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Philanthropists, universities and organisations collaborate for country Queensland kids to thrive

A new partnership aimed at supporting better outcomes for children, young people and their families and communities in country Queensland has been announced, with initial funding committed by leading Queensland philanthropic foundations The John Villiers Trust (JVT) and the Tim Fairfax Family Foundation (TFFF).

While most Queensland children are doing well, too many are currently missing out on opportunities to thrive due to adverse life experiences and lack of access to the resources they and their families need. Regional children experience even greater levels of vulnerability compared to those in the major centres, and in Queensland this is exacerbated by our vast geography and decentralised population.

Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership (TQKP) is working to reduce this gap from its unique position as a systems change initiative connecting leaders and collaborators across Queensland and amplifying the value and impact of knowledge and resources from the NFP, philanthropic, community, tertiary and government sectors.

TQKP Convenor, Michael Hogan, said “TQKP is bringing together organisations and leaders to translate experience and science, and draw on local wisdom and innovation in policy, programs and practice, while supporting capacity building across our diverse Queensland communities and workforces.”

The Thriving Queensland Kids Country Collaborative is a joint initiative of TQKP with partners James Cook University (JCU) and Central Queensland University (CQU) to support leaders, organisations and practitioners delivering child, youth and family health, development and wellbeing services and initiatives in country Queensland.

With philanthropic support from JVT and TFFF, the initiative will ensure the voices of rural and regional Queensland organisations and communities are represented in TQKP’s systems change efforts. TQKP is facilitating or supporting a range of initiatives in areas such as leadership, data, investment, workforces, public engagement and integrated services. These are being advanced in conjunction with a wide range of not-for-profit and government organisations, together with researchers and philanthropies.

JVT and TFFF support includes funding for a regionally based Partnerships Officer role within the TQKP core team to lead and facilitate the initiative through engaging and collaborating with leaders and practitioners across rural and regional Queensland.

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The John Villiers Trust CEO, Lea-Anne Bradley, said this role was important as it would “put boots on the ground to connect regionally based organisations and communities with all that the Thriving Queensland Kids Partnership has to offer.”

Applications are invited from across regional Queensland and the role will be hosted and supported by JCU or CQU in either Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay, Gladstone or Bundaberg, depending on location. For information on how to apply, please visit [Ethical Jobs](#).

With this commitment, TFFF joins other funding partners JVT, The Bryan Foundation, Hand Heart Pocket, and the Paul Ramsay Foundation, bringing total philanthropic support for TQKP to \$8.5 million over three years.

TQKP continues to look for partners to grow and use our knowledge and impact and to deliver initiatives that will enable significant change at a systems level, generating long-term positive impact for Queensland children and their families.

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