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Building influential and courageous leadership for rural, regional and remote Australia

An Inclusion and Diverse Learning Teacher from Yanco (NSW), a Consultant Veterinarian from Scone (NSW), a Fisheries Consultant from Mount Nelson (TAS), a Research Fellow and Clinical Psychologist from Linden Park (SA), a Genetics Research Scientist from Bentleigh East (VIC), a pork producer from Hivesville (QLD) and a Regional Development Officer from Dawesville (WA) are just seven of the leaders announced as part of the 28th cohort of the prestigious Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP).

The ARLP is Australia's longest and most in-depth experiential leadership program designed to build leadership capability in people in rural, regional and remote Australia. Participants attend 50 days of experiential learning and mentoring across four sessions over a 15-month period.

The program gives participants valuable opportunities to enhance their capacity and create a network of like-minded leaders to positively influence their organisations, industries and communities.

Matt Linnegar, Chief Executive of the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation, congratulates the 29 participants from across Australia on their success in being selected for the ARLP.

"We are thrilled to announce the ARLP Course 28, 2021-22 cohort, at a time when courageous and influential leadership has never been more important to support recovery from drought, bushfires, floods and Covid-19, and build resilience to face future opportunities and challenges in rural, regional and remote Australia.

This program would not be possible without the support of our scholarship partners; organisations who understand the value of investing in people assets and share in our mission to exercise leadership for positive impact in rural, regional and remote Australia," said Mr Linnegar.

The ARLP Course 28 will commence in July 2021. Applications for ARLP Course 29 will open on 4 July and close on 29 August with expressions of interest being accepted via the ARLF website

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Australian Rural Leadership Program – 28th Cohort

	Name	Location	Sponsor
1	Tracy Anderson	Hivesville, QLD	Australian Pork Limited
2	Dan Bouchier	Lyneham, ACT	National Indigenous Australian Agency
3	Monique Bryant	Kaarimba, VIC	Gardiner Dairy Foundation
4	Andrew Bryant	Gayndah, QLD	Tim Fairfax Family Foundation
5	Catherine Chikken	Scone, NSW	AgriFutures Australia (Thoroughbred Horses Program)
6	Tamsyn Crowley	Armidale, NSW	AgriFutures Australia (Chicken Meat Program)
7	Tony Eyres	Gordon Park, QLD	John B. Foundation Innovation in Agriculture Scholarship
8	Niki Ford	Wilston, QLD	Tim Fairfax Family Foundation
9	Simon Gabb	Beaufort, VIC	Grains Research and Development Corporation
10	Kate Gunn	Linden Park, SA	Prime Super
11	Fiona Hill-Stein	Watson, ACT	Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
12	Oli Le Lievre	Sydney, NSW	ARLF Alumni Scholarship
13	Rebecca Lynd	Bushy Park, TAS	Australian Meat Processor Corporation
14	Donald Madden	Proston, QLD	Australian Lot Feeders' Association
15	Anthony Marshall	Binjura, NSW	NSW Local Land Services
16	Melinda McCrohon	Yanco, NSW	Telstra Corporation
17	Justin McMillan	Narrabri, NSW	Cotton Research & Development Corporation, Auscott Limited & Cotton Australia
18	Moses Nelliman	Townsville, QLD	National Indigenous Australians Agency
19	Joanna Newton	Bentleigh East, VIC	Agriculture Victoria
20	Sally Norton	Horsham, VIC	Agriculture Victoria
21	Emily Perkins	Ladysmith, NSW	Australian Lot Feeders Association
22	Rosemary Philipzen	Paytens Bridge, NSW	Dairy Australia Limited
23	Brigid Price	Injune, QLD	Meat and Livestock Australia
24	Andrew Rouse	Hawthorn East, VIC	WWF – Australia
25	Andrew Sullivan	Mount Nelson, TAS	Fisheries Research and Development Corporation
26	Kristie Tonkin	Dawesville, WA	WA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
27	Joanna Treasure	Cowra, NSW	Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
28	Allan Walker	Merredin, WA	Cooperative Bulk Handling Group
29	Lincoln Whiteley	Surfers Paradise, QLD	National Indigenous Australians Agency

About the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF)

- The Australian Rural Leadership Foundation (ARLF) is an independent, for-purpose leadership organisation established in 1992.
- We celebrate diversity and draw from and support the wisdom of Australia's First Peoples and our multicultural communities.
- It is the only national organisation practicing leadership development in order to strengthen the viability and prosperity of rural, regional and remote Australia.
- The ARLF works with its influential alumni network and funding partners across industry, business, government, community and philanthropic sectors to deliver leadership programs and initiatives that inspire and mobilise leaders. This ensures they have the skills, experience and connections to enable them to exercise the leadership required to address the complex issues facing rural, regional and remote Australia.
- ARLF programs facilitate powerful alumni networks that endure beyond its programs, enabling leaders to amplify their leadership impact in their organisations, sectors, industries and communities.
- The ARLF continues to evolve and lead the way in leadership thinking, building on the principles (to influence change) on which it was founded almost 30 years ago.
- The ARLF core values of collaborating and acting beyond self, being courageous and vulnerable and embracing lifelong learning underpin every aspect of its work.
- The ARLF leadership development methodology is founded on an experiential learning approach. Key to this approach is the design of immersive challenges in changing real-world situations. These challenges create the impetus for self-discovery and gaining a deeper understanding of others, building behavioural and social intelligence in program participants.
- The current global and national context is creating significant challenges for face-to-face delivery of programs nationally which the ARLF has responded to over the course of 2020 and 2021 having continued to deliver programs to multiple cohorts.
- The ARLF has invested in new products and digital platforms and has collaborated with trusted colleagues in alternate methodology to deliver programs using a combination of face to face, regional hubs and online components.
- The impact of ARLF leadership programs is told in a selection of case study stories which can be found on the [ARLF website](#).

About the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP)

- The Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP) is a dynamic experiential learning program focused on the development of leadership for individuals and collectives who are contributing to the future prosperity of rural and regional Australia.
- Delivered under the ARLF banner for almost 30 years, the ARLP is guided best practice in adaptive leadership education and the current and future needs of rural regional and remote Australia
- In each cohort, approximately 30 leaders are engaged in a series of unique, immersive experiences (delivered in real-world contexts) to develop the adaptive skills to confidently overcome future challenges and act for the 'greater good' of rural and regional Australia.
- Participants are carefully matched with sponsors that align with their industry, sector, purpose
- Annual intakes of the ARLP would not be possible without Scholarship support from corporate Australia, Federal and state Governments, industry bodies and the philanthropic sector.
- Unrestricted or untied funding provides opportunities for applicants that don't typically fit into a scholarship industry or sector category but are essential to delivering diversity in each cohort.
- ARLF alumni donations have supported the funding of a position in ARLP Course 28
- The ARLP program is delivered by an expert team under the ARLF banner who have collective experience and knowledge of adaptive learning frameworks.
- The ARLF values the inclusion of mentoring as a learning and development practice for leadership and has created a mentoring framework and model which will be offered to participants.

Session	Timing	Days	Location
Session 1: Discovery & Awareness	Jun/July (Year 1)	14	Kimberley WA
Session 2: Connection & Mobilisation	Aug/Sept (Year 1)	9	Regional location
Session 3: Networks & Affiliation	Apr/May (Year 2)	14	Location TBC
Session 4: Influence & Impact	Oct (Year 2)	9	Canberra

Locations and/or dates for sessions are subject to change.