

"Water has sustained life for more than 65,000 years, so it's important to understand its value, to conserve and protect it because water is life."

Member of Sydney Water's First Nations Employee Network

To recognise National Water Week 2024, Sydney Water is hosting the Water is Life Youth Forum for Stages 5 and 6. This event is **FREE** and will be hosted by Sydney Water ambassador Shane Jacobson.

The theme for National Water Week 2024 is Accelerating Action.

This inaugural event will provide an opportunity for secondary school student leaders or representatives, from across our area of operations, to come together and immerse themselves in the extraordinary world of water.

Students will participate in small format workshops and large group presentations to explore concepts such as:

- o How can young people be inspired to use Earth's natural resources sustainably?
- o What can we learn from First Nations people and their strong connection with water?
- o Is our current water supply climate resilient?
- o What is Purified Recycled Water (PRW) and how can I explain it to others?
- o What are the 3 P's and why are they costing Sydney Water \$25 million a year?
- What career opportunities are available to help me make a difference in the future?

As students strengthen their water literacy and examine how water can be managed more sustainably, the importance of securing a resilient and reliable water supply for generations to come will become evident.

With a vision to empower advocacy, participating students will acquire skills and insights to encourage and lead behaviour change in their schools, homes, and across broader community settings.

We invite you to be a part of this brand-new event and help pave the way in creating a rich learning experience which helps to foster insightful conversations about water, sustainability, and Caring for Country.

Event: Water is life Youth Forum 2024

Date: Thursday 17th October 2024

**Time:** An official 10:00am start, with an optional pre-workshop beginning at 9:30am.

The day will conclude at 2:00pm.

Venue: Sydney Water Head Office - Level 4 - Smith Street, Parramatta.

**Transport:** Parramatta train station is directly below the venue.

Please register for the event by scanning the QR code or via https://forms.office.com/r/h1C7wSL4HZ



