

Regenerate

Regional Leadership Program

Nambucca Valley

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

Creating opportunities for a diverse group of people to get together and find solutions, rather than deferring to an authority for them, is the key to transforming communities into vibrant and sustainable places that people call home for generations to come.

Regenerate Regional Leadership is a fully funded* leadership development program that enables people from bushfire impacted regions to revive and reinvigorate their communities.

The program exposes participants to a culture of self-sufficiency and helping behaviour. It encourages them to identify their community's capacity to cope with disasters and figure out where it might need help.

It provides participants with an understanding of how leadership plays a critical role in this process. Put into action, it will help build long-term community resilience and social connections through individual and group understanding of shared responsibility.

*excludes some travel and personal expenses to and during sessions.



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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 1700+ alumni have made and continue to make across rural, regional and remote Australia.



"THE 2020 BUSHFIRE BENEFIT CONCERT WAS A SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY MOMENT FOR ME. PEOPLE CAMPING OUT, DANCING AND LAUGHING. WE HAD ACHIEVED A LOT TOGETHER AND IT WAS A GOOD DAY TO BE A PART OF."

- James (Jimmy) Angel

Small Business Enterprise / Farm Owner
/ Council Member / Nambucca Valley NSW

Leadership for everyone

Who can apply for this program?

Participants in our regional leadership programs are everything but the same. Our cohorts, as we call them, are diverse in terms of gender, age, cultural and linguistic background, education and employment status.

Despite being different, however, you will have certain things in common. You are:

- Living in and contributing to the region. Whether it is through volunteering, being a member of a cultural, faith or sporting group, running a local business, being on a school parent committee or sitting on a management committee.
- A curious learner keen to understand how leadership is required when connecting with others and building networks.
- Future-focused and contributing to the long-term prosperity of the region.
- Interested in supporting your region socially and economically and in exploring how to have a positive impact.
- 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 experiential learning, being prepared to experiment, be challenged and take risks.
- Open to learning about self and others.
- Open to redefining personal views on leadership.
- Willing to work with others to get things done.

"BEING FROM THE COUNTRY ISN'T A DISADVANTAGE IT'S A BLESSING. WE ARE BLESSED WITH OPPORTUNITIES, EXPERIENCES AND A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE FIRES, THAT IS RARELY SEEN IN THE BIG CITY."

- Tamara Urquhart

Business Owner / Mother
/ Community Sport Advocate
/ Utungun NSW



Why you should participate?

Regional leadership programs benefit not just individuals, but the cohort and entire community.



At an individual level, you develop the skills, mindset and networks to understand and influence uncertainty.



You will grow your networks within and outside of your community, by joining the ARLF's national network of more than 1,700 people working for the greater good of their communities.



At a cohort level, the group will be able to apply their skills by working on projects and taking them back into the community.



The community will gain not just a local plan on how to build its own resilience, but a group of courageous and influential people with the skills to gather support from within the community and their new network to put the plan into action.

PLEASE NOTE:

Program participants need to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or have an official exemption from their health practitioner. Proof of vaccination status will be required prior to starting the program.

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's about the ability of the group to work together for a common purpose.
- The learning is not assessment or competency based. 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. Most importantly, we work with, visit and talk to the community itself to give the program a local context.

Bushfire recovery

Why this program is free

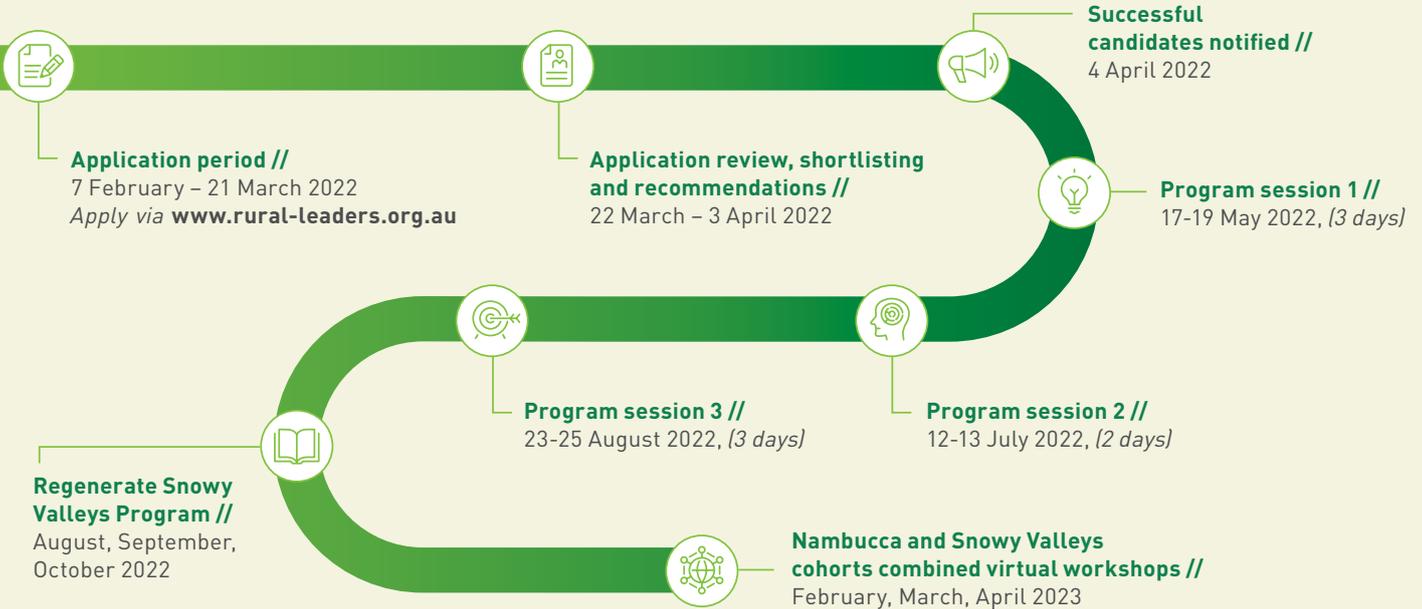
This program is part of the New South Wales and Australian Governments' effort to support and build resilience in bushfire impacted communities in the Nambucca Valley and Snowy Valleys in NSW. It is funded under their \$250 million Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund. The program is also supported by the **Minderoo Foundation's Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative** and **GlobalGiving**.

The ARLF was successful in receiving a grant to deliver this program based on our 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 required to graduate from the program. Upon graduation you will become a member of the ARLF's alumni network. All sessions are in-person unless public health directions change and require virtual meetings. Please note session dates may change. The locations of the sessions will be within driving times of 20-55 minutes from Nambucca Heads.



Apply by 21 March



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National Recovery
and Resilience Agency



 GlobalGiving



"BEING A CUSTODIAN OF COUNTRY I BELIEVE THE FIRES HAVE TAUGHT US THAT CARING FOR IT IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, ALL VOICES NEED TO COME TOGETHER – TO SUPPORT AND LISTEN TO COUNTRY."

- Melinda Walker

Gumbaynggir Woman / Aunty
/ Mujaay Ganma Foundation / Bowraville NSW

