Kate Goodridge Griffith is currently an Honours student at the University of Melbourne studying how to bridge to gap between perception and reality of Islam in the western world. The RC of Carlton supported Kate to attend the National Youth Conference of Australia: [www.ylaleaders.org.au/2015-nyc.html](http://www.ylaleaders.org.au/2015-nyc.html) held in Canberra 14-18 April 2015.

About 100 selected motivated young Australians from each state and territory discussed and debated contemporary national and international issues. The 5 day event involved leadership seminars and workshops to equip the youth of Australia with the necessary skills to overcome the challenges of tomorrow.
The 5 main focus areas of the conference were:

* Climate Change and Environment
* International Relations and Diplomacy
* Agriculture and National Sustainable Development
* Science, Technology & Innovation, and a,
* National Youth Issue Taskforce

Expert discussion panels took place for delegates to hear from academics and government representatives on particular issues.