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Mayoral Message



Dear Residents,

The theme of this year's Youth Week is: "We're the future and the future is now".

I can see a remarkable future in the over 65,000 young people who live in Canterbury-Bankstown. They are amazing. Energised, progressive, creative, thoughtful, ingenious, talented and so much more!

But what would young people say about themselves, about our City and the community they live in?

Youth Week is more than just a chance for young people to have fun (although there will be plenty of that). It's a chance for them to express themselves and show everyone what matters to them.

Our Youth Week activities, which will run from **April 9-17**, will give young people that chance, with activities including a young storytellers competition, a "Vibe & Dine" evening of meaningful conversation and a debating competition for schools.

All opportunities for young people to tell us what they think.

But our support for young people is not limited to one week a year.

During Youth Week, Council will be seeking expressions of interest from young people to be part of a Youth Advisory Working Group to make recommendations on what they want to see around our City.

We will also be seeking feedback from young people in our City at **cb.city/HaveYourSay** to help develop Council's next Youth Action Plan (2025-2029).

This plan will set priorities to help improve the lives of young people in our City and guide our work with young people, the community and service providers over the next few years.

I look forward to hearing all your wonderful suggestions.

Regards,



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MAYOR

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