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The Hon. Graham West MP
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NSW Government appoints Young Advisors

The NSW Minister for Youth, Graham West, has today announced the appointment of 12 young people from across NSW to the 2009 Youth Advisory Council (YAC).

Mr West said the Rees Government is committed to listening to young people, increasing their participation and involving them in the decisions that affect their lives.

“There is no better time to acknowledge the importance of young people to NSW with hundreds of activities for young people rolling-out across the State for Youth Week,” Mr West said.

“The 12 new council members represent a diverse range of cultural backgrounds, geographical areas, ages and life experiences, and I congratulate them on their selection.

“The Youth Advisory Council members, who can range in age from 12 – 25 years, are appointed annually, and meet eight times a year.

“Throughout the year, these Youth Advisory Council members will consult with community groups, Government authorities and other young people. The information they receive is then relayed back to the NSW Government for consideration and action.

“Previous Youth Advisory Councils have assisted the Government with advice on issues such as identity, work, safety, racism and being a young person with a disability,” Mr West said.

The 2009 Youth Advisory Council members are:

- Amanda Scott, 22, Windang ;
- Krysten Gers, 18, Broken Hill;
- Tjirra Francis, 19, Dorrigo;
- Matt Petherbridge, 20, Weston;
- Maggie Malak, 21, Epping;
- Helen Machalias, 20, Armidale;
- Emre Mehmet, 18, Birrong;
- Jacob Wray, 16, Moruya;
- Samir Kinger, 15, Wattle Grove;
- Katy Brownless, 22, Annandale;
- Travis Holland, 22, Hill Top; and
- Kaitlyn Carlia, 18, Harrington Park.

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