

## 2022 Regional Youth Taskforce Yearbook Video Transcript

### Molly Brabham - South East and Tablelands Region

Giving young people the confidence to believe they can succeed in the workforce and giving them the training and support they need to enter the modern-day workforce.

### Campbell Quintrell – Far West Region

Finding a bunch of people to talk to and connect with. During the four meetings we have and in later in life. So, I think I'm understanding the importance of networking now, but also solving the issues that are close to all of us is really important as well.

### Brooke Williams – Central West and Orana Region

I joined the Taskforce because I wanted to make a change, for youth. The youth is our next leaders of our generation. Implementing things now is definitely key.

### Nicholas Bailey – Hunter Region

Growing up I had a lot of role models in my community. Being a young Indigenous man. I feel like it's very important to have positive Indigenous role models in our community. Just to become a role model and touch on issues that are affecting my community

### Timothy Dotter – South East and Tablelands Region

To better yourself. You need to have good wellbeing and in order to go on and do greater things, you need to first start with a strong foundation.

### Chelsea Burgess Hannon – Riverina Murrey Region

Being able to connect with other people from around the state who are like minded and want to see positive change in their area is really inspiring. To be surrounded by people who are really passionate about certain issues and wanting to make that change for everybody.

### Benjamin Healey – Illawarra Shoalhaven Region

Feel like our opinions and voices are neglected. And so, I thought that the Taskforce would represent just an opportunity to get out there and voice the opinions of mine and other people like me.

### Rohan Cowley – New England and North West Region

There's great progress happening at the moment, but I think there is a lot more that can be done, and I want to be a facilitator for that. I want to be a voice for the people that don't have a voice.

### **Abbie Kelly – Far West Region**

Getting to hear other young people's opinions and inputs in the topics that we discuss.

### **Coco Rose – Hunter Region**

I love it. Getting your voice across as well as your region's voice is. It's an incredible experience and I'm so thankful.

### **Kane Stewart – Riverina Murry Region**

Connectedness is huge and vital for the regions. It's all about interpersonal connections and digital connections to connect us to the whole world.

### **Mikal Tesfamariam – North Coast Region**

The highlight of today has been the session with the panel of ministers, where we got to communicate with them directly on policy making.

### **Georgie Moustoukis – Illawarra Shoalhaven Region**

We have come up with a range of solutions such as apps and implementing urban linkage and connectivity into regional areas. It's more the initial proposals and ideas that have been formed that will eventuate into long term solutions that I found really helpful.

### **Caitlin Blanch – New England and North West Region**

Interacting with my local youth council, there's been a huge interest in what the Taskforce involves and so, so many of those members want to join the Taskforce now. And I feel really privileged to be able to elevate the voices of youth.

### **Luke Austin – North Coast**

I'm hoping to, you know, connect with other young people from regional areas, you know, work together to see what sort of options might be on the table to try and bridge that gap.

### **Georgie Moustoukis – Illawarra Shoalhaven Region**

This has been so valuable. Everything has created a broader experience for myself and others, one that will hold true to us for a long time.

### **Caitlin Blanch – New England and North West Region**

We've had some really good definitions come out of today about community. I think it is about physical connectivity, but I think it's about the way that you relate to someone through life experiences.

### **Gianrico Wynn – Central West and Orana Region**

Highlights for me for this Taskforce would be firstly, making a relationship with each of the different young individuals here that are within the Taskforce and further the networking opportunities that we have to offer within this program. So that might be meeting different ministers, other activists within communities and I find it really inspiring to see what we can gain from these individuals and take on their expertise to benefit our regional communities and further life.

### **Brooke Williams – Central West and Orana Region**

One of the highlights for me has been connecting with like-minded individuals and working together to implement change.

### **Caitlin Blanch – New England and North West Region**

Having a disability and living on a farm can be quite isolating and I saw that through that experience and sharing that experience with my broader community. There are other people like me who do want to see change, and so that's what motivated me to do it. And I think being selected or being an option to be selected was really humbling to see that I do possess characteristics that someone would desire to represent them.

### **Tyson Purchase – Central Coast Region**

I've really enjoyed being on the Taskforce this year because of the people, I think they've all they're all such an inspiration. They've all helped me on this journey, you know? Breaking out of my shell, gave me a new level of confidence I didn't even know was possible.

### **Willow Robinson – Central Coast Region**

I would really encourage young people to apply for the Taskforce. I met amazing people, a lot of role models and people in different leadership opportunities. It's just a whole lot of knowledge and a whole new group of people and communities out there that you get to be a part of.