

## **\$100,000 in grants for regional communities to implement youth ideas 2017 FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants Open**

ABC Heywire is calling on community organisations to implement ideas developed at the Heywire Regional Youth Summit by applying for seed-funding through the Foundation for Regional and Rural Renewal (FRRR).

In February, a think-tank of bright young minds from every corner of Australia, drew on their own experiences to devise seven brilliant ideas aimed at making regional Australia an even better place to grow up.

Their ideas tackle issues including youth in farming, education, beating drug addiction, youth justice, support for queer youth and mental wellbeing.

Now FRRR and its partners are offering \$100,000 in grants to organisations interesting in implementing these ideas.

Heywire participant Emiley Cody, from Ballarat, encourages communities to work together to combat the issues they face.

“We all have our own experiences and it’s only when you come together and share those experiences that people can learn and grow. We need to make change happen for ourselves.”

The Youth Innovation Grants, now in their fifth year, have spawned more than 55 projects since their inception and impacted over 100 communities nationwide.

ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie says the grants program provides long-term benefits for youth in regional Australia.

“Heywire embodies the things I love about the ABC – it has purpose, encourages conversation about issues that matter and it makes a lasting impact in the lives of those it touches.”

More information about the grants program and all the ideas can be found in the [Grants Guide](#) (hard copies available by request) or at [abc.net.au/heywire/grants](http://abc.net.au/heywire/grants).

Applications open today and community organisations have until 15 May, 2017 to apply.

**Find a full list of ideas and the young people who conceived them below.  
Photos and interviews with the young people are available upon request.**

### **About Heywire**

For 20 years Heywire has given young people in regional Australia a platform to tell their story, their way. Each year participants of the Heywire Regional Youth Summit discuss how to make life better for young people in regional Australia.

Heywire is supported by the Australian Government. The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal supports Heywire through the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants.

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<b>Need A Nanna Network</b>		
"We're passionate about keeping young people out of youth detention."		
Emiley Cody	Ballarat	Vic
Daroo Morris	Taree	NSW
Dominic Rheinberger	Hobart	Tas
<b>Dear CRIS</b>		
"We want to foster tolerance by connecting students from different backgrounds."		
Navneet Bhatha	Swan Hill	Victoria
Josephine Bond	St Helens Plains	Victoria
Ashley Eadon	Woodend	Victoria
Connor May	Merimbula	NSW
Yongyan Xia	Grenfell	NSW
Brooke Farrelly	Penguin	Tasmania
<b>Tech Hub in the Scrub</b>		
"We want remote communities to have access to the technology they need."		
Cristella Campbell	Robinson River	NT
Leah Robins	Dubbo	NSW
Georgie McKelvie	Temora	NSW
Molly Hunt	Wyndham	WA
Rai Rai Castors	Palm Island	Qld
Ben Grace	Cairns	Qld
Mandi Edwards	Emerald	Qld
<b>Ag Boom</b>		
"We want all young Australians to experience farming."		
Caitlin Muddle	Dungog	NSW
Mitchell Pitman	Leeville	NSW
Sam Baxter	Denmark	WA
Breanna Cook	Monto	Qld
Bella Joseland	Yaraka	Qld
<b>One Drop</b>		
"We want to help families supporting a loved one who is dealing with drug abuse."		
Regan Austin	Manjimup	WA
Luke Stevens	Gibson	WA
Kyle Reinke	Lancelin	WA
Tash Leedham	Karoonda	SA
Mikayla Mayoh	Townsville	Qld
<b>LGBTQandA</b>		
"We want to see more queer young people in leadership positions."		
Claire Wright	Tennant Creek	NT
Brian Edwards	Broken Hill	NSW
Jamilla Dempsey	Austinmer	NSW
Caitlin Tippet	Jigalong	WA
Oliver Wood	Launceston	NT
<b>Common Connections</b>		
"We want to fill the gap between young people and mental health services."		
Kieran Martin	Willowra	NT
Nicholas Stacey	Tamworth	NSW
Kane Goldsworthy	Port Neill	SA
Krystin Mance	Cooper Pedy	SA
Ranim Alkharabeh	Mount Gambier	SA
Zoe Barnes	Mackay	Qld
Sheetal Mangal	Canberra	ACT