

ALPINE VALLEYS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

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Leadership Program

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2007 YEAR BOOK

become a leader



**Alpine Valleys Community
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A SNAPSHOT

about the program & its objectives

THE PROGRAM EXPLORES THE OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE REGION, THE FUTURE ROLE OF RESIDENTS WITHIN THE REGION AND AUSTRALIA-WIDE, AND PERSONAL LEADERSHIP ATTRIBUTES AND LIFESTYLE

objectives

The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program will foster the development of a vigorous network of community and business leaders by:

- Offering potential and emerging leaders an intensive annual program that explores the major challenges and opportunities within our regional community
- Providing participants, from a wide range of business and community backgrounds, the opportunity to develop a mutual understanding and respect in an environment that is stimulating, supportive and enjoyable
- Enabling participants to interact with and learn from today's leaders
- Enhancing participants' leadership skills and region wide networks

become a leader

The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program is a twelve month course of structured events and activities set over two full days per month. The calendar of events is designed to enable participants to meet to discuss and debate issues among themselves, and with invited speakers who demonstrate strong leadership skills and characteristics.

There is a broad scope for personal development within the participants, all of whom are expected to bring with them a deep sense of commitment to the community, coupled with a demonstrated willingness to rise to the challenge of restoring confidence and prosperity to the Alpine Valleys and North East Region.

Topics covered during the year include:

- regional development
- education and health
- the environment
- local government
- agribusiness
- the arts and culture
- human needs and services
- the media
- ethics
- tourism
- youth

THE 2006-2007 ALPINE VALLEYS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM HAS AGAIN BEEN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ONE, WITH OUR REPUTATION AS A BENCHMARK IN COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CONTINUING TO GROW.

WELCOME FROM THE



chairman

Our involvement in additional projects, focussing on skills development and leadership, also continued throughout the year with the program's input sought in a number of ways, again a standing testament to its reputation.

The program itself continued to develop a bank of community minded people with the capacity to offer skills, knowledge and leadership to their respective areas of interest, and possibly some new ones.

The sustainability of the Leadership Program received a significant boost during the year with the announcement of \$100,000 in funding over a three year period from the State Government.

Our Patron, John Brown continued his strong advocacy for regional leadership throughout the year and of particular note was his tireless work in raising the profile of leadership with government, which was a major contributor to our positive funding outcome. Thank you, John.

While this funding is welcome, our continual challenge is to strengthen our revenue base in preparation for times when funding is no longer available, ensuring we have sufficient strength to maintain the program.

This is one of our major projects for the coming twelve months. With the assistance of Board Member Geoff Turnbull, we now have the capacity to accept contributions through our website.

The program continues to benefit from a committed group of sponsors who provide not only financial, but also in kind support, which is essential to enable us to keep the program costs reasonable. To all our supporters, we say a big thank you.

The Board underwent some position changes over the past twelve months. During this time, we saw long standing member Bernard Young resign.

On behalf of the Board, I take this opportunity to acknowledge Bernard's skills and dedication over the period of his membership and that he has been a major contributor to the strong position we are in today. Thank you, Bernard.

I believe one of Bernard's greatest achievements was to convince Anne Shaw to join the program in 2001. Since her appointment Anne has delivered quality organisational skills, professionalism and much more to our program in a highly efficient manner. We are very fortunate to have a person of such commitment and skill as our Executive Officer. Thank you, Anne.

We recently welcomed Brian Thompson, Dave Whittle and Aaron Vanegmond to our Board. This renewal of membership serves to ensure a fresh and continual flow of new ideas and skills are brought to the table for the benefit of the program.

We have again been fortunate to have had another keen group of participants, all community leaders in their own right, backed by our quality facilitators Jill Briggs, Janette Outram and Cathy McGowan, all of whom continue to deliver to a very high standard.

Finally, congratulations to the graduates and their families. We are aware of the demands the program places on you, your family and supporters. We thank you all for the flexibility and tolerance shown throughout a leadership year of exceptional circumstances.



David Roff
Chairman

YOUR
OPPORTUNITY
FOR

leadership

THE ABILITY OF THE NORTH EAST REGION TO DIVERSIFY AND STRENGTHEN ITS ECONOMIC AND RESOURCE BASE, AND THEREFORE BE EQUIPPED TO COMPETE INTERNATIONALLY, DEPENDS SIGNIFICANTLY ON THE CAPACITY OF ITS LEADERSHIP.

THE ALPINE VALLEYS COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM IS A MAJOR INVESTMENT IN OUR REGION AND ITS FUTURE. IT BUILDS NETWORKS THAT NOT ONLY CROSS REGIONAL, STATE AND NATIONAL BOUNDARIES, BUT ALSO INDUSTRY BOUNDARIES.

The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program is the initiative of representatives of regional economic, community and agency groups. It is modelled on the successful Williamson Community Leadership Program, Fairley Leadership Program, and also draws on the experiences of the Australian Rural Leadership Program.

AVCLP is a committee of **North East AgCare Inc.** and their support plays a vital role in the on-going provision of the program

The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program aims to encourage and enhance qualities of leadership in its participants for the greater benefit of the wider regional community.

The geographic region covered by the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program is serviced by the following local government areas: Alpine Shire, Albury City, Benalla Rural City, Indigo Shire, Mansfield Shire, Towong Shire, Rural City of Wangaratta, Wodonga City Council and the Alpine Resorts of Mt Hotham and Falls Creek.

