



# Media release

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## **Kokoda Trail challenge set to raise funds for Youngcare**

Vantage Financial and Vantage Performance Directors together with team members and business associates will swap their business suits for trekking gear as they take on Papua New Guinea's Kokoda Trail in April this year to raise money for charity.

The group of six Brisbane-based professionals aim to conquer the 96km jungle path and raise over \$10,000 for Youngcare, an Australian non-profit organisation formed to help young Australians with high care needs.

The team commenced their gruelling training program last year, comprising regular three hour hikes up Mt Coot-tha, to increase their fitness levels required to complete the trek over hazardous terrain and steep jungle clad mountains.

Vantage Performance Managing Director Michael Fingland said he was proud to be taking part in the Kokoda Trail Challenge, which will not only benefit members of the team, but also members of the community.

"Our trekkers are not only doing it for their own personal achievement but to raise funds for a worthwhile charity," he said.

"Vantage Financial and Vantage Performance aim to raise in excess of \$10,000 to assist Youngcare continue their mission to provide a dignified and relevant lifestyle for young people with high care needs.

"With Vantage Financial and Vantage Performance's support all trekkers will cover their individual costs required to participate in the trek, ensuring 100% of money raised goes to charity."

Youngcare Director Nick Bonifant said he was delighted to receive the support of one of Brisbane's leading corporate turnaround firms.

"Youngcare is only made possible by the kind support and collaborative efforts of businesses such as Vantage Financial and Vantage Performance and we wish the Vantage Kokoda Challenge team all the best in their efforts to conquer the Kokoda Trail," he said.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or would like to donate, please contact Vantage Financial on (07) 3229 5750 or e-mail [admin@vantagefinancial.com.au](mailto:admin@vantagefinancial.com.au). More information can be found on the website [www.vantagefinancial.com.au](http://www.vantagefinancial.com.au)

## **Background**

Youngcare is a registered charity and non-profit organisation formed to help young Australians with high care needs.

Established in 2005, Youngcare aims to build facilities that provide a dignified and relevant lifestyle for young people with high care needs.

Aged care is no place for any young person. Sadly though, many young people with high care needs have no choice other than to live in aged care facilities, simply because there are no other alternatives.

With the assistance of the community, government and business, Youngcare aims to create change by building a number of purpose designed apartments across Australia for young people requiring full time nursing care. In addition, Youngcare will look toward providing other care alternatives such as holiday accommodation, respite care and in-home assistance.

[www.youngcare.com.au](http://www.youngcare.com.au)

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