

Backing the Future

Could your Big Idea to support remote, rural or regional young people use a \$50,000 kick-start?



We know that remote, rural and regional communities have big ideas to create a better future for local young people. But we also know it can be really hard to find funding for early-stage work.

[Backing the Future](#) gives individuals \$50,000 to advance an idea to support young people aged 12-30 in rural and regional QLD and NSW to:

Access
Decent Work

Care for the
Environment

Contribute to
Society

Explore Christian
Faith and Values

Backing the Future invites applications from anyone over 18, as long as your project supports young people aged 12-30 within a remote, rural or regional community.

We also encourage applications from young people themselves. If you are over 18 and have a great idea to back other young people in your community we would love to hear about it!

Find out more



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What might a Backing the Future grant look like?

Grow the Future - Bega, NSW

Focus Area: Caring for the Environment

In 2022, Bega local Callum Champagne had a vision for a regenerative farm that produces local food for the community, while also providing training and employment for young people.

With his \$50,000 Backing the Future grant, Callum purchased equipment, materials and consultancy support to kickstart the concept.

This idea has now grown into a social enterprise that grows food and cares for land in Bega Valley. The two-acre farm includes a market garden, small animal systems, a training and social space, an outdoor kitchen, kitchen garden and native regeneration zones.

The farm will continue to offer young people opportunities to engage in a supportive and inspiring 'hands-on' program, vocational training and paid employment.



Examples of other Big Ideas funded through Backing the Future include:

DECENT WORK

EMPLOYER DRIVEN, INNOVATIVE MODELS for WORK that INTEGRATE LEARNING to ENSURE YOUNG PEOPLE GAIN the WORK and EXPERIENCE THEY NEED and VALUE.

A school careers program teaching entrepreneurial skills and exposing young people to emerging careers through workplace excursions.



CARING for the ENVIRONMENT

REAL and LASTING IMPACT on YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES THROUGH SUPPORTING THEM to PARTICIPATE IN and LEAD ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS.



Supporting young people to design, plan and implement local projects that accelerate the adoption of a local circular economy.

CONTRIBUTING to SOCIETY

INCREASING YOUNG PEOPLE'S AGENCY by BUILDING THEIR CAPACITY and OPPORTUNITIES to DRIVE CHANGE on the ISSUES that MATTER to THEM MOST.

Supporting young people impacted by flood events to develop and perform a new theatre work celebrating the community's resilience.



EXPLORING CHRISTIAN FAITH and VALUES

YOUNG PEOPLE are ABLE to MAKE LIFE CHOICES INFORMED by an UNDERSTANDING of CHRISTIAN FAITH and VALUES.



A program to provide a safe environment for young people to explore their faith and develop Christian leadership skills.