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2007 Leadership Forum

In June 2006 a group of leadership program graduates from across North East Victoria hosted the inaugural North East Leadership Forum. Building on the success of the 2006 North East Leadership Forum the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program and the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation will combine to host the 2007 Leadership Forum 'Doing Leadership Differently' at Beechworth in June.

For the first time, the two groups have come together to host a joint annual conference for graduates of all leadership programs and other interested community members. Examples of "Doing Leadership Differently" will be provided by speakers drawn from across regional Australia and overseas as well as providing the opportunity to showcase North East Victoria. The Forum program will include leadership sessions, interactive workshops and regional field trips.

Leadership Oration & Youth Leadership Workshops

In September 2006 Champions of the Bush in partnership with The Centre and the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program hosted a Leadership Oration in Wangaratta which was attended by over 300 community members.

The guest speakers for this event were Li Cunxin, internationally acclaimed dancer and author of 'Mao's Last Dancer' and Murray Gillan AM, Professor Emeritus of Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the Australian Graduate School of Entrepreneurship.

During the 2006 North East Leadership Forum several project groups were developed and the outcomes from these groups since then have been extensive.

Projects included:

- Development of a Community Skillsbank
- Local council based leadership programs
- Youth leadership programs
- Stronger regional partnerships between existing agribusiness, community, business and government organisations
- Mentoring activities
- Community kitchens

The 2007 forum will revisit these projects and use the increased leadership capacity of Forum participants to build on and increase the strength of these initiatives.

The leadership oration aimed to inspire leadership and motivation in young people and was followed by a series of Youth Leadership Workshops. These workshops, held over 4 weekends, were conducted by the Regional Development Company. Several young people from across the region attended the leadership enhancement workshops with many now matched with mentors, keen to continue their leadership journeys.

COMMUNITY Skillsbank

The Centre, through the Department for Victorian Communities (DVC), has been funded to set-up and co-ordinate a Community Skillsbank project in North East Victoria, in partnership with the Rural City of Wangaratta and the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program.

Feedback received from the Community Skillsbank pilot indicated that a centralised community hub with a strong volunteer based infrastructure, underpinning the community and its organisations, would enable a more efficient sharing of information and knowledge and allow the community access to the skills and experience contained within the region.

The project will be responsible for setting up a centralised Community Skillsbank to align the skills and experience of participants wanting community interaction and involvement with organisations requiring skills and resources.

Through this project, The Centre will deliver three outcomes:

- A co-ordinated easy-to-access central point of contact for participants and organisations, designed to facilitate the matching of skills available and skills required.
- A 'Community Skillsbank' database of participants with skills and experience, available to assist the community and its organisations.
- A sustainable self-managing infrastructure for the support, training and mentoring of participants and organisations participating in the project.

An essential component of the project will be the ability to provide a variety of skills and experience (e.g. management and governance skills) required to provide ongoing benefits to the community.

The Community Skillsbank project may lead to further stages in community enhancement through improvement in the availability of skills and experience in the region and exploration of new or alternative approaches to volunteerism that are consistent with contemporary lifestyles and expectations.

Leaders & supporters

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'North East Water has been a keen supporter of the leadership program since its inception. The positive feedback we have received from our senior executives who have participated in the program is a testament to the benefits and experiences gained. Consequently anyone considering participating should do so, as it is a "not to be missed" experience that you will draw upon in future years.'

Jim Martin
Chief Executive
North East Water

'My time in the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program during 2004/2005 was one of the most challenging yet rewarding times I can remember. The program instilled me with the strength, courage, and conviction to get in and have a go! On a personal level, some new friendships were formed that will be lifelong.

Professionally, the course gave me the foresight and confidence to take my career on a completely different path; one which I had previously thought was out of my reach. As for the community involvement, the company I work for is very pro-active with community strengthening initiatives, and the AVCLP has deepened my understanding and respect for our communities and boosted my enthusiasm and drive to get involved. It was one of the most fulfilling 12 months of my life, which I hold in such high regard!

Graham DGLISH (AVCLP 2004/2005)
Bendigo Bank

'AVCLP has helped to greatly lift horizons and boost community capability and cohesion by imparting knowledge and leadership skills over recent years. In every sense it is a powerful sequel to an outstanding hydro engineer who built Australia's first ever hydro scheme at the top of the Kiewa Valley - his name John Monash, his motto: "Depend upon it, Australia's best hope is with the ballot box and an educated electorate!"

So with the AVCLP, there is a renewal of the spirit of John Monash, who went to school nearby at Jerilderie and loved climbing Mt Buffalo, he spent his last weekend there before embarking for Gallipoli. With all the static and acid of living in the 21st Century we need the AVCLP to cut through, in the same way John Monash cut through, about 100 years ago.'

The Hon. Tim Fischer
Chair
Tourism Australia

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program days

OPENING RETREAT : BEECHWORTH

SATURDAY 22 & SUNDAY 23 JULY 2006

Jill Briggs & Cathy McGowan – Facilitators
What to expect – tips for the journey, introduction to leadership, personality styles, working together & team styles, syndicates, community leadership – values, attitudes & beliefs, working with communities

VENUE: La Trobe Beechworth

LOCAL GOVERNMENT : WANGARATTA

FRIDAY 4 AUGUST 2006

Doug Sharp - CEO, Rural City of Wangaratta
A long term vision for Local Government

Patience Harrington – Director, Community Development, City of Wodonga
Community consultation and engagement

Justin Hanney - Executive Director - Regional Industries, Regional Development Victoria
Regional development – State Government role

Tanya Tatalaschwili – (AVCLP 01/02) Councillor, Rural City of Wangaratta
Being a councillor – What does it mean?

