



2020 FRRR ABC Heywire

Youth Innovation

Grants Guide



6 ideas from the Heywire Regional Youth Summit
\$100,000 IN GRANTS - APPLY NOW!



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HEYWIRE PARTNERS

Having sponsored Heywire from its inception in 1998, the Australian Government continues to be a major supporter of the program through the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment; the Department of Health; the Department of Social Services; the Department of Education, Skills and Employment; the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications; and AgriFutures Australia.

FRRR and its donor partners support Heywire through the contribution of funding and administration of the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program.



How can we make life better for young people in regional Australia?

At the 2020 Heywire Regional Youth Summit, 55 young people from across Australia gathered to answer this question.

Based on their lived experience, they developed solutions uniquely designed to tackle issues including disengaged young people, access to medical services, youth mental health, careers in agriculture, access to education, environmental care and knowledge of all cultures.

These six project ideas are both practical and inspired.

In this booklet you will find an overview of each idea, along with stories from the young innovators behind them.

APPLY FOR A GRANT. MAKE A CHANGE.

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) and its donor partners **offer more than \$100,000** in seed funding annually to help at least ten groups make these innovative ideas a reality.

If you think one of them could spark positive change in your community, apply for up to \$10,000 to kick-start the project in your area. More information on the grant process can be found on page 20.

Access Grants Gateway via abc.net.au/heywire and start your application today.

Applications close May 26, 2020.

About Heywire

THE ABC HEYWIRE COMPETITION

The annual Heywire competition invites regional youth to join the national conversation. It asks people aged 16 to 22 living in rural, regional or remote Australia to share their story. Entries for this year's competition are open until September 16, 2020.

Who will you encourage to enter?

YOUNG VOICES ON THE ABC

Approximately 40 winners from across the nation work with ABC staff to transform their story into a high-quality TV or radio piece. This year's stories continue to paint a diverse picture of young people living in rural, regional and remote Australia.

Enjoy them all at abc.net.au/heywire

HEYWIRE TRAILBLAZERS

Outstanding young leaders who are creating positive change in regional Australia are chosen annually to attend the Heywire Summit. Their innovative projects tackle issues such as celebrating Indigenous culture, entrepreneurial skills, mental health and farm succession. In this booklet you will find some of their inspiring ideas.

Find out more on page 24.



THE HEYWIRE REGIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

Competition winners and Trailblazers are rewarded with an all-expenses-paid trip to the annual Heywire Summit held each February in Canberra. Trailblazers work on taking their existing change-making projects to the next level. The Winners develop exciting new solutions to improve the lives of young people in regional Australia.

These ideas are showcased from page 8.

FRRR ABC HEYWIRE YOUTH INNOVATION GRANTS

Not-for-profit community organisations around Australia are invited to apply for a share in more than \$100,000 from our grants program partner FRRR, to create positive change. If you think your community could benefit, apply for a grant of up to \$10,000.

Full details on page 20 or at abc.net.au/heywire.



The great outcome from Heywire is that many of the ideas generated from it become a reality through the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program. These grants have resulted in innovative projects across many communities, tackling issues like mental health, multiculturalism, pathways for young people in agriculture, and access to education. Again, my thanks FRRR and to the donor partners who make this possible.

Ita Buttrose, AC OBE - ABC Chair

My Heywire Summit

Stories. Passion. Love. Fun. Ideas.

Five words that can't quite sum up a week in Canberra with 55 other passionate, young, regional Australians. None of these words can describe the feelings I get when I think of that week we shared.

Stories

Everyone had a powerful and inspiring story that often brought us to tears and changed perspectives.

Passion

The glimmer people got in their eyes when they talked about issues that meant something to them - no issue is water under the bridge. During brainstorming sessions, issues in our communities we were passionate about were deconstructed and became our projects.

Love

At almost every debrief, someone mentioned how comfortable they felt. The group had a warm and fuzzy atmosphere that hooked you in and wrapped you in a hug. These are some of the most accepting people I know and whom I can now call life-long friends.

