

Young Aboriginal Leaders Program

The Parliament of NSW is hosting its first-ever Young Aboriginal Leaders Program, a tailored initiative designed to empower and inspire young leaders across the state.

As part of the Bicentenary of the Legislative Council, this multi-day residential leadership program will be held 17–20 June 2025 at the Parliament of NSW in Sydney. It is open to young leaders aged 18 to 25 and will provide a culturally grounded experience focused on leadership, networking, and community impact.

Participants will:

- Develop leadership and communication skills
- Learn about parliamentary processes
- Engage with Aboriginal leaders and real-world case studies
- Deliver a speech in the Legislative Council chamber at Parliament House.

All travel, accommodation, and meals are covered – ensuring young leaders from every part of NSW can participate.

Applications, along with headshot and supporting documents, should be submitted to YALP@parliament.nsw.gov.au by 4.59 pm on 4 April 2025.

Need support? Please contact the Aboriginal Engagement team if you have any questions or require assistance to complete your form at YALP@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

Application form

Name:

Date of birth:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Short biography: (up to 200 words)

1. Please outline Leadership experience to date:
(up to 500 words)

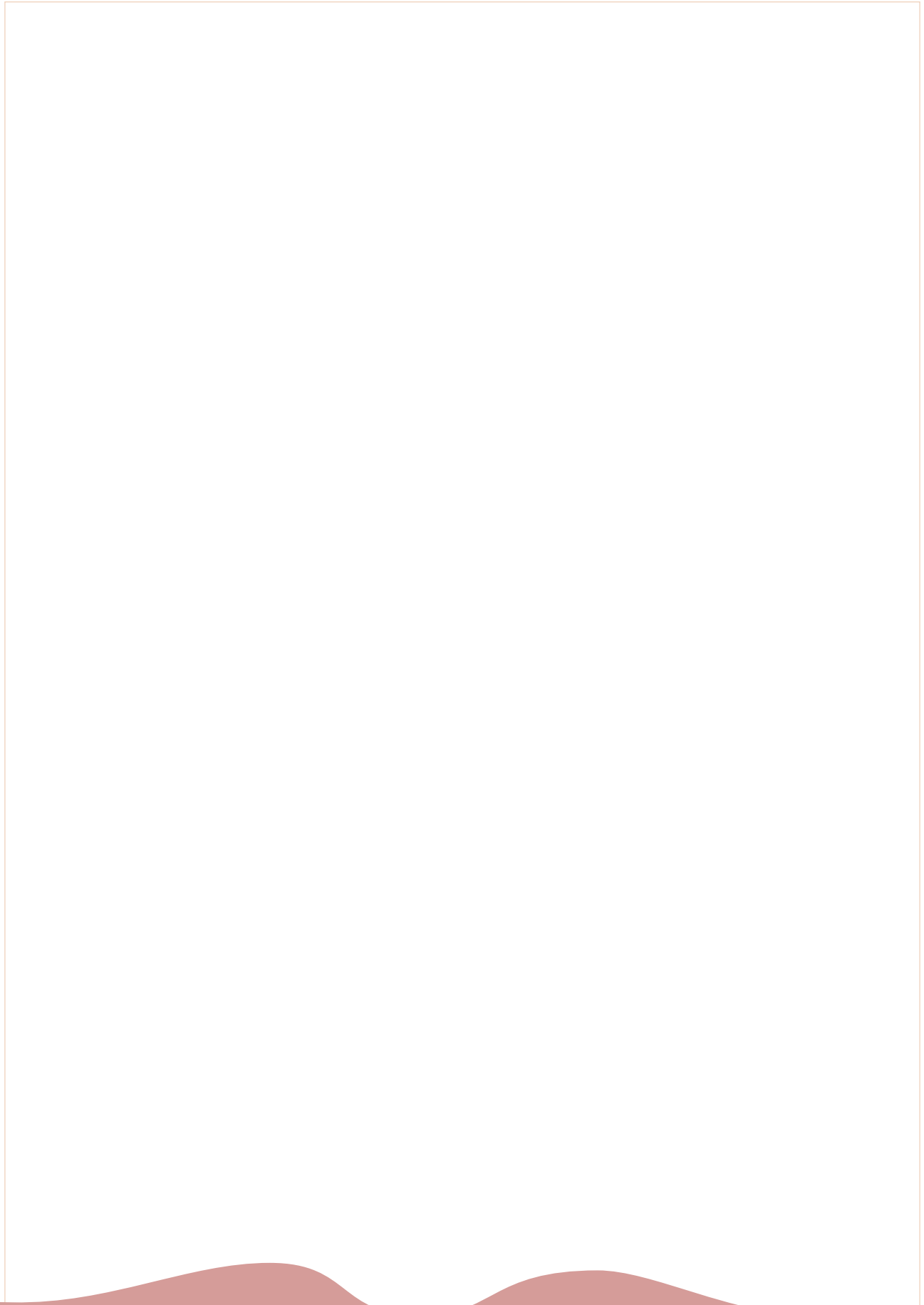
2. Please provide examples of how you have engaged with a community to improve an outcome, solve a problem or influence change: (up to 500 words)

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3. During the Young Aboriginal Leaders Program, you will be focusing on furthering a project that you are currently working on or would like to begin. Please provide details of this project including your hopes for what can be achieved and the reason why you would like to focus on it during the program: (up to 500 words)

4. Please tell us why you would like to attend the NSW Parliament's Young Aboriginal Leaders Program
(written essay up to 1000 words or 4 minute video)
If you opt to submit a video, please provide a link to the video in the space below.

Question 4 continued



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- I certify all information in this form is accurate.
- I am available to attend the residential program in Sydney from 17–20 June 2025.
- I agree that the Parliament of NSW can record, store and use video and/or images in any medium for the purposes of advertising, promotion, social media or editorial use. I understand I can withdraw my consent to future use of the image at any time.
- I consent to the use of my biography and headshot in the program booklet.
- I have attached a headshot along with this form.

Sign:

Print name:

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Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent

- I have attached one of the following:
 - letter from a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) or confirmation of your acceptance as a member of the LALC
 - letter to confirm that you are Aboriginal and are accepted as Aboriginal from a registered Aboriginal organisation
 - letter to confirm that you are a Torres Strait Islander and are accepted as a Torres Strait Islander from a registered Torres Strait Islander organisation

The organisation must be registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations / Australian Securities and Investments Commission.

The letter must:

- be on the organisation’s letterhead, and
- be signed and dated by an authorised representative of the organisation, and
- include the common seal of the organisation (if used).

Note: If you are unable to provide one of the above, please complete a [Statutory Declaration Form](#).

Date:

The Parliament of New South Wales stands on the traditional lands of the Gadigal people. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present. We proudly acknowledge all the Aboriginal peoples of New South Wales and honour their enduring connection to the lands, waters and sky of the State.

The representatives of the people of New South Wales gather from various Aboriginal lands across the State to meet in this Parliament. May the decisions made within these walls reflect our commitment to fostering a spirit of reconciliation and respect.