SPONSOR/HOST: Rural City of Wangaratta

VENUE: Rural City of Wangaratta Council Chambers

REGIONAL MANUFACTURING/ EMPLOYMENT : BENALLA

MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2006

Barry Sullivan – (AVCLP Board) General Manager, Manufacturing & Operations, Land Ordnance Div. Thales Australia
Manufacturing in North East Victoria

Wendy Mitchell – Regional Migration Co-ordinator
Skilled migration initiatives

Max White – Consultant
Regional Skills & Employment Trends

TOUR: Thales Facilities (Australian Defence Industries)

SPONSOR/HOST: Thales Australia, Benalla

VENUE: Thales Australia, Benalla

SKILLS WORKSHOP : ALBURY

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2006

Jill Briggs - Facilitator
Public speaking / meeting skills

Deb Randich (AVCLP 03/04) / Deslie Portors
 – Vision Australia. Vision Australia presentation

VENUE: Three Monkeys Tavern, Wodonga

AGRIBUSINESS : RUTHERGLEN

MONDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2006

Alan Hoppe – Regional Director, ICM Agribusiness.
Agribusiness in our Region

Phil Haines – Strategic Investment Manager/ Centre Manager, Department of Primary Industries Rutherglen
Agricultural research

Glenn Morrison - DPI Rutherglen

TOUR: research laboratories

Carl Fraser – Rural Counsellor, North East AgCare Inc.
Rural counselling services

SPONSORS: Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum, North East Catchment Management Authority

HOST/VENUE: Department of Primary Industries, Rutherglen Research Institute

YOUTH : BRIGHT

FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2006

Anthony Nicholson (AVCLP 06/07) Youth Services Officer, City of Wodonga
Experiences with young people

Glen Stawiarski – CEO NESAY
North East Support & Action for Youth programs

Katherine Paterson - Junior Mayor, Alpine Shire
Youth leadership

Cristyn Jenvey - State Secondary Schools Golf Team
Youth leadership

Matt Pfahlert - Family & Adolescent Counsellor, Resolve, Wodonga / Founder TYPO Station
Youth issues

SPONSOR: Worktrainers Ltd.

HOST/VENUE: Bright SES Headquarters, Bright

HEALTH : MYRTLEFORD

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006

Ronnie Beauchamp - Manager Tourism & Development Services, Alpine Shire
Current issues in the Alpine Shire

Jenny Ahrens - Manager, Integrated Primary Mental Health Service.
Mental health first aid

Ann Wearne - CEO, Ovens & King Community Health Service
Community Health Services programs

David Kidd – (AVCLP 03/04) Manager Allied Health, Beechworth Health Service
Creating the awesome you

Anne Hiskins – (AVCLP 06/07) Associate Charge Nurse, Northeast Health Wangaratta
Nursing experiences in Vietnam

SPONSOR: Alpine Shire

HOST/VENUE: Ovens & King Community Health Service, Myrtleford

MEDIA / ARTS : WODONGA

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER 2006

PANEL SESSION | **Chris Pidd** – Regional Arts Development Officer, Murray Arts Inc.; **Maryrose Riley** - Education Officer, Albury Regional Art Gallery; **Charles Parkinson** - Artistic Director, Hothouse Theatre
Empowering communities through the Arts

Benjamin Gilbert – Sculptor
Arts in the community

David Roff – (AVCLP Board) Manager, Business Services, City of Wodonga; AVCLP Chairperson
Visions for Wodonga

Gaye Pattison – Producer/Presenter ABC Goulburn Murray Radio
The value of the ABC to rural communities

Michelle Armstrong - Public Relations & Events Management Consultant
Working with media

SPONSOR/HOST: City of Wodonga

VENUE: City of Wodonga Council Chambers

SKILLS WORKSHOP – LEADERSHIP & COMMUNICATION: CORRYONG

MONDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2006

Cathy McGowan AO – Facilitator
Leadership styles and theory, skills audit, communication plan and networking

HOST: Towong Shire

VENUE: Towong Shire Council Chambers, Corryong

ENVIRONMENT : BENALLA

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2006

Dr Rowan O'Hagan – Regional and Economic Community Development Solutions
Sustainable environment / sustainable communities

Jen Allen – North East Greenhouse Alliance Project Officer
North East Green House Alliance programs

Carolyn Cameron – Manager Practice Change, Department of Primary Industries
Landscape change in North East Victoria

Rob Richardson – Natural Resource Manager, Farmer / Master Tree Grower
Creating a balance – economic and sustainable viability

SPONSOR/HOST: Department of Primary Industries

VENUE: DPI Conference Room, Benalla

MID YEAR RETREAT : ALBURY

SUNDAY 10 & MONDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2006

Jill Briggs & Janette Outram – Facilitators
Reflection on leadership skills, leadership and the individual, program review, evaluation, building bridges in communities, action plan

VENUE: Lake Hume Resort, Albury

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achieve a common
goal ”

ETHICS / SKILLS WORKSHOP : TALLANGATTA

FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY, 2007

Lauren Fearné – (AVCLP 04/05) Co-ordinator,
Tallangatta Community Education Centre
Tallangatta CEC Overview