Fun

Throughout the week, we pretended to know how to 10-pin bowl, tried our luck at the arcade, were trained by national-level volleyball players, welcomed government officials with smoke and lasers before speed-networking, visited (and presented in) Parliament House, sung and even had a talent show.

Ideas

Long idea-filled days led us to stand in front of an audience, in a theatre, in Parliament House. We pitched ideas to up-skill rural and regional areas, increase racial awareness, create safe spaces for the differently-abled, give a platform to youth who may not fit in, increase understanding of the impact of farmers and what goes into every meal, and motivate people to make more environmentally-conscious decisions.

Five words is a lot... I can do it in two-life changing. Heywire gives us a voice, an opportunity I will always be grateful for.

Now it's up to you. These ideas were born from our stories, passion, love and fun. Adopt an idea and grow them into movements of change within your communities.

Thanks,

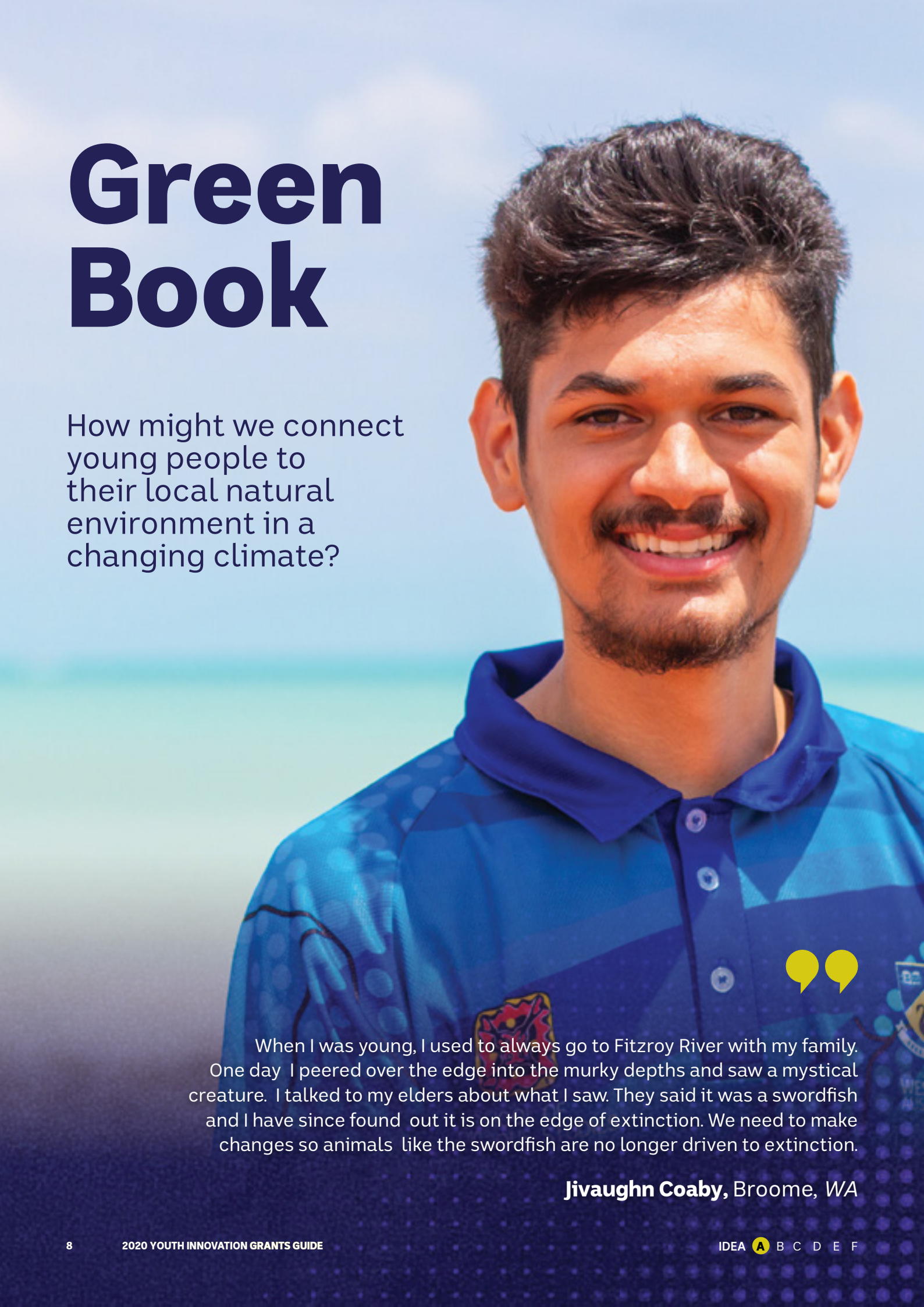
MITCHELL AGNEW

2020 Heywire Winner



Green Book

How might we connect young people to their local natural environment in a changing climate?



When I was young, I used to always go to Fitzroy River with my family. One day I peered over the edge into the murky depths and saw a mystical creature. I talked to my elders about what I saw. They said it was a swordfish and I have since found out it is on the edge of extinction. We need to make changes so animals like the swordfish are no longer driven to extinction.

Jivaughn Coaby, Broome, WA

Not that long ago, we were driving along the dry Darling Riverbank seeing dead animals everywhere. My little brother turned to my mum and said, “That’s so sad.” That is heartbreaking to me, because what was once my happy place, is now his sad place. I hope that **Green Book** will help to educate people on how to look after our planet and help save our water supplies.

Jade Cicak, Menindee, NSW



Our world is changing. Our homes are changing. Our climate is changing, and it’s time that we change too.

We believe climate change is one of the biggest challenges our generation will need to face head on, and our futures very much depend on what we do now.

In our experience, the larger an issue is, the less people feel a sense of responsibility for it. We want to focus on local consequences, rather than those on a regional or global scale.

Green Book seeks to encourage youth to connect with their local, natural environment and to build and strengthen local communities.

