Welcome to the second edition of Round About the NT for 2014!

The highly motivated 2014 Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians congregated for their 2nd meeting on the 17th and 18th of May at the NT Parliament House. This was a great opportunity to reflect on how our community based projects were progressing, provide contribution into team member’s projects and work towards a for a brighter future for young Territorians.

On the Saturday we jumped straight into a full agenda, including a tour of Parliament House where we learnt about the history of the Northern Territory. We then held a discussion with the Administrator of the Northern Territory, Her Honour the Honourable Sally Thomas AC. Members shared their projects and experiences as young Territorians. It was an honour to be involved in this, and spend time learning from the Administrator.

We gained some project and time management skills with EASA. We were enriched by Team Management Services who provided us with our career and personal profiles. It was entertaining to see heads nodding in agreement when profiles were read. Throughout the day we were sharing and motivating each other about our community based projects. It was very inspirational to see everyone making huge positive changes to our community.

On the Sunday we were excited to have a past Round Table member, Daniel Bourchier, from SKY News share his wisdom with working with the media and he presented us with some tips and tricks of the trade. We also spent Sunday morning brainstorming ‘Developing the North’ and what this would mean for young Territorians. We all agreed that ‘Developing the North’ means investing in young Territorians’ future and providing opportunities for us to thrive while maintaining the unique culture and lifestyle of the Northern Territory.

Our Minister’s session was after lunch and we were lucky enough to have a session with Peter Styles (Minister for Young Territorians), Janet Buhagiar (Executive Director, Social Policy Division), Siobhan Okely (Manager, Community Engagement) and Nathan Winn (Advisor to the Minister for Young Territorians). We shared our community based project updates with the Minister and discussed our thoughts on ‘Developing the North’ Australia Policy and how it would affect us. We all felt it was really encouraging to be given a voice on such an important topic.

We would like to thank all our presenters for facilitating engaging sessions and giving up part of their weekend to help shape the leaders of tomorrow. Our 2nd meeting was very productive and enjoyable and we look forward to the next meeting in August. Please make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page and Office of Youth Affairs website to stay current with youth matters.

Kind Regards,
Nathan Fanning (Chair),
David Ridley (Vice-Chair)
Hi everyone. As I am writing this, we are at our second Round Table meeting. A lot has happened since the first meeting. Even though it is my second time being on the Round Table, each meeting still goes by really quickly. My project has really taken shape since my project proposal. To eliminate confusion, my project is now called Peer Court instead of Youth Court. I have been a tad productive with my project. I have successfully hosted two model Peer Court demonstrations to showcase my project in perspective of its potential of being established in the Northern Territory. The demonstrations wouldn't have been successful without the volunteers that have put their hands up to participate. A special shout out to Mr Jared Sharp and Ms Felicity Gerry QC for volunteering to be the Judge in the respective demonstrations. I look forward to being able to host further demonstrations to promote the concept of Peer Court to young Territorians as well as interested stakeholders. Until next time!

Christine Gardiner, 18, Palmerston
It’s been really great at the second meeting for the 2014 Round Table. We’ve had the opportunity to talk to some really great people such as the Administrator of the NT the Hon. Sally Thomas AC and the Minister for Young Territorians the Hon. Peter Styles (a couple of us even got selfies with him! :)) We’ve also had the chance to discuss some great ideas, and personally I’ve had a lot of fun catching up with everyone and finding out what they’ve been up to for the past few months. As well as getting work done for our projects and going through an eerily accurate team management profiling session (it knows us better than we do), this weekend has been heaps of fun. It was especially great going out for dinner together (chocolate fountains are great for connecting with people!) and going out after for a bit of team building at Zone 3 - there were a few very good sharpshooters there! Overall this has definitely been a great addition to my Round Table experience, and I really hope it continues to get even better as we go through the year and make more progress with our individual projects. Thank you! :) Christine ;)

Ned Hall, 15, Darwin
I have made slow progress on my project due to school, work and sporting commitments, but have recently finished the questions on my survey and the letter to my Principal. I hope to encourage as many young people as possible to engage in sporting activities and a healthy life style. I have enjoyed this weekend thoroughly and have made most of my progress so far during it.

Aidan Sears, 19, Darwin Rural
This meeting has shown me that I need to concentrate more on my organisation skills to work smarter and not harder, so I have a few things to work on before the next meeting. There have been a few setbacks in my project with funding and the safety nets in place not being able to catch teens who are at risk of depression and suicide. I have seen the implications that this can have on the community, friends and family experiencing excruciating emotional pain.

I hope that I can have the reach and effect to reduce and prevent the hopelessness that these people are feeling and to offer a way out that will follow a road to resilience and salvation form the darker element of life.