Helen Robinson - (AVCLP 06/07) Veterinarian
Election experiences

Helen McGowan – Community Lawyer, Upper
Murray Family Care
Ethics & community leadership workshop

Janette Outram - Facilitator
'Handling Conflict' skills workshop

HOST/VENUE: Tallangatta Community Education Centre

CITY VISIT : MELBOURNE

MONDAY 19 & TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY, 2007

Claire Vallis – Workplace Manager, NAB Docklands
National Australia Bank
Innovation in building & workplace design

Marcus Godinho - Board Member, One Umbrella
Australia Inc / Executive Director, Environment
Victoria

Dianne Embry - CEO, Volunteering Victoria
Changing face of volunteering

Adam Smith - CEO, Education Foundation Australia

Adam Mooney - Head of Community Development
Finance, ANZ Bank Community Development &
Microfinance
International & Australian perspective

Brent Lyons-Lee –Corporate Engagement Co-
ordinator, Urban Seed
City walk focussing on inner city social issues

Christine Nixon - Chief Commissioner, Victoria
Police

SPONSORS: National Australia Bank, ICM Agribusiness,
Regional Development Victoria

VENUES: NAB Docklands, Rydge's Hotel, Collins Street
Baptist Church - Credo Café, Victoria Police Centre

OUR COMMUNITY : YACKANDANDAH

FRIDAY 2 MARCH, 2007

Nerida Kerr – (AVCLP Board Member) Rural
Development Officer, Regional Development
Victoria
Resources for community groups

Lyn Coulston - (AVCLP 01-02/Board) Proprietor,
Mountain Creek Nursery
Community groups in action. Case study session

SPONSOR: Indigo Shire

VENUE: Yackandandah Town HallIII

LIFELONG LEARNING : WANGARATTA

MONDAY 19 MARCH, 2007

*Yarrunga School Community
School assembly*

Trish Curtis – (AVCLP 04-05/Board) / Community
Engagement Consultant, The Regional
Development Company; **Angela Craven** – (AVCLP
06/07) Teacher/Student Welfare Co-ordinator,
Yarrunga Primary School
School/Community Partnerships

TOUR: Yarrunga Primary School Kitchen Garden and
Community Kitchen

Danni Mills - Health Promotion Officer Northeast
Health Wangaratta
Community Kitchens

Barbara Young - Volunteering Consultant &
Community Development Officer, Hume Palliative
Care Consultancy Team
Café Conversations workshop

HOSTS/VENUES: Yarrunga Primary School, The Centre



WATER : WODONGA

FRIDAY 30 MARCH, 2007

DVD presentation - Drought Issues

Betty Murtagh AO - (AVCLP 02/03) Beef Producer
Water issues - reflections

John Riddiford - CEO North East Catchment
Management Authority; **Sarah Daniell** - (AVCLP
06/07) Environmental Water Reserves Officer, NECMA
Water – an overview

Dr Phil Suter - Head of Department, Senior Lecturer
Dept. Environmental Management & Ecology, La
Trobe University
Ecology of the Murray River

HOST/VENUE: North East Catchment Management
Authority

EMERGENCY SERVICES/TOURISM : MANSFIELD

MONDAY 16 APRIL, 2007

Len Foster AO – Chairman, CFA Victoria
Reflections on leadership

Maz Dowling - (AVCLP 01/02) Chairperson Mansfield
Community Bank

TOUR: Mansfield Visitor Information Centre

Dean Belle - Chairman, North East Victoria Tourism
Response & Recovery Group
Tourism initiatives

HOST: Mansfield Shire

VENUES: Mansfield Shire Council Chambers, Mansfield
Visitor Information Centre

VISIONS FOR THE REGION : WANGARATTA

FRIDAY 27 APRIL, 2007

Tom Potter - Founder & Managing Director Eagle
Boys Pizza
Leadership and management

Emeritus Professor Eric Lund - Chairman, North East
Area Consultative Committee
Vision for the region

Susan Benedyka – Director, The Regional
Development Company
Regional planning

AVCLP Participants - Our Visions

SPONSOR: Goulburn Ovens TAFE

VENUE: Goulburn Ovens TAFE

CLOSING RETREAT : FALLS CREEK

FRIDAY 11 & SATURDAY 12 MAY, 2007

Jill Briggs & Janette Outram – Facilitators
Reflection and review. Where to from here?

VENUE: Howmans Gap Alpine Centre, Falls Creek

GRADUATION DINNER : BEECHWORTH

THURSDAY 31 MAY, 2007

Peter Kenyon – Founder and Director, Bank of
I.D.E.A.S., Western Australia / Social Entrepreneur and
Community Enthusiast
Taking the Lead - Leadership in Regional Australia

VENUE: La Trobe at Beechworth

“ Community is the
scaffold that supports
and nurtures and
provides opportunities
for all to reach
their full potential
- community leaders
are the creators of the
scaffolding ”

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GRADUATES

graduates



**HELEN ALLAN
BENALLA**

Administration Officer

Helen has undertaken a wide variety of administrative roles over a 28 year period with her employer VicRoads. She has also been actively involved in the organisation of many social events at the offices in which she has worked.

Whilst her children were young, Helen was involved in many community activities which included kindergartens, schools and sporting groups. She was a member of the inaugural After School Care program in Benalla and Secretary for the Benalla Rose City Band and the Benalla Camera Club and assists the local Lions and RSL clubs.