The **Green Book** program would give schools, youth groups or community organisations an opportunity to participate in various environmental activities and document the environmental changes they’ve made on an online portal.

These activities could include litter clean-up events, workshops to increase community skills in monitoring, conserving, and/or protecting threatened species, seed collection, planting of trees and bush walking with Elders.

Participants can gain points by participating in challenges and answering questions. You can also connect with others by posting about the adventures you’ve been on.

It’s about connecting, taking action, learning and making change for a brighter future.



THE TEAM

Jivaughn Coaby, Broome, WA
Thomas Craft, Adamstown, NSW
Jess Hewett, Wollongong, NSW
Kelsang Dolker, Garran, ACT
Jade Cicak, Menindee, NSW

APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea would be perfect for environmental groups, schools, local councils, libraries and conservationists. It could operate in partnership with education or community groups to help young people gain hands-on experience and knowledge on environmental care.


The online portal could be a new or existing website, blog or forum that connects communities on their environmental adventures. We’d love to develop a network of youth environmental and sustainability leaders.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.

L.E.D.

[Let's Embrace Diversity]

How might we create a campaign that highlights and celebrates diversity?



When I was in year 3, my parents and I realised that I had dyslexia. So, a solution we decided to try was get these special tinted lenses which was supposed to improve my learning ability and help my neural pathways. The only problem with these glasses is that the lenses were... bright yellow! I was nervous about this. I knew my bright yellow lenses would make me stand out and be even more of a target for bullying in my year group. But instead of bullying me... they asked to try them on. I want kids from across Australia to see from my golden perspective. I think the **L.E.D.** community could be the key to uniting people on what makes everyone different and why that is so important.

Findlay Walker, Kalaru, NSW

Where I'm from, a man is defined by his Akubra hat and how loud his V8 is. Me on the other hand, I was defined by the two school musicals I had a lead role in. I hope **L.E.D.** will give people the confidence to be who they truly are and feel empowered to show off their differences.

Brandon Dent, Wellington, SA



Every single person has something that makes them different, whether it's race, religion, sexuality or gender, ability or anything.

