

TMAG Children's Reference Panel Information Sheet



What is the TMAG Children's Reference Panel?

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery (TMAG) Children's Reference Panel is a select group of children and youth 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. Children and young people will share their experiences and ideas, 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 what it offers.

The panel is made up of approximately 20 members between the age of 7 and 17, each appointed by TMAG following a formal application process, and 2 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 for the TMAG Children's Reference Panel?

- Children and 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 are looking for people from different 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.

* If you are interested to apply, live in Tasmania, but are unable to attend meetings in Hobart due to issues of distance or transport options please contact us to discuss potential alternatives.

What does being a member of the TMAG Children'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 or two hours on a weekday during school term. (See * above re: alternate arrangements for issues of distance or transport).
- 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 Children'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 3 years.
- Members aged 12 and under must be accompanied at meetings and events by a parent or guardian unless other arrangements have been made.

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

- Members have the opportunity to contribute to the planning and development stages of the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery's exhibits and programs through providing advice, feedback and recommendations.
- Members will receive a membership card giving them a 10% discount in TMAG's Museum Shop
- Members will receive invitations to special events.

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

Fill in the attached application form