In Helen's 'my time' she enjoys family and friends, photography, collecting owls, keeping the garden under control and travelling overseas.

Helen was most impressed by the guest speakers who have the ability to grab opportunities when presented and seize the moment. She was inspired by their modest self-belief and ability to contribute to areas where they could most make a difference.

Helen has met some wonderful individuals and shared some great program days whilst on the leadership program. She was also constantly blown away by the achievements of ordinary people in their communities.

"I have gained the ability to believe and accept that I too have special skills to offer and 'seize the moment' when presented in order to use these skills to benefit others in my future community involvements."



**TRACEY APPLEBY
WANGARATTA**

*Community Inclusion
Program Officer*

Tracey is currently undertaking the seconded role of

Planner for the "My Future My Choice" project funded by the Department of Human Services. In her core role as Community Inclusion Program Officer, she assists people with intellectual and physical disabilities, is a member of the Health Promotion Committee and is involved in community research and building partnerships within the community.

Her past community involvement includes her church community, the Volunteer Friends Program and the Deafness Awareness Leadership Camps. In the future, Tracey would like to work towards a much more accessible, disability friendly community.

Married with her first child due in September, Tracey enjoys ballroom and Latin American dancing and reading books.

Tracey believes people are born leaders and emerge when the environment is supportive. Leadership is like a seed that needs to be nurtured to grow - once it has grown, then one can look back and admire.

One of the many highlights for Tracey was the sound of the leadership group clapping after listening to the other participant's achievements in their community.

"Go for it and don't hold back - it will change your life and will give you a greater appreciation of every type of community you could possibly think of!"



**SUSAN BULL
WANGARATTA**

Administration Officer

Susan is an administration officer with the Rural City of Wangaratta. Her community involvement began with netball coaching and umpiring during her teen years and later turned to supporting kindergartens, schools and sports clubs while her children were growing up.

Susan has also been involved with a health support group for the past 14 years. She is Treasurer for a Wangaratta AA night group and a member of the Wangaratta Zonta group.

In the future Susan would like to be more involved with youth or children, become a member of an advisory group for alcohol abuse and open community discussion on parenting and babies in non-essential fulltime childcare.

Susan is married and enjoys following the football, camping, four wheel driving and fishing with family and friends.

The most memorable experience Susan has gained from the program has been the knowledge she has gained about herself. She feels she has achieved the confidence to maximise her potential.

Reflection was a tool Susan didn't pick up until half way through, and hasn't stopped learning from it since.

"I can now speak up on my beliefs, as so many speakers have had the courage to do."



**JEFF CARBOON
WANGARATTA**
*Environmental Program
Manager*

Working for Parks Victoria and with the community, Jeff manages the strategic environmental program across the Central Region, working with pest plants and pest animal control.

Jeff holds a Bachelor of Applied Science Degree in Environmental Management and has previously volunteered in environmental roles in England and Wales and backpacked through Africa, Asia, North America and Europe.

A member of the Wangaratta Apex Club he has held the position of treasurer and is currently in charge of publicity. He also is an Auskick Assistant and co-ordinates grants for a local pre-school.

Married with three children, Jeff enjoys bush walking, swimming, tennis, travel and restoring old Holdens. He has trekked through Nepal and New Zealand, completed the Murray Canoe Marathon and walked the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea.

In the future, Jeff would like to work with disadvantaged children and continue to support his kids sporting clubs.

Highlights of the program for Jeff include interacting with a diverse range of speakers.

"Keep an open mind and enjoy the learning and discussions"



**ANGELA CRAVEN
WARBY RANGES**
Primary Teacher

Angela's main role is teaching at the Yarrunga Primary School,

however within this role she is involved in forging community partnerships and family support. Recently she has taken the lead in another major project undertaken by the school, the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Angela is also currently in partnership with Northeast Health establishing a community kitchen.

In the future Angela plans to provide opportunities for a community hub.

Married with four sons, she enjoys long walks through the bushland adjacent to her home, catching up with her sons and gardening. She also loves patchworking and quilting on rainy days.

Being a part of the leadership program has enabled Angela to see the community in context and better understand the factors that impact on it. She has enjoyed meeting the speakers, who have given her incredible insight into community leadership and has realised that being part of a community offers a feeling of belonging and making a positive contribution for common good.

"Community' is the scaffold that supports and nurtures and provides opportunities for all to reach their full potential – community leaders are the creators of the scaffolding."



**SARAH DANIELL
WODONGA**
*Environmental Water
Reserve Officer*

In Sarah's current role as an Environmental

Water Reserve Officer with the North East Catchment Management Authority she is required to work closely with water authorities, catchment, local community groups and government to plan for the management of river health and water resources.

Sarah has recently completed a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and Ecology with Honours at La Trobe University in Wodonga.

Through her work, Sarah is involved in numerous organisational and community committees with a focus on wetlands, sustainable irrigation and water resource management.

In the future, Sarah would like to pursue some new challenges at a community level by becoming involved in her local Neighbourhood Watch Group and the RSPCA.

Sarah came to the North East from Gippsland six years ago and now calls the Alpine Valley region home. In her free time she enjoys touring the region with her partner, spending time with family and friends, camping and walking.

The leadership program opened Sarah's eyes to the amazing members within the community and provided her with the opportunity to become aware of her potential leadership abilities.

"Just get in there and give everything a go and you will surprise yourself at what you can achieve."