It's time to harness the differences we can't always see.

We want to address the lack of understanding around diversity in communities in regional Australia.

Our goal is to create **L.E.D. (Let's Embrace Diversity)**, a social media movement that celebrates all these differences rather than keeping them hidden.

People can join the online movement to help connect and collaborate with people from all over Australia and share stories of what makes them different. To join the **L.E.D.** community, you'll be asked to post a selfie wearing bright neon colours, a short story about who you are and what makes you different, followed by the hashtag #neonglobe.

The initiative could include a dedicated '**L.E.D.**' day at schools, education groups, in the workplace and social organisations. It could be an event for people to dress up in bright neon colours, wave glow sticks, share stories of what makes them different and post to the social media page with the hashtag #neonglobe - all with the aim of 'shining a light' on the importance of embracing diversity.

We want to harness the power of social media to reach billions of people all across Australia and hopefully the world. It's time to '**L.E.D. Let's Embrace Diversity!**'

THE TEAM

Rochelle Tipiloura, Port Keats, NT
Brandon Dent, Wellington, SA
Keely Johnson, Hallidays Point, NSW
Kirra Hampson, Dubbo, NSW
Findlay Walker, Kalaru, NSW



APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea could be run by schools, education groups, disability providers and community organisations. It could be delivered in a variety of ways, depending on the organisation. We'd love to see partnerships across organisations, like a disability support group working with a multicultural organisation to celebrate coming together as a community.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.

We Need Farmers

How might we educate and take our younger generations behind the scenes of farming?



I love the green grass beneath my feet, but lately it's been nothing but dirt. **We Need Farmers** will help people recognise the importance of supporting our local farmers... even if that means paying a little extra when times are tough.

Timothy Martin, Doubtful Creek, NSW

Our family farm is a third generation working farm. I love being there. The welcoming smell of the fresh air and the vast open landscapes. However, when my dad was a kid... they had 52 horses. Now there are 2. And over the last 25 years... our sheep numbers have fallen by 70%. **We Need Farmers** would help educate students on the hard work, time and effort that is required to stock those supermarket shelves and keep you full.

Ebony Thompson, Karlgarin, WA



Did you learn about healthy eating in school? Do you know where your food comes from? If you don't live on a farm, how can you understand the processes involved?

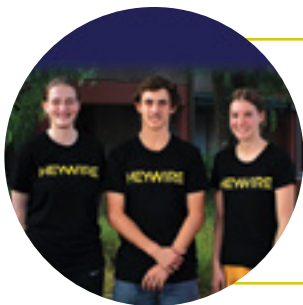
We hope to increase the level of awareness and understanding that everyone has of our farmers. And especially, the hard work, time and effort that's required to produce the produce for our nation.

We Need Farmers is an educational program aimed at primary school students to teach them about the processes and stories behind each meal and what it takes to get it from the paddock to the plate.

The program could invite local farmers to schools to educate students on where their food comes from - that eggs don't just come from cartons and milk doesn't just come from the fridge.

Along with local farmers educating schools on what actually goes on before your food hits the supermarket shelves, the **We Need Farmers** program could include a resource pack of activities such as mapping the food supply chain, interactive games that shows what supermarket shelves look like when farming productivity is booming, next to when farms have been affected by natural disasters or an online video series that shows the process behind getting your food from our paddocks.

We want to change attitudes, change behaviours and change knowledge and experiences.



THE TEAM

Timothy Martin, Doubtful Creek, NSW
Ebony Thompson, Karlgarin, WA
Taylor Dolling, Kielpa, SA

APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea could be adopted by educational organisations, farmers markets, community organisations, environmental or youth groups. We'd like to see it piloted by schools or councils, in partnership with agricultural groups or local farms to ensure both students and farmers get the most out of the experience.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.

Skillin' It

How might we give regional communities the licence to skill?



When I was 19, I became president of my volunteer-run community swimming pool that my community saved seven years ago. However, I wished there was an accessible community leadership and mentoring program like **Skillin' It** that could've taught me the basics in business and financial management and how to manage a large community organisation.

