



**FRRR**  
Foundation for Rural  
Regional Renewal



## Position Description

# Program Advisory Committee Member – In a Good Place

<b>Position Title</b>	In a Good Place (IAGP) Program Advisory Committee (PAC) member
<b>Organisation</b>	Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR)
<b>Accountability</b>	The IAGP PAC is a strategic level committee appointed in an advisory capacity to the FRRR Board. It has no executive authority. The Committee is chaired by a FRRR Board member.
<b>Support</b>	This is a voluntary position. The PAC is supported by the FRRR Head of Granting and IAGP Program Manager. Our aim is to have diversity of membership, so FRRR will consider supporting successful applicants to address barriers to participation. Support may also include reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for undertaking Committee duties.
<b>Time commitment</b>	Members are appointed for a three-year term. The Committee meets for approximately two hours twice a year (usually via Zoom and between 1.00pm-3.00pm AEST/AEDT).

## About FRRR

The Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal - FRRR - (phonetically: F-triple-R) - is the only national foundation specifically focused on ensuring the social and economic strength of remote, rural and regional communities.

FRRR's unique model connects common purposes and investment with locally prioritised needs, to create communities that are vital and resilient. Since FRRR's start in 2000, it has delivered nearly \$200M to more than 15,000 projects.

## Program Background

The In a Good Place (IAGP) program gives small rural, remote and very remote communities across Australia, and particularly farming communities, the opportunity to access funds for a



broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities which strengthen mental health, social / emotional health and well-being.

IAGP is focused on investing in the vibrancy of RRR communities and addressing inequity for those communities in accessing services, opportunities, as well as philanthropic funding for grassroots organisations. The program takes a place making approach that strengthens the connection between local people and the places they share by funding projects that maximize the shared value and potential of a community's assets, energy and imagination.

Two funding streams are available:

1. Community well-being for projects focusing on general mental health and well-being within remote, rural and regional communities.
2. Farmers and farming communities for projects specifically supporting mental health and well-being of farmers and the communities they live in.

## IAGP Program Advisory Committee

The IAGP Program Advisory Committee is a sub-committee of the FRRR Board. Committees are appointed by the Board via the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, (a subcommittee of the FRRR Board) and act in accordance with FRRR rules, policies, procedures, and values. As outlined in the Terms of Reference, Committee members serve for a period of three years.

The FRRR Board delegates Program Advisory Committees to assist in carrying out its duties in considering grant distributions and in the strategic oversight of programs that strengthen the social and economic resilience and vitality of remote, rural, and regional communities. The Committee is supported by FRRR Place Lead and Program Manager (Secretariat).

Guiding principles and composition of the IAGP PAC are to ensure there is independence from the FRRR Board and management; a breadth of representation; a diversity of membership for gender, culture, age, abilities, and world views; promotion of accountability and trust amongst FRRR stakeholders; and a donor partnership model that includes shared learning, shared value, practice development, and collaboration on the stewardship of funds and associated outcomes.

## Key Responsibilities

The role of IAGP Program Advisory members is to contribute to achieving the objectives of the IAGP program, drawing on members' experience and knowledge. Specific responsibilities are to:

- Consider IAGP applications assessed and recommended by FRRR staff, advising on appropriateness of recommended grant initiatives in addressing or responding to identified or



target issues, and ensuring equity of distributions in line with funding guidelines, program objectives and funding availability. Agenda and supporting papers will be sent approximately one week prior to meetings. Members are expected to be familiar with the content;

- Contribute to the ongoing development of the IAGP grants program by contributing practical, policy, or strategic insights that assist in strengthening the rigour, relevance and effectiveness of the IAGP grants program;
- Willing and able to attend IAGP Program Advisory Committee meetings (see below);
- Willing to respect other people, perspectives, and the confidentiality of applicants; and
- Act in a manner that is consistent with the FRRR's Board constitution, strategy and values; and to the Committee's Terms of Reference.

## Selection Criteria

1. Expertise and experience in relation to remote, rural and regional communities including a sound understanding of current and future community issues;
2. Demonstrated understanding of the principles and practice of community development;
3. Experience in place making and/or place- based work;
4. Strong communication skills; and
5. Able to contribute positively through relevant experience and specialist expertise in one or more of the following:
  - **Contemporary Grant making**, particularly in philanthropy;
  - **Working with local organisations**, which could include Local Government, volunteer organisations/management, Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations and community health/services;
  - **First Nations**, being a First Nations person who is passionate about the social and emotional wellbeing of First Nationals people;
  - **Project management**, which could include community events, community collaborations and disaster recovery;
  - **Building equity**, which could include experience with socially disadvantaged, lived experience of mental ill health, disaster impacted, CALD or First Nations communities, young people; and
  - **Agriculture**, having experience working in the agriculture sector, particularly understanding the pressures and demands on farmers and farming communities that impact mental health and wellbeing.



## Selection Process

A selection panel will assess applications and provide shortlisted applicants to the FRRR Nominations Committee for consideration and recommendation to the FRRR Board which will make final decisions on appointments to the IAGP Program Advisory Committee.

## Induction of New Members

Induction to the IAGP PAC includes receiving the committee on-boarding pack, pre-joining briefing, developing a member bio for distribution to the rest of the committee, and signing the Code of Conduct and Confidentiality Agreement. Teams and / or Zoom familiarisation will be provided if helpful.