

Youth Koori Court

Community Panel Member Expression of Interest Form

The Youth Koori Court operates at Parramatta, Surry Hills, and Dubbo Children's Court.

Community Panel Members are integral to the Youth Koori Court. They provide the social and cultural support necessary to assist young people reconnect with their culture and form stronger bonds with their communities. They also provide cultural advice to the Youth Koori Court.

We are looking for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community members who:

- are Elders or respected members in their community,
- have strong cultural ties to their community, and
- can communicate well with young people.

It is not essential that you are considered an Elder within your community. Training will be offered to successful applicants.

Title: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / _____ (other)

(please circle the one that applies to you)

Surname: _____ Given names: _____

Home address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Home phone number: _____ Mobile phone number: _____

Date of birth: _____ Email: _____

Are you of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent? (please tick as appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal ☐ Torres Strait Islander

Are you applying as a respected Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community member or as a recognised Elder of the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community?

☐ Respected Community Member ☐ Elder

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Are you available to sit in the Youth Koori Court at least one day per month?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If no, how often are you available?

Please indicate which Youth Koori Court community panel you wish to apply for

☐ Surry Hills Youth Koori Court (Wednesdays)

☐ Parramatta Youth Koori Court (Fridays)

☐ Dubbo Youth Koori Court (Fridays)

What connections do you have within the local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities in the area that you are applying for?

Why do you want to be a Community Panel Member for the Youth Koori Court?

Do you have a current Working with Children Check?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide your Working with Children Check number: _____

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If your expression of interest is successful and you **do not** have a Working with Children Check clearance, then you will need to apply for one through the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian. Before applying, please read the **YKC Frequently Asked Question (FAQ)** for further information.

Do you consent to the Department of Communities and Justice conducting a National Criminal Record Check?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note that a criminal record for minor or historical matters will not necessarily disqualify you from being appointed a Community Panel Member.

I declare that:

- I wish to be considered to be appointed as a Community Panel Member of the Youth Koori Court.
- I consent to a National Criminal Record Check being made in relation to me.
- I consent to a Working with Children Check verification being conducted by the Department of Communities and Justice.

Applicant's signature

Date / /

Please return your completed form to the Youth Koori Court by one of the following ways:

Parramatta and Surry Hills

- **Email:** YKC@justice.nsw.gov.au
- **Post:** PO Box 5113 PARRAMATTA 2124
- **In person:** Parramatta Children's Court, 2 George St Parramatta.

Dubbo

- **Email:** ykcdubbo@justice.nsw.gov.au
- **Post:** PO Box 50 DUBBO NSW 2830
- **In person:** Dubbo Children's Court, 137 Brisbane Street Dubbo.

If you require help completing this form, please contact the Youth Koori Court Liaison Officer at the location you are interested in applying for:

- Parramatta and Surry Hills: 0427 554 508 or
- Dubbo: 0456 914 985

The artwork featured in this form was designed by Lauren Henry and Brittany Cochrane from Yirra Miya, a First Nations Creative Agency, in consultation with YKC Aboriginal Elders and the Children's Court of NSW. Lauren Henry is a proud Wodi Wodi and Walbunja Person from the Yuin Nation and Brittany Cochrane is a proud Biripi Woman.