Sam Kane, Bendigo, VIC

I moved away from home to boarding school in Alice Springs. I wish there was someone who could've prepared me better for living away from home and taught me how to be more independent. I think **Skillin' It** will be so great for people living regionally to share skills and make connections.

Jacob Yunupingu, Yirrkala, NT



There is a massive need among regional communities for a program that can allow for skill sharing and the sharing of knowledge. That's why we've developed... **Skillin' It**.

Skillin' It is a community-based and locally-driven initiative that creates a culture of skills and knowledge-sharing between individuals and community organisations.

The initiative could begin with a survey, highlighting certain skills young people, just like us, really need and want to learn more about. Local organisations, businesses and community groups can match their skills with your needs and offer up their expertise.

The initiative could be delivered via an online platform or face-to-face mentoring, and feature tutorials on the skills and knowledge desired. It could perhaps be delivered in group workshops or a skills night. From understanding taxes, mortgage management, budgeting... all the way to sewing, cooking, mechanics, gardening and painting.

The initiative could even involve developing a physical (or virtual) skills sharing hub, where individuals could post offers or seek training or even meet up.

We hope for partnerships to be created and new skills learnt, so we can all move together with a new sense of knowledge and purpose.



THE TEAM

Sam Kane, Bendigo, VIC
Fenella Jamieson, Narrabri, NSW
Jacob Yunupingu, Yunupingu, NT
Renae Kretschmer, Wirrabara, SA
Marie Knight, Grenfell, NSW
Indigo Clarke, Launceston, TAS

APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea could be run by local councils, educational institutions or community groups. We would love to see partnerships with different businesses, organisations and skilled professionals within the community, such as accountants, small business owners and sport or hobby clubs to provide a range of peer mentors.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.



Filling the Gap

How might we encourage teachers to find the hidden figures of history that will help fight racial prejudice and inspire younger generations?



To empower communities, we must educate. Whether about Indigenous history, Asian history or Black history. At home we celebrate Japanese culture, Chinese culture, Malaysian and Indigenous culture. But we don't learn about any of these cultures at school. **Filling The Gap** will help to create more inclusive and diverse learning.

Amishah Monola, Broome, WA

I was born in Congo, raised in Zambia and moved here when I was eight-years-old. When I first came my friends asked me questions like, “Why do you speak English if you’re from Africa? Did you hunt for your food? Did you live in a hut?” If **Filling The Gap** existed, I wouldn’t have to be answering these questions.

Olivier Gisubizo, Brinsmead, QLD



Filling The Gap with stories,
Filling The Gap with knowledge,
Filling The Gap with conversation.

Multicultural education is so important in promoting anti-racism and community harmony, intercultural understanding and positive relationships between people from all cultural backgrounds.

Filling The Gap aims to share the untold stories of what makes Australia special - we are multicultural and we are diverse. We want to all be taught a more inclusive history that covers all countries and cultures.

This could be done by developing new teaching resources and strategies to make for more culturally-inclusive learning, at schools or in the wider community.

Filling the Gap could include online quizzes on cultural diversity throughout Australian history, historical fact sheets about the different cultures that make up your community, video materials, classroom materials on raising issues of racism or audio books about cultural leaders and their stories. To create a more accepting society, we want to make it easy for our busy teachers and community leaders to use resources that tell the stories, history and culture of people of colour.

Everyone has a story to share, stories that aren’t heard, stories that are untold, hidden figures that walk among us.



THE TEAM

Olivier Gisubizo, Brinsmead, QLD
Mitchell Agnew, Glenview, QLD
Anyueer Majur, Swan Hill, VIC
Amishah Monola, Broome, WA
Brielle Hunt, Dunsborough, WA

APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea could be run by migrant resource centres, neighbourhood centres, local councils, schools, educational organisations and implemented through the History and English curriculums. It could also be rolled out through various youth organisations. We would love to see partnerships between groups supporting multiculturalism, new migrants or Indigenous Australians. **Filling The Gap** could be adapted to suit a variety of learning environments, both in and out of a school setting.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.

