

Regenerate

Regional Leadership Program

Capital Region

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

19–24 March & 16–21 April 2023

25–27 August 2023 & 15–17 September 2023

Regenerate Capital Region is a leadership development program in response to the 2019-20 bushfire season. Its objective is to build a network of trusted contacts across geographical boundaries and agencies to better respond to future fire emergencies.

It aligns with the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience's focus on achieving community resilience through collective and shared responsibility and empowering individuals and communities to create change.

Improving leadership at all levels is needed to drive improvements in disaster response.

Regenerate Capital Region is an opportunity for 48 diverse leaders representing ACT and NSW rural landcarers/managers, government agencies and emergency first responders to collaborate and align their efforts to build long-term community resilience and act in the future interests of their region.

This program funds 24 places across two programs and is delivered in two face-to-face residential sessions.

Apply now for programs to run in 2023.



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As the pre-eminent provider of leadership programs for regional Australia, the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF) has delivered 111 transformational leadership programs over three decades (88 in the last 10 years). With a proven track record in delivering leadership programs, our success is reflected in the contributions our 2000+ alumni have made and continue to make across rural, regional and remote Australia.

"THE ORRORAL VALLEY FIRE OF JANUARY 2020, FOLLOWING THREE YEARS OF THE MOST INTENSE DROUGHT, AFFECTED US DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME. WATCHING AND WAITING AS THE FIRE BURNED AROUND US WAS STRESSFUL, PARTICULARLY AS NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THE FIRE ADVANCED OVER MT TENNANT, GLOWING LIKE CITY LIGHTS."

- Catherine Keiman

Design consultant, landcarer and farmer
"Cypress Springs", Tharwa

Leadership across borders and agencies

Is this program right for you?

Are you someone who is:

- an owner or lessee of rural land in the ACT or a NSW landowner who has land that adjoins the ACT border;
- undertaking activities to manage rural land, parks and state forests;
- a current or emerging leader in local government policy and governance in environment, planning, land and/or emergency response;
- leading an interest group with a stake in the region;
- a leader in emergency first response ie. fire captain, chief ranger, chief operating officer;
- keen to understand how leadership is required when connecting with others and building networks;
- future-focused and committed to contributing to a thriving Capital Region;
- able to see what holds your community back and what can propel it forward;
- a collaborator who welcomes the chance to work across political, cultural, social and economic differences and bring all perspectives to the surface;
- open to experimenting, being challenged and taking risks;
- open to learning about yourself and others; and
- willing to work with others to get things done?

If you answered YES to even one of these questions and are committed to building a strong network to manage future bushfires and natural disasters, consider applying.

Refer to the map to confirm your eligibility.



"A FOCUS ON ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY WITH RECOVERY AND STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE BY BUILDING SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE WAS A KEY LEARNING FROM THE 2019-20 FIRE SEASON. THE ACTRFS LOOKS FORWARD TO PARTNERING WITH ARLF AND OTHER AGENCIES, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND BUSINESSES ACROSS CANBERRA TO IMPLEMENT AND MAKE THE PROGRAM A SUCCESS."

- Rohan Scott AFSM

Chief Officer
ACT Rural Fire Service



Why you should participate?

Giving up valuable time to attend a leadership development program can be a tough choice. As part of our internal cost benefit analysis, we end up asking ourselves whether we have enough time and whether it will be worth it or not. Here are five reasons to invest the time and apply:



Do it for your community. If you can see what's holding your community back and have ideas on what can be done to propel it forward, don't keep this to yourself. You will learn how to connect and mobilise others to help get your ideas off the ground.



Grow your network. You'll not just join a network of local people who want to see the Capital Region thrive, you'll join 2000+ people from all over Australia who are part of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation network.



Learn new skills. Our perceptions of leadership are often rooted in its most traditional forms of hierarchy and authority. But this is not what leadership is about. You can practise leadership from wherever you are. By learning to communicate effectively and collaborating with people that may be very different to you, you can create positive change.



Change your mindset. Through challenge-based learning you will immerse yourself in an experience that may change the way you look at yourself and others to understand and influence uncertainty.



Funding for a local leadership initiative. Do you have a project you'd like to get off the ground and require support for? A leadership initiative will be delivered by both program groups for a project valued at \$10,000.

Why learning with us is different...

