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Shire Youth Week Program finalists in two NSW Youth Week Awards!

National Youth Week 2022 was rolled out across communities in April this year, recording the highest number of youth participation to date, delivering a variety of high quality and meaningful programs and initiatives offered to the youth and young people of Walgett Shire.

The success of the program has seen the Shire's Youth and Community Development Team, for the (15th) fifteenth consecutive year, gaining recognition at State level with Walgett Shire Council judged finalists in two of a possible four of the eligible categories of the NSW Local Government Youth Week Awards 2022.

Council has been named in categories below along with other competing Councils:

NSW Best Small Council with the Most Outstanding Youth Week Program 2022_ Brewarrina Shire Council, Forbes Shire Council, Hilltops Council, Gilgandra Shire Council, **Walgett Shire Council**, Warrumbungle Shire Council

NSW Most Innovative Youth Week Program 2022 Bland Shire Council, Fairfield City Council, Northern Beaches Council, **Walgett Shire Council**, Yass Valley Council

The Youth Week Young People's Advisory Committee (a sub-committee of the NSW Youth Advisory Council) judge the Local Government Youth Week Awards, supported by officials of the Children's People and Guardian and Commissioner of Children and Young People.

The assessment of the Awards is based on a range of information and criteria, including: information provided in the Council's evaluation of 2022, Youth Week history of previous Local Government Award recipients over the past 3-5 years, and how well the Council incorporated the aims of National Youth Week in their Youth Week Program.

Underpinning the success of Council being named finalists is the sustained role that local and regional supporting services, agencies and organizations play in funding, partnering and delivering programs in collaboration and making a positive difference in the lives of our youth and young people. Walgett Shire Council youth & community teams have been crowned winners in numerous categories of the NSW Local Government Youth Week Awards consecutively for the past (14) fourteen years since 2007 and current title holders from 2021 in one category.

However, this now, if Council can take a major out, would be 15 years at the top, a true demonstration of sustainability and commitment of service delivery, innovation and community collaboration. Walgett Shire Council representatives will be accompanied by Walgett Shire Youth Council representatives and travel to Sydney for the prestigious awards on the 4th August.

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“On behalf of Council, youth / community development teams and our Youth Council, we sincerely thank all the agencies, organisations and individuals for their continued and sustained support in partnership in delivery of this initiative. The award nominations are a truly exceptional outcome!” said Mr Michael Urquhart, General Manager WSC.

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