

YACSA 2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



youth affairs council
OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



2022-23 WRAP UP

277

members

5

capacity building sessions delivered involving **140** young people

4

consultations for member organisations, engaging **39** young people, to inform a youth action plan and youth charter

181

young people engaged

13

state and federal submissions

23

editions of e-Bulletin to **796** subscribers

19

Smashed Avocado posts

2,251

visitors to The Smashed Avocado

4,386

social media followers

YOUNG PEOPLE

Capacity Building for 140+ young people including:

- Adelaide Hills Youth Leadership Group (Peer consultation)
- Community Changemakers (three tiers of government/driving change)
- RYLA (Advocacy)
- Salisbury HS (Advocacy)
- TAFE SA Youth Work (Systems advocacy)

Support and venue hire for SA Youth Forum

Online engagement:

- 19 Smashed Avocado posts across Our News, Drive Change and Election Hub pages
- 53 social media posts aimed at informing young people

Consultations:

- Child Development Council youth charter
- City of Unley youth action plan

YOUTH SECTOR

Contributed youth participation, engagement, consultation, and capacity building expertise to:

- Leave it to Z Steering Group
- Red Cross Youth in Emergencies Development Program Steering Group
- Shaping Local Youth Civic Leaders Working Group
- YACfest working group
- Young Carer Project Advisory Group

Attended and/or provided written YACSA update to Friends of YACSA networks:

- Adelaide Hills Youth Sector Network (AHYSN)
- Eastern Region Youth Network (ERYN)
- Gawler & District Youth Workers Network (G&DYWN)
- Local Government Youth Development Network (LGYDN)
- Northern Youth Services Network (NYSN)
- Southern Youth Network Collective (SYNC)
- Southern Youth Roundtable (SYRT)
- Weaving the Nets
- Western Workers with Youth Network (WWWYN)
- Youth Barossa

FEDERAL

- Senate Education and Employment Legislation Committee into the Education and Other Legislation Amendment (Abolishing Indexation and Raising the Minimum Repayment Income for Education and Training Loans) Bill 2022 (submission & hearing)
- Senate Community Affairs References Committee Inquiry into the Extent and Nature of Poverty in Australia (submission)
- Senate Standing Committee on Education and Employment Inquiry into the Issue of Increasing Disruption in Australian School Classrooms (submission)
- Senate Select Committee on Cost of Living (submission)
- Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs Inquiry into Current and Proposed Sexual Consent (submission)
- National Children's Commissioner – Youth Justice and Child Wellbeing Reform Across Australia (submission)
- Joint Committee on Human Rights Inquiry into Australia's Human Rights Framework (submission)

STATE

- Review of the Residential Tenancies Act 1995 (submission)
- Review of the Children & Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (submission)
- Legislative Council Select Committee on Public and Active Transport (hearing)
- Purpose of Public Education (submission)
- Economics and Finance Committee Inquiry into South Australian Housing Availability (submission)
- Legislative Council Select Committee on The Gig Economy (submission)
- Met with four parliamentarians/representatives re: raising the age of criminal responsibility
- Joint press conference re: protest laws

State or Federal government consultations/roundtables/workshops:

- Department of Premier and Cabinet Youth Radicalisation Summit
- Minister's Roundtable on Violence Prevention in Schools
- Minister for Education Student Summit on the Prevention of Violence in Schools
- Office for Women Roundtable: Young People & Coercive Control
- Office for Women National Strategy to Achieve Gender Equality Roundtable
- Building Community Forum (Federal Assistant Minister for Charities)
- DHS Coercive Control Campaign
- Education Minister's Roundtable on Violence Prevention in Schools
- Education Minister's Student Summit on Violence Prevention in Schools
- Human Rights Act for SA Community workshop
- National Volunteering Standards Refresh
- Understanding and Preventing Youth Prejudice (Adelaide University)

REPRESENTATION

Meetings:

