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In partnership with the All-China Youth Federation, the China University Media Union and the China Youth Daily, ACYA’s signature event is the annual Australia-China Youth Dialogue (ACYD). The Dialogue (www.acyd.org.au) brings together 30 outstanding Australian and Chinese youth to engage in robust discussion about shared challenges facing the Asia Pacific region – now and beyond – with the aim of developing long-term people-to-people linkages between our nations’ future leaders.