

# YOUTH YARNING STRONG

**Would you like to be part of VACCA's Youth Advisory Council? We would like to hear from young people between the ages of 15 and 24, from all across the state.**

**The purpose of the Youth Advisory Council is:**

1. To capture feedback about client experiences with VACCA programs, we will then use this feedback to inform future program design and to improve future service delivery.
2. To empower young people at VACCA by providing them with opportunities to speak up, be mentored in leadership and get training in areas they are interested in.

There will be a total of:

- 6 YAC meetings
- 4 one day training workshops run by external trainers (e.g. public speaking, mental health first aid)
- An overnight cultural leadership retreat scheduled over the next 12 months.

The 6 meetings will be held bi-monthly, most likely in the Preston office. Given that travel will be difficult during COVID-19 restrictions we may need to hold the first couple meetings via Zoom. Once we are allowed to hold in person meetings we will ensure each young person has support getting to and from each meeting.

Each young person will receive:

- A welcome pack
- A Camp pack (sleeping bag, toiletries, cultural resources)
- A gift card at the end of each YAC meeting
- And much more!

**There are only 10 spots available across VACCA** at this stage and we'd like a diverse range of former or current VACCA clients.

Eligibility criteria are:

- That clients are between the ages of 15 and 24
- are/have been in out of home care or have engaged with any VACCA youth camps, art programs etc.

If you would like to join please fill out the attached registration form and send it through to [nhamilton@vacca.org](mailto:nhamilton@vacca.org).

If you have any questions feel free to contact **Natasha Hamilton** on **0439 468 430**.



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