Rangga Daranindra, 22, Darwin
Hey everyone, our second conference went really well. It certainly has helped me progress with my project activities. The Administrator of the Northern Territory, The Honourable Sally Thomas, was kind enough to attend our morning-tea session and have a healthy discussion on her role as the Administrator, as well as on our projects.

The main highlight of our second meeting was to catch up with other Round Table members, and participate in casual events such as playing laser-tag, sunset dinner, and other group engagement activities. I really look forward to working closer with these incredible young Territorians, and help build develop the future of NT.

Lily Reid, 17, Palmerston
Hey guys, just had our second meeting and it was fantastic with interesting guests including the Administrator the, Hon Sally Thomas, and the Minister for Young Territorians, the Hon Peter Styles MLA who talked with us to find our opinion on the ‘Developing the North’ Initiative. We have had many awesome experiences including a friendly game of laser tag at Zone 3 and then three more games when we really found out the meaning of the word “team”. Over the weekend, many selfies had been taken and I was lucky enough to get a selfie with Minister Styles. My community based project is finally getting up off the ground and I have been receiving a few responses to the survey that I had sent out in mid-April. All in all this weekend was a great helped to see where to go from here.
Joshua Jackson, 21, Elliott
Since the last meeting I have been really busy and involved in heaps of events and activities including, Harmony Day at the Elliott School, Remote School Attendance Strategies Elliott (Elliott school is the first school in the NT to reach 90% school attendance through the RSAS Program), I also met with the United Nations representative on her way through the NT and helped with the establishment of the local football team for the 2014 BAFL (Barkly AFL) season.

My project is coming along well, I have completed my first survey and have posted it on Facebook and I am in the process of interviewing people for their good news stories of their life and some of the struggles they encountered along the way. From the results of my first survey I have created a second short tick box survey which will be going on Facebook and am hoping to get heaps filled out so I can have a strong evidence-base for my report to the NT Government. I enjoyed the second Chief Minister’s Round Table of Young Territorians meeting in Darwin. During the meeting I stole a few minutes talking with the Administrator of the NT, I really enjoyed talking to her and she is a lovely person. On the Saturday night we played Laser Tag which was a blast and a good team building exercise. All participants on the Round Table are friendly people who show respect and acknowledgment of one another.

Emma Cooper, 24, Katherine
Hi everyone! It’s been a very busy last couple of months. I have been meeting all kinds of wonderful people and organisations within the Katherine region. I have been really amazed at all of the wonderful support and opportunities I have been given from them all and within the Round Table. I have launched my survey, replies are currently at 74, and I’m hoping to crack the 100 mark! I’ve been widely researching different statistics and have found some good numbers to back up my findings. Had a great weekend with my fellow round table members, it’s always great to be around such an inspiring and positive group of people. Emma.

Erin Keeley, 17, Nhulunbuy
Hey! I am sitting at our second Round Table meeting; however this is actually my first! I was nervous since everyone had met before and I was new to this meeting though everyone is so lovely, so not so nervous anymore! For my project I am raising awareness for Mental Health in Nhulunbuy. I am running an event to involve the community and to show people that there is help available and to never be ashamed to get help by these services. My project is in early days but hopefully by the next meeting it’ll be in full swing!

Jess Sullivan, 19, Darwin/Mataranka
Meeting 2 went way too fast! It was great catching up with everyone and hearing what they’ve been up to with their awesome projects and lives in the last few months, and I’m so energised and inspired after spending the weekend with this amazing group again.

Once again it was an honour to have some really special Territorians who support and mentor us on our journey. I can see the development opportunities we’ve had access to helping us well into our futures and am really grateful for that.

My project is coming along pretty well, I’m running a personal development camp in July for disadvantaged/disengaged young people and I am really excited to have secured an auspice, funding and a venue – now for the participants and leaders! By next meeting it’ll be all over and I’ll be well into writing up my report so I’ll let you know how it all goes.

Kate Reynolds, 20, Darwin
For the last couple of months I have been working on my project and doing a lot of research into cyber bullying and designing a website which allows individuals the opportunity to report it anonymously if they wish. I thought that this was an essential tool into the research of bullying, and to determine if people are happy to report such crimes. My thoughts were that you can’t punish and make something a law if you don’t know how often it is occurring. I hope to get some funding to publish the website and then look forward to people coming forward and reporting unacceptable behaviour. I am also now looking into the graduate program and seeing if something can be done to increase the amount of CDU graduates entering the workforce so that we can develop Northern Australia. Kate

