



A NATIONAL LEADERSHIP NETWORK DRIVING POSITIVE LOCAL CHANGE

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

Regional Australian communities are no strangers to the complex work of transition and innovation when disruption and new opportunities are presented. The Leading Australian Resilient Communities (LARC) program is about supporting Australia's regional communities to meet challenges and collectively drive the positive changes they want to see.

WHO IS BEHIND IT?

The combined resources and expertise of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF), Regional Australia Institute and leadership development partners: Leadership Victoria, Leadership WA, Leaders Institute of South Australia and Tasmanian Leaders represents a unique consortium of expertise in developing leadership in regional and rural Australia.



"I LEARNT HOW TO LEAD FROM BEHIND AND CAME TO REALISE THAT THE GREATEST QUALITY OF A LEADER IS THE ABILITY TO ALLOW OTHERS TO DEVELOP AND USE THEIR SKILLS."

Ash Fraser
ARLF program graduate

WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

LARC is designed to enhance the inherent strengths in regional communities, with a focus on groups and individuals who are committed and invest in where they live.

Leadership program participants will be:

- > current and emerging leaders who understand the social, cultural, economic and environmental pressures that apply to their region
- > volunteers and employees of Local Government, community organisations and businesses
- > over 18 years of age

WHERE WILL IT BE ON OFFER?

Ten unique regions, one customised leadership program



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THAT ARE CONNECTED
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COMMUNITY, NOT JUST FOR
THEMSELVES."

Fiona Gaske
ARLF program graduate



WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

As well as compelling, immediate benefits for regional leaders, LARC builds a foundation for solid practices and strategies that will enable regions to best plan for the future and build healthy, sustainable communities with long-term input into national wellbeing.



FUTURE FORUMS

Community forums to amplify the regions already resilient leadership.

Audience: General public

Accessibility: Open enrolment



WEBINARS

Accessible and engaging webinars on critical regional issues.

Audience: General public

Accessibility: Virtual via Zoom



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

5-Day intensive workshops with 26 scholarships on offer to create a national network of regional leaders.

Audience: Program participants

Accessibility: Application and selection process



LOCAL PROJECTS

Practical projects designed and delivered by program participants.

Audience: Program participants and stakeholders

Accessibility: Ongoing



DATA AND INSIGHTS

Practical and useable research, workshopped with each region to enable ongoing action.

Audience: General public

Accessibility: Ongoing



"LARC WILL DELIVER NEW INSIGHTS INTO FACTORS DRIVING REGIONAL CHANGE, AND USE TAILORED DATA TO IDENTIFY THE SOURCES OF TRENDS AND PRESSURES IN EACH REGION."

Dr Kim Houghton
Chief Economist, RAI

*on offer in every LARC region



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING?

FOR REGIONAL LEADERS

- > A scholarship that invests in your development in areas with practical, effective applications
- > Access to fresh insights into your region and connection with synergistic individuals and organisations
- > Immersion in a place-based residential leadership experience, offering the time and space to examine what resources and development you need to be most effective
- > Coaching to equip you to meet challenges unique to your roles and sectors
- > Integration within a powerful national network of leaders
- > Access to leadership experts and comprehensive data and insights into your region

FOR REGIONAL COMMUNITIES

- > Growth in the number and diversity of leaders available to support and drive development
- > An empowered, connected cohort of leaders from across the community
- > Resulting initiatives that reflect consultative, informed identification of challenges, solutions, and opportunities
- > Cross-pollination from relevant, successful initiatives delivered in other regions

"AS COMMUNITY LEADERS WE'VE GOT SOMETHING THAT IS ENDURING NOW, AND I DIDN'T THINK I WOULD BE PART OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'VE GAINED SO MUCH PERSONALLY FROM THAT BOND AND KNOWING THAT IF IT'S WORK RELATED OR COMMUNITY RELATED – I CAN CALL THEM AND HAVE A CONVERSATION."

Scott Rowe
ARLF program graduate



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Register your interest at rural-leaders.org.au or call the Lead Delivery Partner in your region.