Just Relax

How might we make public spaces more accessible to people with mobility issues?



I have Scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine. It makes it very difficult to walk fast and stand for long periods of time. Because of this, I'm constantly telling my friends to slow down, and they're constantly telling me to "hurry up, slow coach". **Just Relax** will help so many people with so many different abilities in so many ways.

Chloe Bethune, Sale, VIC

I have seen people within my community experience problems with accessibility in busy public areas. I'd love for **Just Relax** to come to my town and change the pace.

Blake Hunter, Kalgoorlie, WA



Have you ever been so scared that you're going to be pushed, shoved or ignored to the extent that you won't go to everyday public places like the shopping centre or the airport? For some people, that is their life.

In 2015, the ABS reported that one in five people (18.3% of the total population) are living with a disability, **whether you can see it or not.**

Just Relax hopes to help create a more accessible community for everyone to enjoy.

For those who have mobility issues, it would create a safe space for them. **Just Relax** could be a way to symbolise a safe section for mobility usage in public areas – like a train station. It could be a lane to take your time to move safely in busy areas and to **Just Relax**.

This movement is inclusive of everyone, no matter their ability. It is a gentle reminder for people to learn to go at their own pace.

Areas like the relax lane space could be trialled in school canteens, regional airports, council spaces, and local community centres. Or quiet spaces could be designated in communities, or at events. A survey could be handed out for people to give feedback to grow and expand the idea. Badges could be given out with the **Just Relax** logo 🐻 saying, "Join me in the relax lane!" to create a strong sense of community.

We hope **Just Relax** will help to create a more relaxed and accepting society. Join us!



THE TEAM

Blake Hunter, Kalgoorlie, WA
Katherine Butler, Glenlee, QLD
Chloe Bethune, Sale, VIC
Tanyannah Armstrong-Reilly, Cloncurry, QLD
Rahila Abdul-Hadi, Toowoomba, QLD
Maddison Fogarty, Ballarat, VIC

APPLY FOR A GRANT NOW!

Our idea could be run in conjunction with local councils, disability service providers, local supermarkets and shopping centres, community action groups and educational communities.

To help make this idea a reality in your community, apply for an FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grant of up to \$10,000. Apply via the online portal at abc.net.au/heywire. Applications close May 26.

2020 Guidelines

for the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants

There is **more than \$100,000 available nationally to assist communities** in adopting one of the six Heywire ideas.

Organisations can apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 to pilot a Heywire project.

Successful applicants will have control over how the project is implemented in their community but will be encouraged to contact the young people who initially developed the idea (facilitated by Heywire). Applications that adapt the project idea to their local situation are strongly encouraged. Projects that can demonstrate local youth involvement in the project's management and delivery will receive preference.

ABOUT FRRR

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) champions the economic and social strength of Australia's rural, regional and remote communities through partnerships with the private sectors, philanthropy and governments. FRRR encourages innovation and creativity in rural, regional and remote communities, delivering a range of grant programs, and supporting capacity development within communities.

For more about FRRR see www.frrr.org.au.

WHAT CAN BE FUNDED?

- Funds are available to implement or pilot one of the six 2020 Heywire ideas. The projects can be adapted for your community, but must also do one of the following:
 - a. Build Community Resilience;
 - b. Develop Organisational Resilience and Capacity;
 - c. Enhance Environmental Sustainability;
 - d. Foster Cultural Vibrancy;
 - e. Encourage Lifelong Education & Training;
 - f. Strengthen the Local Economy; or
 - g. Improve Community Health & Social Wellbeing.
- Projects must be undertaken between September 2020 to September 2021.
- Projects must take place in regional Australia, as defined by ABC Heywire, i.e. outside of Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth or Sydney.
- Projects must address a local issue.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- All not-for-profit community-based organisations with an ABN or Incorporation Certificate. One application per organisation. Applications submitted by a not-for-profit community-based organisation for an organisation with no legal status must provide both a letter of support from the legal entity and the financial documentation of the legal entity. Check with FRRR if you are unsure about your eligibility or have any questions.
- All applicants must have policies and procedures around working with children, Working with Children Checks, and the handling of child abuse complaints.
- Groups that have overdue final reports with FRRR are not eligible.

