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Youth Advisory Council a voice for young people

Young people are being asked to put their names forward to join the new Broome Youth Advisory Council, as the Shire seeks to get them more involved in the future of their town.

The Youth Advisory Council, or YAC, is an important part of the new Broome Youth Framework that will guide the Shire's involvement in youth services.

Broome Shire Councillor and YAC Chairperson, Mala Croft, said the Framework had been developed through consultation with young people and community members living and working with youth.

"Strategies are provided around a number of identified priorities for Broome's young people including health and wellbeing, safety, recreation and leisure and a voice for youth in their local community," Cr Croft said.

The YAC will provide support and enable young people to have direct input into developing a Youth Action Plan.

"There are 10 positions available on the YAC for young people aged from 14 to 24 who represent the cultural and social diversity of the region, and speak for a range of interests and issues affecting their peers," Cr Croft says.

"Members do not need to have experience to participate, just an interest in representing their peers and a passion for issues affecting young people. Training and leadership development support will be provided.

"Expressions of interest are also sought for two youth workers to join the YAC who will support and guide the young members.

"Importantly, the Shire of Broome wants young people to have input and to be actively involved, and forming a Youth Advisory Council is a key part of this."

Nominations for the YAC will be received until 9 March 2016. For more information on YAC nominations and to view the new Youth Framework go to www.broome.wa.gov.au.

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