

A strong voice for our future

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Nominations open for YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament 2019 (*photo)

Young Central Queenslanders who want to make their voices heard can apply to participate in the 2018 YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament.

Now in its 24th year, the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament offers young Queenslanders aged 15 to 25 years the opportunity to represent their communities and learn first-hand about parliamentary processes.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said since 1996, YMCA Queensland had brought young people together to learn about our democracy, make new friends and have a say about important issues facing Queenslanders.

“This is a fantastic program which helps young people develop lifelong skills, while also having the potential to open them up to new employment pathways,” she said.

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“Each year the program brings together 93 young people representing each electorate in the state to hold workshops and debate issues they feel strongly about.

“I host an annual Youth Summit and I strongly encourage people from all cultural and socio-economic backgrounds to nominate this year, because we need to hear from a diverse cross-section of our young Queenslanders.”

The program runs from April until October.

Mrs Lauga praised YMCA Queensland for continuing to successfully steer the landmark youth program.

Nominations opened Monday 28 January and close Friday 22 February 2019. For more information about the YMCA Queensland Youth Parliament, email gypcoordinator@ymcabrisbane.org or go to <https://www.ymcabrisbane.org/queensland-youth-parliament-home.html>

**PHOTO: At the 2018 Youth Parliament launch were Brittany Lauga MP and Keppel Youth Parliament representative Amelia Grundon (second from right) with (from left) fellow Youth Parliament representatives Zara Law, Caitlin Van Loggerenberg, Madasyn Owen, former Youth Minister Shannon Fentiman, and Madi Hersey.*

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