



Media statement

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Re: **Rockingham children and young people to advise Commissioner**

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Young people from City of Rockingham Youth Advisory Council and Junior Council have been selected by the Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott as one of her 2013 advisory committees.

The Rockingham Youth Advisory Council is made up of local young people who are passionate about many different areas of community life and who work on a range of projects including community events, arts, school leadership, sport, youth groups, the environment and music.

The Junior Council is made up of two students from each of the 23 primary schools in the City of Rockingham.

Ms Scott said she is looking forward to working with both groups to help her ensure that children and young people's views and experiences are considered at the highest levels of decision making.

"My advisory committees contribute to my work throughout the year and also complete a project titled 'Us and Our Community' in which they talk about what they like about their local area and their ideas for positive change," Ms Scott said.

"The two Rockingham councils have a diverse range of interests which will make them an interesting Advisory Committee to work with"

For their Us and Our Community project, the advisory committee is planning to run a series of photography workshops to encourage young people to photograph their favourite and least favourite places in their community, and to manipulate the images to make improvements to the space.

This project will provide an opportunity for young people to express their vision for local improvement.

Ms Scott met members of the advisory committee today prior to the 'Youth Jam' event that they have coordinated.

"It was wonderful to meet the children and young people who will form the advisory committee and see an example of the work they do for the community."

The Commissioner will announce another three 2013 metropolitan and regional advisory committees shortly.