

Ballarat International Foto Biennale

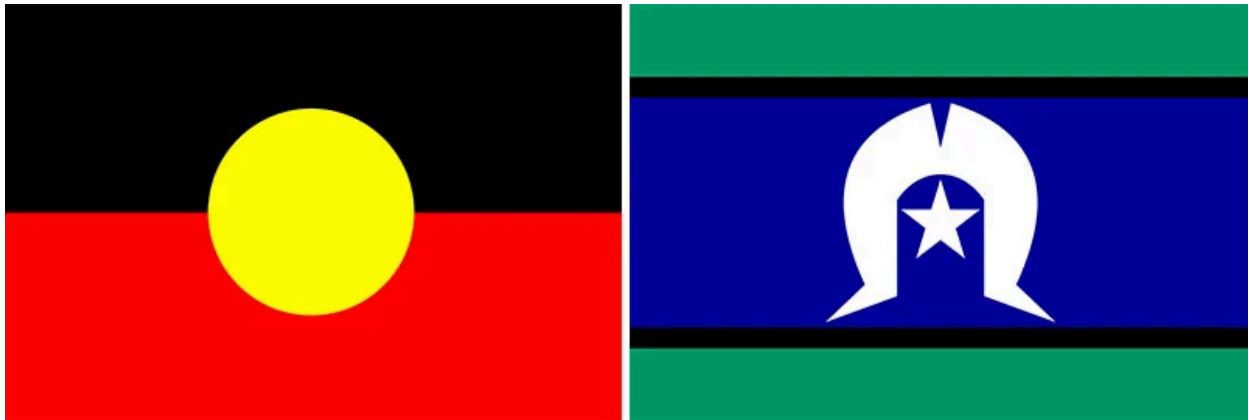
GroupFoto: Ballarat Foto Youth Council
A Call-Out for High School Students

More details: ballaratfoto.org



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Acknowledgement of Country



The Ballarat International Foto Biennale respects the First Australians. The First Australians are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Respect means we understand that we live, work and create art on First Australians' land.

In our area, the First Australians are called the Wadawurrung and Dja Dja Wurrung.

We respect the First Australians:

- Culture
- Language, and
- History.

What is the Ballarat International Foto Biennale?



A photograph of Campbell Addy's 2025 exhibition *I Love Campbell* by Garth Oriander.

The Ballarat International Foto Biennale, or Ballarat Foto for short, is a major photography festival held every two years in Ballarat, Victoria.

Established in 2005, it has grown into one of Australia's most significant visual arts events. Each festival includes multiple photography exhibitions and a related education and events program for schools and the general public.

The Ballarat International Foto Biennale attracts both local and international artists and audiences.

Ballarat Foto Youth Council Context



What is this PDF about?

This PDF explains how young people can help shape the 2027 Ballarat International Foto Biennale by applying for the Ballarat Foto Youth Council.



What is the Ballarat Foto Youth Council?

Ballarat Foto is starting a Youth Council called GroupFoto.

A Youth Council is a group of young people who share their ideas.

There are 10 positions available on the Ballarat Foto Youth Council.



Why is the Ballarat Foto Youth Council important?

The Ballarat Foto Youth Council will help plan activities for young people at the 2027 photography festival.

More About the Ballarat Foto Youth Council



Call-out for high school students

Ballarat Foto is looking for 10 local high school students to share their ideas for the 2027 Ballarat International Foto Biennale.



Who is leading the project?

Ballarat Foto's in-house educator Christine McFetridge. Christine is also an artist and researcher with a focus on socially-engaged practice.



Who can apply?

You can apply if you:

- Are 14–18 years old
- Are in secondary school, and
- Live in Ballarat or regional Victoria

You do not need to be a photographer to apply.

What will Youth Council participants do?



Youth Council members will:

- Meet five times each year
- Work with artists and festival staff
- Help plan a youth photography award in 2026, and
- Help create events for young people.

These events will happen during the September 2027 school holidays.



Payment

Each Youth Council member will receive \$250 each year.

This payment is to thank you for your time and ideas.



Applications

Applications are now open and close at 11:59 pm on Monday 11 May 2026.

How to Apply



How to apply

You can apply in one of three ways:

1. Fill out the application form and email it to us.
2. Call us and answer the questions over the phone.
3. Arrange a time to meet in person or on Zoom.



Need help?

You can contact Christine McFetridge.

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