



Do You Want to Play a Role in *Backing the Future?*

The [Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation](#) recognises young people as experts in their own lives, with the knowledge and capacity to influence decisions and discussions that affect and matter to them. We are excited to announce the inaugural VFFF Youth Advisory Group – a forum of youth voices that guide and inform VFFF grantmaking under *Backing Young People*.

Backing Young People (2021-2026) provides young people ‘with innovative opportunities that advance their independence, social purpose and future security’. VFFF funds across four focus areas: [Decent Work](#), [Contributing to Society](#), [Caring for the Environment](#) and [Exploring Christian Faith and Values](#).

Members of the VFFF Youth Advisory Group must be:

- Between 18-30 years old; and
- Living in or connected to a rural and regional area.

Members of the Youth Advisory Group will be selected for a two-year term, with the option of renewal upon agreement with VFFF. Members must be available to attend three meetings per year, and will be paid for their time.

To apply, please complete this [application form](#) by Friday 3 June 2022.

Please find further information on the VFFF Youth Advisory Group below.

VFFF YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

The Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation **Youth Advisory Group** will inform VFFF's new five-year strategy, focused on our mission: **Backing Young People** with innovative opportunities that advance their independence, social purpose and future security.



VINCENT FAIRFAX FAMILY FOUNDATION (VFFF)

VISION: In honouring our Founders' beliefs and intentions, VFFF seeks opportunities to benefit and care for Australians and our country.

In 1962, Sir Vincent Fairfax established a family charitable trust, which would later become the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation. Today, VFFF is a thriving family foundation, with family members spanning three generations active in our work. Celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2022, we have distributed more than \$200 million to Australian communities and currently distribute approximately \$10 million per annum in new grants. VFFF aims for 60% of our funds to reach rural and regional communities.

WHAT IS THE VFFF YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP?

Evidence tells us that when communities and institutions listen to and engage young people's expertise, they do a better job of keeping up with the rapid pace of change and design more fit-for-purpose services and practices. In line with the principles of *Backing Young People*, VFFF is committed to elevating the voices of young people in our grantmaking.

The VFFF Youth Advisory Group will bring together young people from across rural and regional Australia to provide insight, advice and guidance to the VFFF Board, Grants Committee and team. Over the course of three meetings each year, the VFFF Youth Advisory Group will provide a youth perspective on how and what we fund under *Backing Young People*.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

We want this partnership to be a two-way street. We are committed to providing:

- A safe and accessible working environment
- Compensation for your time, expertise and insights
- A clear scope of work and agency to shape VFFF grant-making
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Regular check-ins to ensure you are getting the most out of the Youth Advisory Group experience.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Contributing to the design and development of VFFF's Backing the Future grants – a new granting program aimed at supporting individuals working in rural and regional areas across VFFF's four focus areas.
- Reviewing Backing the Future grant applications to generate a shortlist for the Grants Committee.
- Promoting VFFF granting opportunities.
- Where appropriate, working with VFFF stakeholders to elevate the voices of young people in our work.

The VFFF Youth Advisory Group will meet three times per year. To remain a member, you must attend three meetings per year (except for health, medical or other unforeseen circumstances). Attendees will be expected to spend on average 3-5 hours in preparation for meetings. Meeting times will be scheduled around the availability of Youth Advisory Group members, including shift work rosters, caring responsibilities and other commitments.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

- Young people aged 18-30 living in or connected to rural and regional Australia
- Demonstrated expertise, leadership or interest in matters affecting young people
- Knowledge and understanding of youth issues, particularly employment, the environment, youth representation and/or faith
- Interest in philanthropy, grantmaking and/or the not-for-profit sector
- High levels of confidentiality, personal integrity and respect for people.

Members wishing to apply for VFFF grants during their term will be required to step down from their position.

VFFF encourages young people from diverse backgrounds to apply.

REMUNERATION

\$50 per hour for meeting time and preparation.

Travel costs will be covered.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply, please complete this [application form](#) and attach your CV.

Applications close: Friday 3 June. Interviews with shortlisted candidates will be held between 13-30 June. The first VFFF Youth Advisory Group meeting will be held in July 2022.

Please email foundation@vfff.org.au with any questions. You can learn more about VFFF [here](#).