Could your community benefit from one of these ideas?

Receive up to \$10,000 to make it happen!

Apply through the 2020 online Grants Gateway at abc.net.au/heywire

Applications close 5pm AEST, May 26, 2020.

WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED?

- Business-as-usual operating costs and administration will not be funded.
- Applications from sporting organisations need to clearly demonstrate a charitable benefit to the wider community (e.g. that sport is only incidental to the wider purpose of the project).
- Projects that do not have any youth involvement.
- Projects that benefit a single individual, rather than a community.
- Projects that support private / commercial business (excepting not-for-profit social enterprise / local economic development projects, which are eligible).
- Federal, State and Local Government core business and areas of responsibility.
- Overseas travel and overseas projects.

WHAT INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL TO INCLUDE?

- Applications must use the online form and keep to the word count limits or space provided. If you have a concern about the accessibility of any part of the online grants system, please contact FRRR.
- All supporting material, including financial documentation, must be submitted with the application or your application may be deemed ineligible ([see the checklist](#)).
- Applications must be endorsed by the legal head of the organisation, or they will not be considered.

WHAT MAKES A STRONG APPLICATION?

- Involve local youth in the project's management and implementation.
- Demonstrate a considered project plan, which includes key tasks, people, responsibilities, resources required, timelines, outputs, and strategies for engaging youth and the evaluation of impact.

- Clearly articulate the need in your community, as well as the project's desired outcomes.
- Evidence of community partnerships across multiple organisations and / or sectors. Communities that submit one application will receive preference over those that submit multiple applications.
- Include letters of support from organisations directly involved in the project, local organisations working with young people and local youth – show us you have wide community support.
- Demonstrate financial or in-kind contributions towards the project. If your group can't contribute or source support from the community, explain why.
- Attach quotes to support the budget where applicable, including discounts or donations for items or services over \$1,000.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA FRRR'S ONLINE GRANTS GATEWAY SYSTEM BY 5PM AEST, TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020.

Access the online application portal at:

<http://www.frrr.org.au/heywire>

Once you start an application, you will be emailed a unique hyperlink to your draft application. You can use that hyperlink in order to resume your application or login to your account from FRRR's website.

ENQUIRIES

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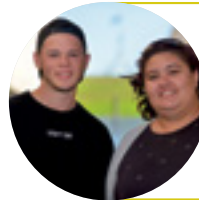
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Grants in Action

Since 2013, the FRRR ABC Heywire Youth Innovation Grants program has allowed communities to create positive change by adopting ideas developed at the Heywire Summit.



ADULTING

KARRATHA, WA.

Develop and implement a culturally-appropriate financial literacy program for Robe River Kuruma youth.



TECH HUB IN THE SCRUB

PANNAWONICA, WA.

Increasing digital literacy in remote communities.



The projects that are developed at the Heywire Summits have a direct impact on youth living in rural, regional and remote Australia. To date, that's nearly 100 projects impacting more than 160 communities. At FRRR we are driven by a deep belief that local leaders, including youth, are best-placed to understand and act on what is needed for their community to thrive. That's why we advocate for and support community-based solutions for community issues."

Natalie Egleton, CEO, *Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR)*



TAKING CONTROL
 TENNANT CREEK, NT.
 A youth-led healthy relationships education campaign.



C.E.O. (CONQUER EVERY OPPORTUNITY)
 NEWCASTLE, NSW.
 Support emerging writers' business skills development through a full day of workshops, classes and panel discussion.

ASK AWAY
 MOUNT GAMBIER, SA.
 Tackle issues of racism through a series of visits to schools on the Limestone Coast.



WALK AND TALK
 COLAC, VIC.
 Enable youth to access mental health support via an outdoor activity program in the Otways.



HOPE
 RIVERSIDE, TAS.
 A youth-created video series about resilience.



