

Additional Information

Xanthe Turner is a 23-year-old East Ward local, passionate volunteer, and youth advocate. She has been a member of the City of Mandurah's Youth Advisory Group and headspace Mandurah's Youth Reference Group for 5 years, advocating for our young people, their mental health, and their future.

Through her time as a member of Youth Parliament and our city's Youth Advisory Group, she has experience with both local and state government processes. Having written bills for parliament and been consulted on for our City's plans, policies, and strategies (such as our upcoming Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, our Public Art Policy, and our currently in-action Arts and Culture Strategy 2023-2028), Xanthe has the passion and experience to step up into the official City Councilor role.

Xanthe has been the Youth Ambassador for Mandurah's outdoor painting festival Plein Air Down Under in 2024 and 2025, has volunteered for a local children's art class for five years, and has volunteered for many other local arts workshops, classes, festivals, and organisations. She has won many awards for her art and community involvement, including winning the WA Youth Awards 2023 Perth Festival Creative Contribution Award, Zonta Young Woman of Peel Award (2022), and Young ESTEAM Champion of the Year award (2018). She was also nominated for the Australia Day Community Citizen of the Year Award this year.

As a young person herself, she wants to show that our young people cannot be underestimated. Our young people are our future, and Xanthe wants to role model community participation and a drive for active involvement in the future of our beautiful community.

As a youth advocate with these experiences, her youth perspective, hundreds of hours of volunteer work, and a firm belief that our city is upheld by our thriving arts community and our commitment to conserving our local environment, she plans to become a City Councilor so that she can continue supporting our community on a larger scale.