We don't teach, we facilitate and engage

- Our regional leadership programs are designed to build social capital and local leadership networks. It is about the ability of the group to work together for a common purpose.
- The learning is not assessment or competency based. There is no pass or fail. Instead, participants learn through challenges and enquiry. This is called experiential learning. It is a powerful and effective methodology that supports participants to learn and reflect as they do something, rather than being provided with facts and theories from an expert telling them how to do it and that a particular way of acting is always going to work, regardless of the situation.
- Our programs are designed and delivered with and by people in our diverse national network. This includes associates, alumni and trusted partners.

Bushfire recovery

Why this program is free

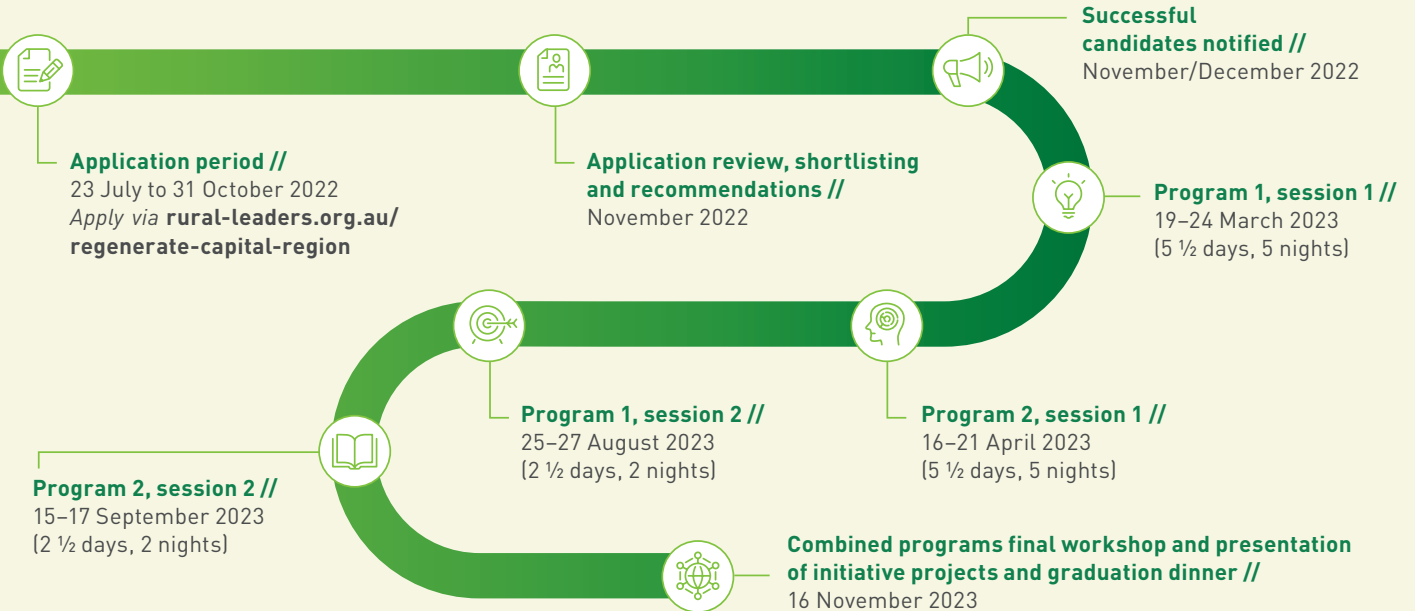
This project received grant funding from the Australian Government. It is part of the Black Summer Bushfire Recovery program and aims to support and build resilience in bushfire impacted communities in NSW and the ACT. Aside from some travel and personal expenses to, from and during sessions, the program is FREE to attend.

The ARLF was successful in receiving a grant to deliver this program based on its experience and vision to foster leadership for positive impact in rural, regional and remote Australian communities.

Timeline

8 days of your time for a lifetime of impact

Attendance at all sessions is compulsory to complete and graduate from the program. All sessions are in-person unless public health directions change and require virtual meetings. The location of the sessions will be within the Canberra region.



Residential programs are designed to create more time for networking and building social connections through evening activities. Also, being away from home and the habitual place of work, takes away distractions of everyday life. Thus, you can fully immerse yourself into the learning experience.

Apply now!

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"I WORK ON THE FRONT LINE IN PROTECTING THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE OF OUR NATIONAL PARKS. I WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MY COMMUNITY SO THAT NATIONAL PARKS CAN BE ENJOYED BY GENERATIONS TO COME."

- *Toneya Jenkins*

Noongar woman from the Whadjuk tribe, Perth WA
Field Officer, NSW National Parks and Wildlife Services