BACK TO BUSH
 NHILL, VIC.
 A youth-led tourism campaign for the Wimmera region.

More information about these and other projects can be found at abc.net.au/heywire/grants

Trailblazers

The 2020 Trailblazers are passionate leaders who have been selected through a national call-out, based on their work initiating projects that have a social and economic impact in their communities. Their projects tackle challenges faced by young people, including mental health, education, remote small businesses, agriculture and Indigenous health.



E-RACED MOUNT GAMBIER

Chaneline Kakule & Lily Coote
Mount Gambier, SA

The South Australian branch of the award-winning E-Raced program is working to combat racism in regional areas through storytelling. The team travels to schools and events, sharing stories to combat racist attitudes, unconscious bias and to build empathy. Chaneline relished the experience, which she says “equipped us with the tools to help us improve not only our organisation, but our personal progression.”

For more information visit
abc.net.au/trailblazers.

Applications for the 2021 Trailblazers program will open in June 2020.



**THE RURAL
COMPASS PODCAST**

Samantha Meurant *Cunnamulla, QLD*
Tori Kopke *Cunderdin, WA*

The pair met online and are both passionate about helping women in rural and remote Australia to start their own business. They hope their podcast will show women across regional Australia that you “don’t have to be in a city office to start a business”. As 2020 Trailblazers, Sam says, “The Trailblazer Program has given us more purpose and direction as to where we want our business to go.”



**DEADLY INSPIRING
YOUTH DOING GOOD**

Semara Jose, Ferlin King & Tamika Young
Mount Sheridan, QLD

DIYDG is a youth-led organisation is empowering young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People from Far North Queensland. Their biggest event is an annual wellbeing camp, bringing together young people to form strong, healthy relationships, connect with culture and create a sense of belonging. According to Semara, the Trailblazer program has “helped to further develop and implement our organisation in areas that will see more young lives positively impacted”



PERIOD PACK

Lily Harrison
Corndale, NSW

Providing sanitary products and care packages to at-risk people in regional NSW.



THE I AM, MOVEMENT

Tanika Davis
Forster, NSW

Producing culturally sensitive educational resources for kids with autism.



HEALTHIER HEARTS & LIGHTER MINDS

Matt Runnalls & Matthew Searle
Warragul, NSW

Early intervention for mental health, through workshops for primary school age students.



DEADLY SCIENCE

Corey Tutt
Camperdown, NSW

Helping Indigenous students from remote communities to pursue STEM careers.



RESTORING THE PALLINUP RIVER

Freya Spencer & Dimity McMorran
Borden, WA

Repairing one of the largest river systems on Western Australia's South Coast.

DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Codie Henville
Northern Gully, WA

Creating an open and supportive place to talk about mental health in rural communities.



THE WELLNESS AND WELLBEING FESTIVAL

Tessa Deak & Shanae Coppick
Mount Gambier, SA

Supporting the health and wellbeing of everyone on the Limestone Coast.



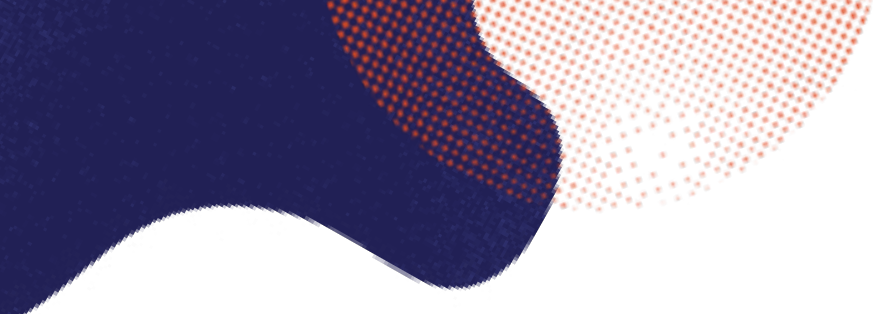
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Amber Stewart
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Helping a drought-stricken community come together to celebrate Christmas.

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