**TRISH GALLAGHER
WANGARATTA**
Administration Assistant

Trish commenced the leadership program as a Professional Writing and

Editing teacher at Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE, however during the program year Trish made a u-turn in her career to undertake and finish a Visual Arts Diploma and commence work as a part-time administration assistant with Northeast Health Wangaratta.

With twenty years experience as a journalist and a further six years in public relations, Trish has worked for many newspapers throughout New Zealand and Australia.

Trish is currently a member of the Wangaratta High School Council and in the past has held the position of secretary for the Goulburn and North East Arts Alliance. In the future she plans to continue her current community involvement and would like to seek other employment, either locally or overseas.

A mother of two and a grandmother of almost two, Trish enjoys spending time with family, friends and her cats during her leisure time. She also writes poetry, creates artworks and potters in the garden.

All the program days were a mine of information for Trish, but cites the trip to Melbourne as the most memorable for her. She enjoyed the skills sessions, discovering everyone's personality types and also listening to the "About Me's".

"I learned that community leaders don't do it by themselves. They bring people along with them and work in partnerships to achieve a common goal."



LEANNE HARRIS
MITTA VALLEY
Farmer

Working and residing on a dairy farm in the Mitta Valley, Leanne together with a share farmer, milk 300 cows a day. Prior to her involvement in dairy farming Leanne was employed by the Westpac Bank for many years. She left the bank in 2004 due to ill health and whilst undergoing treatment completed an Advanced Diploma in Agriculture (Dairy).

Leanne's involvement with the farm sparked her interest in agri-politics, sustainable agriculture concepts and the development of education and training opportunities for dairy farmers.

Some of Leanne's many community involvements include the North Central Rural Counselling Service, Australian Institute of Company Directors, Implementation Committee for North East Catchment Management Authority, Landcare, the United Dairy Farmers of Victoria and the Victorian Farmers Federation.

In the future Leanne would like to explore issues connected to social isolation in rural areas.

Married with plenty of four legged companions, Leanne enjoys car racing, reading, crosswords, photography, four wheel driving and camping in her free time.

Leanne was inspired by the guest speakers and particularly enjoyed the visit to the ADI plant, the mid-year retreat at Lake Hume and the Melbourne visit.

"Wait a moment....give those introverts a go!"



ANNE HISKINS
WANGARATTA
Associate Charge Nurse

In Anne's current role as Associate Charge Nurse she is involved in most aspects of medical, palliative care and paediatric nursing. She is also the relieving nursing coordinator at Northeast Health Wangaratta. Anne recently combined her passion for travel with her profession by spending time overseas undertaking humanitarian nursing in Ho Chi Ming City's Children's No 1 Hospital.

Over the years, Anne has been involved in blood bank and many clubs including cubs and scouts and school committees while her children were young.

In the future, Anne would like to work overseas to fulfill her passion for world health.

Anne has four children and two grandchildren. In her leisure time she enjoys the arts, history, literature, local issues, golf, skiing, gym and gardening and overseas travel.

The program has offered Anne leadership skills that will last her a lifetime. The networking and change within her fellow participants has been amazing and Anne cites her exposure to contemporary leaders in our community in an open and honest way as an inspirational experience.

"Leadership will be waiting somewhere for me. The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program will make you view what you see around you with different thoughts."



LYNNE JONES
KIEWA VALLEY
Farmer

Lynne together with her husband, daughter and son-in-law operate a successful dairy farm in the Kiewa Valley. Lynne rears calves, relief milks, manages the household and administrative records and assists in the raising of her grandchildren. Prior to dairy farming, Lynne was a supervisor in a legal office in Melbourne.

Lynne was involved in many community activities while her children were growing up which included leader for the Guides and Venturers and teaching Religious Education at the local school.

Her committee involvement includes the Victorian Farmers Federation, United Dairy Farmers of Victoria, Red Cross and the CFA.

Lynne is also involved with Women in Agriculture, which has an immediate focus on supporting local families through drought relief work.

In the future Lynne will undertake an Emergency Risk Management course run by the SES.

Married with three children, Lynne loves spending time with family and friends as well as gardening, reading, travelling and playing tennis.

Lynne feels privileged to have met so many inspirational speakers and would like to thank each and every one of her fellow participants for sharing their life in the 'About Me' sessions.

"You don't judge a book by its cover, you open the book first and read a few chapters – do the same with your fellow participants, and you will be surprised."



JACINTA LUDEMAN
OXLEY
Strategic Planner

In her role as Strategic Planner for VicForests, Jacinta is responsible for the planning of sustainable commercial harvesting and regeneration of native forests on public land in North East Victoria.

Prior to her recent return to the North East, Jacinta lived in the small isolated community of Bemm River, where she was a member of the CFA, Progress Association and Recreation Reserve Committee. She quickly learned that everything gained is by joint effort and to never underestimate the "tyranny of distance" when trying to have your small voice heard.

Since returning to her home region she has become a member of the Oxley Residents Association, and would like to become more involved with groups in the King Valley, focussing on improving infrastructure and services in the future.

In her free time Jacinta enjoys reading, gardening, bike riding, and socialising with friends and family.

The leadership program has been a fantastic opportunity for Jacinta to meet people who outwardly share a similar purpose, but come from very different backgrounds. Through this, she has learned to question her own original purpose and can now modify and strengthen it.

"Have goals, but be flexible and prepared to change those goals as you learn where the needs of the community and yourself really lie."



