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To Whom it May Concern

I write with the knowledge that this letter will be included with funding applications to support the 2017 South Coast Youth Leadership Forum.

The South Coast Youth Leadership Forum has been held in the Shoalhaven Region for the past three years. With a focus on local youth, the program assists participants to create positive change in their lives and has inspired them to make those changes that will have a constructive impact on their future.

Previous forums saw 180 local youth receive as part of this intensive and enjoyable experience jobs skills training to assist them in either employment and/or with additional educational pursuits.

The forum teaches skills such as values, teamwork, leadership, stereotyping, volunteering in the community, and how to work on global issues disadvantaging the community at a local level.

These are all important skills required as many disadvantaged youth find it difficult to enter employment in regional areas such as the South Coast.

The Youth Forum will again run in October this year, the organising committee keen to ensure the continuation of this terrific program and as such will be seeking financial support to secure a strong and informative program which will again include inviting international speakers to the South Coast.

I strongly support the work the committee undertake to organise this important youth project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shelley Hancock".

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