

# Invercargill City Youth Council Profiles

## 2016

**Introducing:** Stephen Jones



Over Year12 Chair Person

**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Fourth year

**Interests:**

Football

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Great opportunities

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More opportunities to grow youth leadership.

**Introducing:** Toby Jenkins



Over Year12 Chair Person

**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Third year

**Interests:**

Rugby, tramping and the outdoors.

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To help provide a voice for young people to speak out and express ourselves.

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More opportunities to develop youth.

**Introducing:** Jack Shaw



Over Year12 Chair Person

**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Third year

**Interests:**

Music/Drums, football, tramping and camping

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To build civic engagement and art recognition in the city

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Arts shows and local street acts

**Introducing:** Aidan Murdoch



**School:**

Aurora College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Gaming, Space and Programming

**Why I am on Youth Council**

More involvement with local politics

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More recreation options for youth

**Introducing:** Georgia Purdue



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

School, Netball and Volunteering

**Why I am on Youth Council**

So I can have my say on activities to help engage youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More activities for youth

**Introducing:** Ashley Shearer



**Training Institution**

Southern Institute of Technology

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Third year

**Interests:**

Working, biking, camping, hunting, and fishing

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To make a difference

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More activities for youth to be involved in

**Introducing:** Caitlin Boyle



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second year

**Interests:**

Rowing, talking, going to the hostel

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To make Invercargill more exciting

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More activities for youth, and, making it appear nicer.

**Introducing:** Meg O'Connell



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Vinyl Music and Art

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To explore leadership roles

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More Youth activities in the community

**Introducing:** Jack Lovett-Hurst



**School:**

Southland Boys' High School/ School Leaver

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Watching sports and hanging out

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Good opportunity to see how the council works

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Ramps on the buses for wheel chair access

**Introducing:** Danielle Carson



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Fourth Year

**Interests:**

Debating, drama, and politics

**Why I am on Youth Council**

So that i can make positive changes for the youth of Invercargill by advocating for their needs and wants.

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More Leadership opportunities for youth. More youth empowerment.

**Introducing:** Elisapeta Kuresa



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Sports, Performing Arts, Friends and family

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To contribute to the Youth of Invercargill

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Be more open to leadership opportunities.

**Introducing:** William Mason



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Sports, School and Leadership

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Extend my leadership skills and have a say for Invercargill youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Increase the amount of activities available for the youth

**Introducing:** Michael Chrichton



**School:**

Aurora College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Video games, psychology and drawing

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To be a voice for youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More things to do, keep people out of trouble.

**Introducing:** Phoebe Lee



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Netball and Volleyball

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Make Invercargill more youth focused and increase youth involvement

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More art and activities

**Introducing:** Hayden Scott-Chambers



**School:**

School Leaver

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Fourth year

**Interests:**

Spending time with family, and church commitments

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To create a voice for Invercargill youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More activities

**Introducing:** Laura McDonald



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

School, being with my friends, and farming

**Why I am on Youth Council**

So I can have my say on what would make Invercargill a better place for our youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More places like the improvements on Esk Street, and more activities for youth.

**Introducing:** Keiren Perkins



**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Rock n Roll, Red Cross - Disaster Welfare Response Team

**Why I am on Youth Council**

I want to help give youth a voice in Invercargill

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More things for youth to become involved in.

**Introducing:** Joe Pritchard



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Table tennis and piano

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Voicing opinions of peers to improve Invercargill

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More local events.

**Introducing:** Madison Brown



**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Musical theatre, Brass band and Cooking

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Seemed like a great opportunity to be involved in

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Having bus stops for rural areas for schools.

**Introducing:** Meg Laker



Under Year 11 Chair Person

**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First Year

**Interests:**

Dance and public speaking

**Why I am on Youth Council**

I enjoyed school council and I wanted the opportunity to help in the process of decision making.

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More acceptance for kids with disabilities

**Introducing:** Molly Haywood



Under Year 11 Chair Person

**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second year

**Interests:**

Dance, Speech and Drama, Netball and Debating.

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To be involved in the decision making process of the youth council and making a difference to youth in the Invercargill community

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

**Introducing:** Hamish Muhl



Under Year 11 Chair Person

**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second year

**Interests:**

IT, model railway, and making things

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To give people more opportunities to make create and innovate

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

If there is more opportunities for youth to be creative and innovative



**Introducing:** TJ Smith



**School:**

Southland Boys' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second Year

**Interests:**

Football, and gaming

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To make a difference

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More ideas and activities aimed towards the youth

**Introducing:** Tiffany Wilson



**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second Year

**Interests:**

1D, 5SoS, Music, Guitar, rainbow unicorn pandas, and reading

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To be a voice for youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More places for the youth to go

**Introducing:** Tully Paterson



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Rowing, Road cycling, water skiing and netball

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To explore leadership roles

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More activities for youth to do

**Introducing:** Mackenzie Fallow



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Gaming, debating and writing

**Why I am on Youth Council**

I like politics both local and national

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More people to look up to.

**Introducing:** Janaya Stevenson



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Water Polo, swimming and basketball

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To have my opinion on what needs to either change or improve for youth in our community

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Educating the youth about the Invercargill Youth Council so if they have any ideas they can add or improve on the councils opinions. Also, having more safer places for youth to socialise throughout town

**Introducing:** Quinn Holland



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Drums, guitar, hunting and sport

**Why I am on Youth Council**

I would like to share my ideas with the Youth Council

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

Having bus stops for rural areas for schools

**Introducing:** Madison Flannery



**School:**

Southland Girls' High School

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

French, animals, dance, environment and music

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To help make a positive change for Invercargill youth

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More things to get involved in

**Introducing:** Calvin Jenkins



**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Basketball and projects

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To put ideas forward

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

**Introducing:** Caitlin Smith



**School:**

Verdon College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

First year

**Interests:**

Science, maths and reading

**Why I am on Youth Council**

To give ideas and help

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

**Introducing:** Samuel Kelly-Shanks



**School:**

James Hargest College

**Length of time on Youth Council:**

Second year

**Interests:**

Rugby, computers, anime and food

**Why I am on Youth Council**

Because it is a good experience and I like helping

**What I think would make Invercargill better for youth:**

More things to get involved in