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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NSW PARLIAMENT'S YOUNG ABORIGINAL LEADERS PROGRAM

The Parliament of NSW is calling on communities across the state to help identify and support emerging Aboriginal leaders for an exciting new initiative – the Young Aboriginal Leaders Program.

As part of the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council celebrations set to take place from 17-20 June 2025, this three-day residential leadership program will bring together young leaders aged 18 to 25 for a unique, culturally grounded experience at the heart of state decision-making. Applications are open now!

Parliament of NSW Senior Aboriginal Liaison Officer Joe Stewart said the initiative was designed to equip the next generation of Aboriginal leaders with the skills, confidence, and networks they need to drive positive change in their communities.

“If you know someone with leadership potential, encourage them to apply – this immersive experience could be life-changing,” he said.

Participants will develop leadership and communication skills, learn about parliamentary processes, engage with Aboriginal leaders and even deliver a speech in the Legislative Council Chamber on an issue important to them.

The Hon. Ben Franklin, President of the NSW Legislative Council, said the program, a Legislative Council initiative, was more than a leadership conference.

“It’s about connection, empowerment, and equipping young Aboriginal people with the tools to drive change,” he said.

“We want young leaders from across NSW to be part of something truly special. I can’t wait to see how this conference inspires action in those who participate.”

All travel, accommodation, and meals are covered – ensuring young leaders from every part of NSW can participate. Applications are now open and can be submitted by visiting the Parliament of NSW website at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/YALP

