

Youth Collective Committee wins Connecting Communities Award

The City of Marion's Youth Collective Committee (YCC) has taken out the Connecting Communities Award at the recent 7NEWS Young Achiever Awards – SA.

The annual 7News Young Achiever Awards acknowledge, encourage and promote the positive achievements of young South Australians.

The 2023 winners were announced at a Gala Dinner in early May with the City of Marion's YCC taking out the Spirit Super Connecting Communities Award for their youth-led model of function.

Since its beginnings in 2019, the YCC has connected Council, young people and the broader community together. The YCC has been involved in numerous and varied Council consultations to ensure the voice of young people continues to be heard and valued.

Members have also been involved in environmental initiatives, mental health education, they have undertaken skills training in conducting community consultations, produced the City of Marion's Safe Space Project Report and contributed to Marion's Youth Engagement and Consultation Report. The committee has also been responsible for the delivery of the Esports tournament, Battle of the Bands event and a music event at the Capella Skate Park opening.

YCC chairperson Zane LeBlond said the award recognised years of work by the YCC to consult with and advocate for young people in the City of Marion, deliver reports and provide community education opportunities and youth events.

"Being a member of the YCC since 2021 and currently chairperson, I am super proud of the effort and dedication made by past and present members in delivering positive change for our young people," Zane said.

The [7NEWS Young Achiever Awards](#) – SA cover more than a dozen categories with the South Australian Young Achiever of the Year Award going to Felicity Graham who launched the not-for-profit Fostering Change Australia.

More information about the YCC is available [HERE](#) and you can follow them on [Instagram](#).

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