



After careful deliberation the committee nominated Lilly Correll from Zonta Club of Bendigo, Victoria, a Year 12 student attending Bendigo Senior Secondary School. Lilly has been volunteering for four years with the City of Greater Bendigo and the wider community. Last year she was elected the youngest Deputy Youth Mayor, and this year, she was elected the youngest Youth Mayor for the City of Greater Bendigo. She takes great pride in this role and aims to better the community through her Youth Mayorship. In 2023, she was invited to speak at the State Parliament's WE LEAD Women in Leadership event, as a panellist and youth representative. This program aimed to inspire young women to participate in local politics and discourage the imposter syndrome that many young women feel in leadership roles.

Lilly was a member of the Greater Bendigo Youth Parliament team in 2023, where she drafted and debated a bill titled Increasing Public Safety in Regional and Rural areas. The bill successfully passed the program and was given to State Government ministers. Lilly has also previously been a member of the Bendigo Sustainability Group Committee of management, a local not-for-profit community organisation that aims to increase positive environmental outcomes in the community. She is currently a member of Coliban Water's customer advisory committee, Greater Bendigo's local water authority. In early 2024, Lilly was invited to participate in the Women in Gold Exhibition. She provided a quotation for part of the mural that featured numerous powerful local women and six artists for International Women's day.

She wants to ignite passion in the generations after her, to fight for what they believe in and create positive change in their community. Lilly truly believes that everyone, no matter their background, deserves to be empowered to make the most of life's opportunities. She hopes to pursue a career in the public service after studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics.