TMAG Young People's Reference Panel - 2027 Information Sheet and Terms of Reference

What is the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel?

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) Young People's Reference Panel is a group of young people aged 7 to 17 who are interested in contributing to the work of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery through providing advice, feedback, and recommendations. The purpose of the panel is for TMAG to hear, engage and empower young voices, enabling this important audience group to influence the planning and development stages of exhibitions, programs, and resources. Young people will share their experiences and ideas, and talk about what matters to them, what they want for themselves and others their age, and what they hope for in the future in relation to museums and art galleries. Their contribution *will* make a difference in how TMAG operates and in what TMAG offers.

The panel is made up of 15 - 20 members between the age of 7 and 17, each appointed by TMAG following a formal application process, and two TMAG representatives. Sub-groups may be convened from the panel members as necessary, according to age and issues to be discussed.

Who is eligible to apply to be a member of the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel?

- Young people who are passionate about issues relevant to their age group, interested in museums and art galleries, and willing to share their views. TMAG is looking for panel members from diverse backgrounds, suburbs, and schools.
- Applicants between the age of 7 and 17.
- Applicants who live in Tasmania and are available to attend meetings in Hobart.
- All applicants require the approval of a parent or guardian.

What does being a member of the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel involve?

- Attending 4 meetings per year (one per term) at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, Hobart. Meetings are held in the afternoon for one and a half hours on a weekday during school term. We also encourage involvement in *Lift Off*, TMAG's annual Festival for Children and Young People.
- It is important that everyone in the group has a chance to participate and have their say. Members will be required to work as part of a team and respect each other's opinions.
- Members may be encouraged to attend select events throughout the calendar year by invitation of TMAG as representatives of the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel.
- Membership is for 1 calendar year. Members may reapply annually and, if successful, may hold membership on the panel for a maximum of 2 years.
- Members aged 12 and under must be accompanied at meetings and events by a parent or guardian unless other arrangements have been made. TMAG will provide a suitable separate waiting area for parents and guardians. Unless through prior arrangement, parents or guardians may not attend formal meetings.

What are the benefits of being a member of the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel?

- Members contribute to the planning and development stages of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery's exhibitions, programs, and events through providing advice, feedback, and recommendations.
- Members will receive a name badge giving them a 10% discount in TMAG's Museum Shop.
- Members will receive invitations to special events held at TMAG.

How do I apply to be part of the TMAG Young People's Reference Panel?

- Please fill in the attached application form.