

Regenerate

Regional Leadership Program

Bega Valley

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

SESSION 1: 20–23 August 2023

SESSION 2: 8–11 October 2023

Regenerate Bega Valley is a leadership development program to support the recovery and resilience of communities impacted by the 2019–20 bushfires.

It aims to strengthen the capacity, cooperation and resilience of local not-for-profit organisations whose services and resources are challenged yet essential to community recovery.

This program is part of the Investing in Rural Community Futures – Bega Extension grant funded by the Australian Government. The ARLF is delivering this component on behalf of the grant recipient – the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.

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.

Benefits include:

- » Access to some of the best leadership thinking and practice available.
- » Enhanced self-awareness of your values, behaviours and skills.
- » Practical leadership tools and skills delivered in a supportive environment.
- » A deeper understanding and knowledge about leading social change.
- » Strong support networks and relationships with fellow participants.
- » Ideas, support and inspiration from others.
- » An opportunity to work on community focused projects that you are passionate about.

The program is limited to 24 places and is delivered in two four-day face-to-face residential sessions in August and October 2023.



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Carina Severs

Manager at Eden Community Access Centre
Chairperson of the Eden Recovery and Resilience Alliance



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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 2200+ alumni have made and continue to make across rural, regional and remote Australia.

Leadership for local not-for-profits

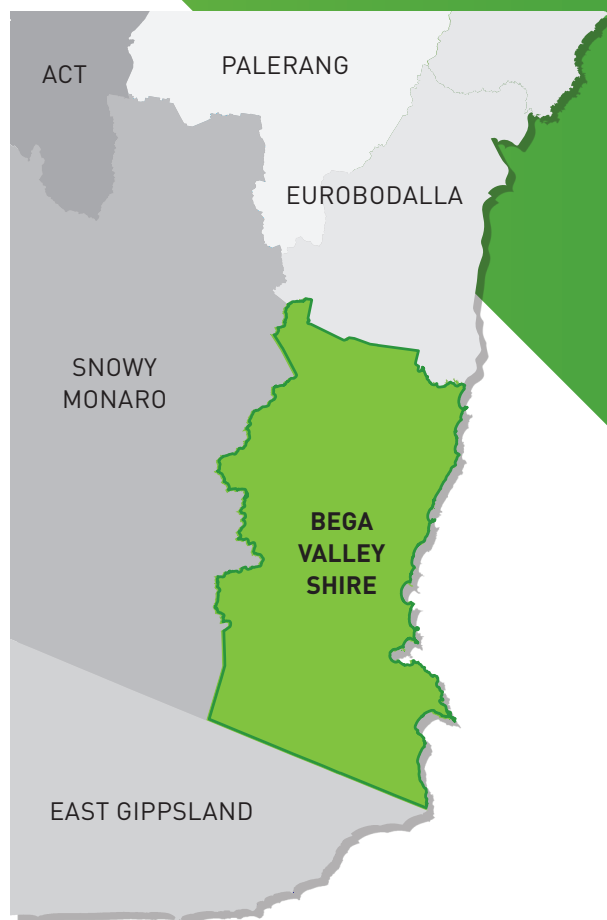
Is this program right for you?

Are you someone who is:

- 18 years or over living or working in the Bega Valley Shire.
- A volunteer or employee in the not-for-profit sector. This can include businesses that are members of a not-for-profit Chamber of Commerce or similar business network.
- Connected to the not-for-profit sector.
- Passionate about making a genuine difference within your team, community, organisation, sector or business.
- Able to see what holds your community back and what can propel it forward.
- A curious learner keen to understand how leadership is required when connecting with others and building networks.

If you answered YES 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.



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Don Firth

Bega District Woodcraft Association
Bega Rural Fire Service
Bega Men's Choir
Quaama Chorale and That
Bunch of Singers

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 Bega Valley region thrive, you'll join 2200+ 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.



Do it for the next generation. Do you want to see your children or grandchildren live and thrive in the region? The opportunities and community you create today are the benchmark for their tomorrow.

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.

Will it cost me anything?

This is a scholarship program so your participation will be fully paid through the funding grant. This includes all workshop fees, accommodation, meals and workshop resources. You will be responsible for your travel costs to workshops and any other personal expenses you may incur.

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government.

Timeline

8 days of your time for a lifetime of impact

Attendance at all sessions is compulsory to complete and graduate from the program.
The location of the sessions will be within the Bega Valley region.



Application period //

Open until 18 June 2023

Apply via rural-leaders.org.au/regenerate-bega



Application review, shortlisting and recommendations //

19 June – 16 July



Successful candidates notified //

17 July



Session 1 //

20–23 August

(4 days, 3 nights)



Session 2 //

8–11 October

(4 days, 3 nights)

Apply by 18 June

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.

Scan the QR code or call ARLF on (02) 6281-0680.
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Cayce Hill

Manager of community space Funhouse Studio in partnership with Bega Multicultural Centre