**SUE LUKINS
GRANYA**
Electoral Officer

Sue is an Electoral Officer with the Australian Electoral

Commission. Prior to moving to the small community of Granya six years ago, Sue held several public service positions in Canberra.

Since her move to Granya, Sue has become involved in a wide range of committees which include Secretary of the Granya CFA, Granya Harvest and Pioneer Day Committees, the Tallangatta Rotary Club, Granya Museum and Hall, Neighbourhood Watch, Landcare and the Granya Tennis Club.

In the future Sue would like to increase her involvement with the CFA, possibly taking it to a regional level and continue her work with the Granya Pioneer Museum.

Married with three children and six grandchildren, Sue's limited personal time is spent enjoying her garden, camping, reading and sewing.

The support and friendship from the other participants on the leadership program was a highlight for Sue. Their openness in sharing their lives, the diversity of the group and the 'About Me's' were all memorable.

Sue found guest speaker Christine Nixon inspirational, with her warmth and humour surprising and her ability to remain true to herself in a difficult and demanding job.

"I have learned that leadership is about courage, that what I say is not necessarily what you heard, and to never stop learning."



**JACKIE MOONEY
BEECHWORTH**
Former Assistant Principal / Community Member

Jackie is currently a full time mother and

facilitates parenting courses part time. Prior to motherhood, Jackie was the Assistant Principal of the local Primary School and Volunteer Coordinator for the Beechworth Community Welfare Committee.

Jackie's community roles include the Beechworth Community Child Care Centre, Beechworth Kindergarten, Beechworth Neighbourhood Watch and is a long standing member of the Beechworth Community Welfare Committee.

Her administrative experience has enabled Jackie to prepare and implement documentation and processes for Beechworth Kindergarten and Beechworth Community Welfare Committee and publish a monthly newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch.

In the future she hopes to co-ordinate specific projects in the township directed at recreational activities for children and succession planning strategies amongst committees.

She lives near the picturesque Lake Sambell with her partner and two young sons and enjoys cooking for family and friends and physical activities such as tennis, golf and walking.

Renewed confidence and readiness to meet the challenges of life head on are Jackie's legacy from her participation on the leadership program.

"Be enlightened as a leader, acknowledge and assess your community leadership potential"



**ANTHONY
NICHOLSON
WODONGA**
Youth Services Worker

In Anthony's role as a Youth Services Worker

for the Wodonga City Council he works with young people and helps to organise programs and events for the young people of Wodonga.

In previous roles, Anthony has spent four years in outdoor education, working for the YMCA in the Northern Territory and has undertaken three summer camps in the United States. Anthony has also worked with street kids in Townsville and spent several years helping St Vincent De Paul with its annual clothing drive and Christmas appeal.

Anthony is currently on the committees for the Festival of Healthy Living and Operation Flinders. Recently he was a judge at the local Youth of the Year Awards for the Lions Club.

In the near future, Anthony will be volunteering as a facilitator at the forthcoming Rotary Rypen Young Leaders Camp, in which he hopes to become more involved in years to come.

Married with a nine month old son, Anthony enjoys travelling, hiking, reading and playing football, squash and golf in his personal time.

Anthony has taken many memorable experiences away from his year on the leadership program. He thought guest speaker Doug Sharp's wisdom rang true; never stop learning, knowledge is power, avoid being influenced, be decisive and sometimes decisions aren't popular.

"Don't be afraid to ask the tough or 'controversial' questions of the guest speakers - you will get more out of the year."



**MICHELE PADBURY
MANSFIELD**
Financial Counsellor / Administration

Michele is a Financial Counsellor for the Mansfield Shire and

an administration assistant in the Aged & Disability Services area. Since arriving in Mansfield nineteen years ago, Michele has held a number of varied job positions, from childcare to retail and library officer.

Michele has been actively involved in many local community clubs and groups in the past, some of which include the Mansfield Community Centre, Apex, Mansfield Wetlands, Relay for Life, Mansfield Playgroup and Kindergarten, Mansfield UFB Ladies Auxiliary to name a few.

The Mansfield Musical & Dramatic Society Inc (MMuDS) is Michele's current passion. She is currently Treasurer and Producer of the musical Oliver!, to be staged in June.

Michele plans to continue with her community involvements in the future. She is keen to see the building of new squash courts in Mansfield and continue her work with Mansfield Arts Council.

Married with two teenage children, Michele loves to read in her free time, sometimes up to 70 books a year and also enjoys cooking, knitting, gardening and socialising.

Michele drove over 6,000 kilometres during her leadership year to attend program days and she states it was worth every kilometre of it. The trip to Melbourne was a highlight for Michele, culminating with guest speaker Victoria Police Commissioner Christine Nixon – a truly inspirational woman.

"The program days gave me the opportunity to look at myself, to question myself and to spend time on self reflection."



**TONY REBETZKE
WODONGA**
Manager

Tony currently manages three Worktrainers offices in the North

East. A former mechanic by trade, six years ago Tony made a career change to the Job Network as he wanted to assist people into employment. After retraining for twelve months, Tony went on to work for the Salvation Army Employment Plus in New South Wales and Mission Australia in Canberra before moving to Worktrainers in the North East.

Having moved to Wodonga with his wife two and a half years ago Tony would like to become more engaged with his new community and is about to commence a Masters Degree in Business Management.

Tony enjoys all forms of motor sport and is a member of the Albury/Wodonga Kart Club, where he plans to race in the future.