- Minister for Human Services
- Shadow Minister for Communities, Disabilities and Youth
- Guardian for Children and Young People
- Alcohol and Drug Foundation
- Australian Association for Adolescent Health
- Children and Young People with Disability Australia (CYDA)
- Commission on Excellence and Innovation in Health
- DHS (SA Youth Action Plan)
- Electoral Commission of SA
- Multiple Solutions
- Office for Youth (Federal)
- Orygen
- Reclink
- Southern Volunteering SA
- Youth Law Australia

Events:

- Alexandrina Youth Forum
- Mount Barker District Council, Kitchen Cabinet
- Power Community, SA Aboriginal Secondary Training Academy launch
- Poverty Hurts: Impact of Child and Youth Poverty and Homelessness on Education
- SA Youth Parliament opening and closing ceremonies
- SA Volunteer Awards (partner)
- State and Territory Youth Affairs Peaks gathering
- State Budget Lockup
- UNICEF Designing the Future report launch
- Volunteerability Toolkit Launch
- Whitelion Supporters Event
- YP + Me (speaker)
- SA Youth Week launch

Member of:

- Australian Gas Network Priority Services Program
- Courts Administration Authority Community Reference Group
- DHS Concessions Review Reference Group
- Essential Services Commission of SA Consumer Advisory Committee
- Office for Women Key Partner Network
- Youth Homelessness Strategic Group



PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I am pleased to present my third report as YACSA President. It's a privilege to continue to see YACSA at the heart of a thriving Youth Sector in South Australia, ensuring young people's views and needs are considered by decision makers.

The board has continued its focus on good governance and service excellence with the development of a new strategic plan. The strategic planning process was extensive, and I commend the board and team for their work and commitment to producing a comprehensive draft that will be showcased at this AGM. It will be open to feedback from our members with the aim to finalise and publish the plan by the end of 2023.

We have updated all our governance and operational policies, and our Australian Service Excellence Standards preparation has progressed. We look forward to working alongside the auditor to complete this process towards the end of the calendar year.

Our board induction kit has been updated and we began work on a detailed business plan which we aim to finalise by the end of 2023. This will be a vital tool for ensuring the continued success of YACSA at all levels of our operation.

We have established good working relationships with both the state and federal ministers, and their respective governments, to ensure young people and the sector that supports them are being seen and heard.

Thank you to my fellow board members Vice-President Claire Coleman, Treasurer Sara Baynes, Mytheli Parthiban, Amber Brock-Fabel, Jemma Taylor Cross and Rob Martin, who have continued to dedicate their time and spirits to the YACSA mission.

The Board acknowledges the dedication of the YACSA team. Anne Bainbridge, Doug Werchon, Mallory Bradley, Georgia Thain and Claire Faulkner. The quality and consistency of their work ensures we deliver on our core functions as a Peak Body.

Tamsin Anspach (she/her)

TREASURER'S REPORT



I am pleased to present the Treasurer's Report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023.

Last year's changes to our accounting system and bank accounts continued into the 2023 year with various hurdles and teething issues which are all but sorted now. We are pleased with the changes we made, and it is onwards and upwards from here.

Thanks to the team at NRM Johnson for completing our annual audit which shows a modest surplus reflective of recruitment delays and additional indexation. The Audit Report is included with our Annual Report which is available to download on our website (www.yacsa.com.au).

Sara Baynes (she/her)

CEO'S REPORT



It's always a pleasure preparing the annual report because it provides the space to reflect on the year that was and inspires me to think about the coming year and how we can build on and increase our reach and influence. Being a small organisation with a big remit is always challenging and I'm proud of the quality and quantity of work our small and dedicated team produces each year – although it's getting harder to prepare an 'at a glance' annual report!

In addition to the depth and breadth of activity outlined in this annual report, we welcomed Claire Faulkner to the team as Office Coordinator and she has quickly become an integral member of the team. The team contributed to our new draft strategic plan and have begun working on a team plan to operationalise our shared goals.

I'd like to thank Doug, Mallory, Georgia and Claire for their hard work and commitment and the board for their support. Most of all I'd like to thank our members for their ongoing support and welcome our new members who we very much look forward to working with and for to achieve meaningful improvements in the quality of young people's lives.

Anne Bainbridge (she/her)



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