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Youth Council launched in Lockyer

AS part of National Youth Week 2008 the Lockyer Valley Regional Council has moved to give young people in the valley a voice by establishing a Youth Council in the region.

The launch of the initiative was attended by representatives of Lockyer District High School, Laidley High School and Faith Lutheran College as well as community representatives and council members.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council's Youth and Community Development Officer Dulce Row said the aims of the Youth Council were to provide a linkage between youth and the council. "The main aim is to provide a youth-driven forum for the purpose of suggesting ideas, voicing issues or concerns and promoting community spirit for young people in the region," Ms Row said.

The structure of the Lockyer Valley Regional Youth Council will be in such a way so that there is representation of young people from right across the valley and also most age groups being represented.

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Mayor Steve Jones said the initiative was an important part of what the new council would be trying to achieve.

"It's important that council gains the views of young people because they are the future of our area and we certainly need to value their input," Cr Jones said.

Nominations for the Youth Council will be called in coming weeks with nomination forms available from the Gatton and Laidley council offices, Laidley and Gatton Community Centres and distributed through the high schools.

For more information phone Dulce Row on 5462 0364.

Photo caption: Pictured at the launch of the Lockyer Valley Regional Youth Council are (back from left) Alex Pocock, Jeremy Mellor, Hannah Lea (Faith Lutheran College), Eibhlis Emerton (Lockyer District), Damian Day (Laidley High School), Cheyne Dobson (Nolan's Transport), Rebecca Bosworth (Laidley High School), Jimi Litchfield (Gatton Training Centre) (front) Stephanie Heath (Lockyer District and Youth Parliament rep) and Mayor Steve Jones.

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