

# CFS VA- YAC Representative Report for 2023 AGM

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## Overview of YAC Agenda items

Whilst there are numerous action items and discussion matters before the YAC, the following is a summary of the current key items before YAC, or which have been carried out:

### **Skills/development of youth**

- In progress. Urban and Rural Skills YAC course weeks have been switched, with the urban course now running in June/July school holidays, and the rural course running in October.
- A survey will be sent to youth members seeking feedback on what types of training they want, and assess barriers to accessing training etc.

### **Emerging Leaders Day**

- YAC is currently discussing/planning another Emerging Leader's Day in 2024. This was previously run in 2022 and was a very successful two-day event, receiving very positive feedback. Aimed at 18–30-year-olds with a goal to providing leadership skills through discussions and workshops.
- Details are being reviewed for the 2024 event, with a venue and date yet to be fixed.

### **A Day in the Life of a CFS Volunteer Video**

- A 'Day in the life of a CFS Volunteer' video was created and shared by CFS on TikTok and Facebook, designed to give a glimpse into a day in the life of a CFS Volunteer.
- This video is the second most viewed video released by CFS, reaching 25,000 views.

### **YAC at AFAC 2023**

- Kimberley Day (R2 Rep and YAC Chairperson) attended at AFAC held in Brisbane in 2023 and delivered a speech '*Emerging Leaders, Driving Change Through a Youth Centric Approach*', on behalf of CFS YAC. Positive feedback was received.

### **16/17-Year-old firefighter policy**

- The YAC has provided suggestions to the State Cadet Committee (SCC) to explore further options for 16–17-year-old FF's with a view to allowing them to engage in a broader range of CFS training courses (not ordinarily available to younger cadets) in order to continue to develop skills before attaining FF rank at 18 years. This is now with SCC for consideration, and advice from SCC indicates any changes may take considerable time to implement (18 months plus).

## Current positions within YAC

There have been several changes to YAC Representatives and Proxies. The changes are listed below.

The Regions 3 and 4 Proxies, and Region 6 Rep and Proxy positions are all currently vacant. If you know of anyone that you think would be suitable or interested in these roles, please encourage them to apply.

The below table shows the current composition of the YAC:

Region / Role	Name
Region 1 Rep	Hayden Linggood
Region 1 Proxy	Matt Williams (previously Erin Barrera)
Region 2 Rep	Kimberley Day (Chairperson)
Region 2 Proxy	James Sutton
Region 3 Rep	Cody Campbell
Region 3 Proxy	Vacant (previously Joshua Kirpensteyn)
Region 4 Rep	David Bull
Region 4 Proxy	Vacant
Region 5 Rep	Zachary Nicolas-Benney (previously Siobhan Evans)
Region 5 Proxy	Zachary Nicolas-Benney
Region 6 Rep	Vacant
Region 6 Proxy	Vacant
Volunteer's Association	Lukas Lane-Geldmacher
Deputy Chief Officer	Georgie Cornish
CFS Staff Proxy	Brianna Green
Project Youth Officer (VSB)	Gina Butler

## Regional Updates

**Region 1:** Nil

**Region 2:** Communities in Practice (draft proposal in progress), intent is to facilitate youth get together seeking feedback from Youth in CFS to better inform YAC Reps and allow for feedback or raising of youth issues through RVMC.

**Region 3:** Nil

**Region 4:** Nil

**Region 5:** R5 Rep and Proxy have undertaken several 'Roadshow' visits to Groups within R5. During these visits, feedback has been sought and given about matters affecting youth. This was noted to be an effective engagement strategy and several volunteer issues and discussion points have been obtained through these meetings.

**Region 6:** Nil (vacant)

## YAC VA Representative Position

Please note that this will be the last year that I will hold the position of YAC/VA Representative, as of next year I will fall out of the age range for 'youth' being 18-30.

I encourage all VA members and Representatives to consider any individuals within your regions/branches who would be a good fit for taking on this role in the future.