Nathan Fanning, 23, Palmerston
I had an excellent time at our second meeting, especially the session with the Administrator, completing TMS profiling of ourselves and media training with SKY News presenter Daniel Bourchier. Since our last meeting I have attended the Young Achiever Awards, two youth week panel sessions, YIP pool party and the youth Peer Court demonstration. On my community based project I have researched the benefits of volunteering and what other countries have in the way of volunteer opportunities through the school system. I am currently producing a survey which will be distributed to young Territorians aged 15-25 years old. I will also be attending schools and youth groups to get their input on this issue.
David Ridley, 25, Darwin
It is such an honour to contribute to a better future for young Territorians as a 2014 Round Table member. I love the diverse passions and interests that each of the members bring - it truly makes it a rich experience! A highlight of the second weekend was discussing with Minister Peter Styles, Minister for Young Territorians how ‘Developing the North’ will impact the youth of the Northern Territory. Personally, I am excited about the many opportunities involved in this initiative. I shared on the importance of sustained holistic economic growth that includes the development of families and communities. I am making good progress with my community based project, investing the impact of fatherlessness and family breakdown on the Territory’s youth.

Jermaine Campbell, 20, Galiwin’ku
This weekend was a wicked meeting Minister Styles again and just sharing each other’s ideas about ‘Developing the Territory’.

Meeting very passionate young people across the Top End is something that remote youths should do more often. As it encourages young Territorians to take part in the Northern Territory Development. This weekend I met people of many backgrounds and different projects of building a better environment or community to live in. I will be taking back to Galiwin’ku a solution and technique to start my project with a very good outcome. I will be talking to many young people on Galiwin’ku about my project.

Jeremy Gillen, 16, Alice Springs
Since the first meeting, I have developed my project of researching the feasibility of renewable energy in the NT. I’ve read a lot of scientific articles on this subject and look forward to presenting it to the NT Government. I’ve sent a survey out to NT schools so that I can learn about the opinions and education of youth on this issue.

I’m really enjoying being part of the Round Table because every member is so awesome. We’ve all had great conversations and awesome discussions on heaps of topics.

Meeting the Administrator of the Northern Territory, The Honourable Sally Thomas AC

Session with the Administrator of the Northern Territory

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK INDIGENOUS YOUNG MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Thousands of young Australians aged 12-25 are involved in National Youth Week each year – it’s the largest celebration of young people in Australia.

NYW is coordinated by the National Planning Group (NPG). The NPG includes young Australians and is responsible for guiding, planning and implementing NYW. Each year, the Australian Government appoints a young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander to the NPG to provide advice to increase engagement and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people during NYW.

Expressions of Interest for the 2015 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australian Government Representative are open now and close on 15 June 2014.

MISSION AUSTRALIA YOUTH SURVEY
Mission Australia’s Youth Survey is the largest survey of its kind in Australia. If you are between the ages of 15-18 years old please take the time to have a say about the things that affect you. http://missionaustraliayouthsurvey.youthsurvey2014.smg.com/s3/
Survey closes Saturday 20 July 2014.

NT NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK YOUNG MEMBER RECRUITMENT
We are searching for the next National Youth Week Young Member
National Youth Week provides young Australians with the opportunity to express ideas, raise concerns and action issues that are important to them.
Apply to be the next Young Member and help make a difference.
As the Northern Territory Young Member you will get to:
- be a part of National Youth Week
- help shape the future of National Youth Week
- promote youth voices and experiences across the nation

Plus you get to attend concerts, events and celebrations.
If you are 18 to 25 years old and think you would make an outstanding ambassador, we want to hear from you!
Visit www.youth.nt.gov.au or phone 08 9999 2667 or email oya@nt.gov.au
Follow Youth NT on Facebook and Twitter to check out photos and videos from previous National Youth Week events. #ntyouthweek

FACEBOOK PAGE
Check out the Round Table’s Facebook page to help to promote opportunities and provide feedback
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chief-Ministers-Round-Table-of-Young-Territorians-NT/675831345773959

CONTACT US!
If you have suggestions on how the Round Table can assist to improve your community please e-mail us at oya@nt.gov.au

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2014 SURVEY
The Office of Youth Affairs is seeking feedback on National Youth Week (NYW) 2014 in the Northern Territory!
NYW 2014 ran from 4-13 April, and is the largest celebration of young people 12-25 years held across the nation. Whether you were directly involved or not, we would still value your feedback! Please jump online and complete our quick survey! Your contribution to helping us improve NYW is greatly appreciated. www.surveymonkey.com/s/NYWNT2014 The survey will close on Friday 20 June 2014.

SESSIONS
Zone 3
- team building
  Saturday 17 May

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- Visit the Round Table’s Facebook page for more information.
- Check out www.youth.nt.gov.au for more information about services for youth, including grants, activities and events.

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