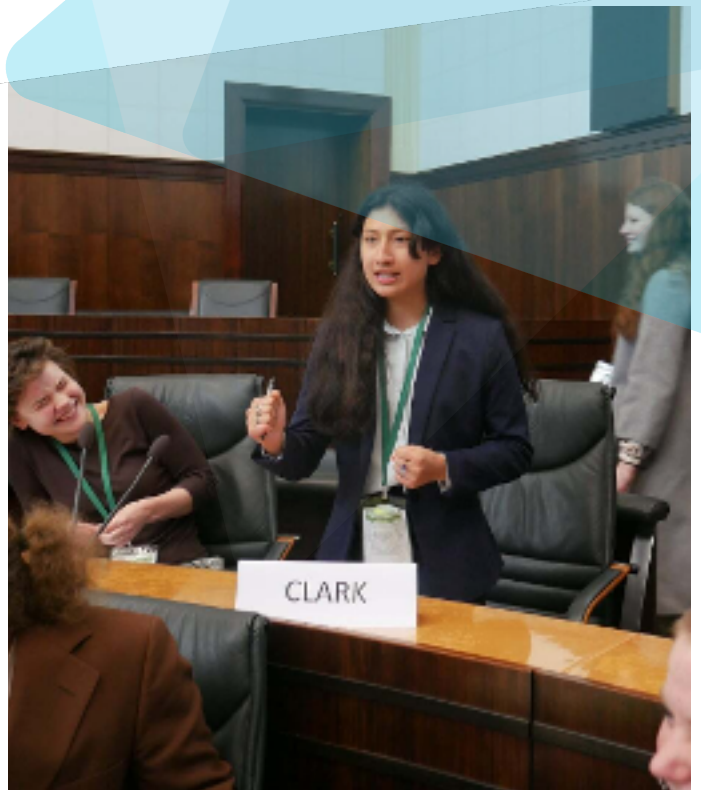
We are excited to work with you in 2024 to help deliver the Tasmanian Youth Parliament!

*Jemima Methorst-Moore
and Tom Watson*
2024 Youth Parliament Convenors

OUR IMPACT

The Tasmanian Youth Parliament provides young people from around our state with the opportunity to advocate for issues that matter to them. We facilitate workshops, speaker panels, advocacy sessions, and debates that help participants develop the skills to participate in civic life. The bills created and debated by participants are presented to the Government at the end of the week as a collection of Youth Proposals.

In 2023, 70% of our participants were from public schools, and 47% from regional areas, with 24% needing a bursary to attend the program. With your help, we can help this program reach even more young people.



// I really value the advocacy and how our bills will go on to show politicians what young people care about.

*Aisha, Judbury
2023 Youth Parliamentarian*

YP gives so many valuable opportunities that are hard to come by, from learning about politics and debating in the House of Assembly to making genuine connections with other youth parliamentarians and getting to know and understand the lives and beliefs of our politicians.

*Madeleine, Launceston
2023 Youth Parliamentarian*

It has shown me what I truly believe in and what I want to fight for in the future.

*Kiarah, Ulverston
2023 Youth Parliamentarian*

Youth Parliament has had a massive impact on my life. Both times I've attended Youth Parliament have been the greatest weeks of my life. It's encouraged me to advocate for issues I believe in and care about. Through Youth Parliament I have found my voice, and I have felt empowered to speak on things that matter to me.

*Lucian, Kingston
2021 & 2023 Youth Parliamentarian*

I've been provided a taste of how loud my voice is, and even if I might be done speaking for myself, I know I have the power and confidence to speak for those I love too.

*Mike, Huonville
2023 Youth Parliamentarian*

OUR SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES

We offer three sponsorship packages. Each package has a scholarship component and a general funding component. The general component will go towards helping us meet the operational costs of Youth Parliament.

The scholarship component of your investment will go into a pool, and be allocated to participants according to the following priorities:

1. Funding **full scholarships** to participants who are in financial need, with a priority for students from **your electorate**.
2. If all participants in financial need are funded, your sponsorship will instead go toward **lowering registration fees** across the board, making YP **more accessible** for everyone!

'Opportunity'

\$400

Full \$300 scholarship for one participant and \$100 general funds.

Logo and name recognition as a sponsor on our website and participant information booklet.

'Opening Doors'

\$800

Full \$300 scholarship for two participants and \$200 general funds.

Logo and name recognition as a sponsor on our website and participant information booklet.

Two tickets to the Youth Parliament Reception to meet the participants.

'Empowerment'

\$1200

Full \$300 scholarship for three participants and \$300 general funds.

Logo and name recognition as a sponsor on our website and participant information booklet.

Two tickets to the Youth Parliament Reception.

Recognition and thanks as a major sponsor at formal ceremonies.

Invitation to attend the closing ceremony.

SPONSOR US

This year, our two key priorities for the 2024 Youth Parliament are to **expand accessibility** for participants, and ensure the **financial sustainability** of the program for the future.

Your support for the program will allow us to meet these goals. It will also provide you with **direct access** to engage with our **next generation of leaders**, and cement your reputation as a supportive member of the Tasmanian political community.

To discuss how you can contribute to the 2024 Tasmanian Youth Parliament, please get in touch via email at YouthParliamentTas@ymca.org.au, or give us a call on **0409 717 753**.

~ The 2024 Tasmanian Youth Parliament Taskforce

