

Marie Skrodzki

It is either 'Hell Yes' or it is a 'No'

Marie was elected to Campbelltown Council as a ward representative at the age of 21 after having been a member of the Campbelltown Youth Advisory Committee for several years.

Marie's parents built their first home in Athelstone, where they still live, and Marie was born and raised in the Campbelltown district. Marie attended St Joseph's School, Payneham before moving on to Mary McKillop College for her secondary schooling.

From an early age, Marie had an interest in politics with an ambition to be Prime Minister, and so joining the Campbelltown Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) was something she actively pursued. In her five years with the YAC, Marie had the experience of shaping local policies and decisions as they relate to young people in the community. Marie sees a significant benefit of working on the YAC as this was her introduction to governance and opportunity to be connected and involved in the broader community beyond school.

Whilst in University, Marie attended an information session on running for Council and noticed limited representation of a range of ages and interests and so thought she would apply. Marie was elected and believes that as a younger member of Council she was able to bring a fresh perspective and challenge the status quo.

During her time on Council Marie learnt the importance of asking questions, trusting the right people and listening to the community.

Having completed her term on Council, Marie was contacted to apply for a position on the Norwood Football Club Board and became the first female director in the club's 140-year history. Marie regularly attends the football and has an active role in policies and projects using her background in strategy, marketing, technology and innovation. Marie continues her community activism having recently joined the board of YMCA South Australia.

**"You can do anything,
but you can't do everything."**

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