Married with a two year old daughter, Tony believes that having children puts you in one of the nicest places on earth and now feels the need to become more involved in the community to make a difference in his own life and that of his children.

"If you're standing still you're actually going backwards. The Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program has given me an opportunity to network with communities in the region I now call home."



**LEONARD REDFERN
WANGARATTA**
Teacher

Leonard is a plumber by trade and is currently teaching all aspects of

plumbing and gas fitting to apprentices and students at the Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE.

In the past Leonard has been an active member of the community. He was Secretary for the Wangaratta Woodworkers, a member and player of both the Wangaratta and Longwood Football clubs, a member of the Bruck Fishing Club and held a council position at the Milawa Primary School.

Leonard is currently on the Industry Liaison Sub-Committee for TAFE, and hopes to continue with community involvement, either with a progress association or community organisation in the North East or other regions in the future.

Married with a son and a daughter, Leonard enjoys fishing, camping, squash and watching sport in his leisure time.

Leonard found all the program days interesting with something to offer, but cites the Melbourne visit, listening to guest speaker Christine Nixon as one of the program's highlights together with the Mansfield program day with guest speaker Len Foster.

"Go into the program with an open mind and certainly try and take on board the experiences, knowledge and talent, not only from the guest speakers on the program days, but also from your fellow participants throughout the year."



**HELEN ROBINSON
TALLANGATTA**
Veterinarian

Helen is a veterinarian with a preference for rural practice. After a

number of years as Senior Veterinarian at Tallangatta Veterinary Clinic, she now works as a locum veterinarian while contemplating new career opportunities in the region. Helen has previously worked in four states of Australia, plus a couple of years as a volunteer in Guatemala, where she trained indigenous farmers in animal husbandry.

Always keenly involved in community activities wherever she lives, Helen is currently a member of the Tallangatta Rail Trail Advisory group, Border Bushwalkers Club and ReSource RICA, a land rehabilitation project near Avoca. She is also a Board Member of the Australian Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum.

In recent years Helen has been politically active, becoming a member of the Northeast Regional Council and State Council of the Australian Greens. In 2006, she stood as the Greens candidate in the State district of Benambra.

In her free time Helen enjoys lots of outdoor activities which include bushwalking, cycling, skiing, and gardening. She is also a keen Rogainer, competing successfully at a state and national level.

Helen has really enjoyed the stimulating discussions held during the program days and was been fascinated by the personal stories revealed in the 'About Me' sessions. She suggests that all participants should really make the effort to throw themselves into the leadership program for the year.

"Get involved in the debates, keep asking questions and have a go!"



**SHAY SIMPSON
BRIGHT**
*Natural Resource
Management Officer*

Currently a Natural Resource Management

Officer with the Indigo Shire Council, Shay is responsible for a range of natural resource management areas such as the provision of internal advice regarding the Council's own environmental performance, assessment of planning referrals involving the removal of native vegetation and general enquiries from the public. The rest of her work is project based, which focuses on achieving positive environmental outcomes whilst engaging the community in the process.

Prior to her current role, Shay has been involved in agricultural research, with a focus on pests and diseases in sugarcane and more recently has undertaken environmental education with students.

Shay's community involvement at the moment is focussed on her local Landcare Group. She has recently undertaken a number of activities which have included on-ground projects such as revegetation and community education on environmental issues. In the future Shay would like to continue her involvement with the Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group in order to strengthen its membership base and capacity to achieve long-lasting results.

Since moving from Queensland to the North East with her partner, Shay has developed a love for Victorian flora. Together they spend a lot of time exploring the foothills and alps of the upper catchment. In her personal time, Shay is an avid reader and loves swimming, whether it be in the river, ocean or a pool.

"I've learned to remain focussed on my goals. Go for your goals and don't hold back."



**TRAVIS SMITH
BRIGHT**

Assistant Manager

Travis is currently the assistant manager of the Alpine Cabins

Holiday Park. In his role, each day brings a new challenge and plenty of variety to his work. In light of this, he claims to be a 'jack of all trades' specialist.

In the past Travis' community involvement has included volunteering for Rotary and assisting with the Victorian Government's FReeZa youth events, a program designed to encourage young people aged between 14 and 18 organise and launch their own entertainment and cultural events.

In the future Travis sees himself becoming more involved in helping to grow and develop his community into something even more special.

Travis enjoys fishing the mountain clear fresh water streams that flow through the North East and hiking in the mountains of the alpine region in his free time. His passion is to camp amongst the mountains and rivers in the alpine valleys.

From his year on the leadership program and listening to the many inspirational guest speakers, Travis believes you need to follow your passion and live your dream.

"Stepping outside of the square you live in can be exciting and a lot of fun, while the knowledge gained is priceless. The mistakes you make can be more valuable than your successes."

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**PAUL BRADY
CORYONG**

Police Sergeant in Charge

Paul has been a member of the Victorian Police Force for over

twenty years and in his current role as Sergeant in Charge of Police Station in Corryong for three years.

Married with three children, Paul is heavily involved in many community and club activities which include being a member of the State Emergency Management Committee for two shires, the Corryong Hospital Community Liaison Group, the Blue Light Disco Committee and also school council.

Paul was refreshed to see the young speakers who addressed the program positive and confident. He left the program days inspired, appreciative and viewing things in a different way.

Paul participated in this year's program, but due to work commitments associated with the extensive bushfires in the North East was unfortunately unable to meet the participant criteria required. We thank Paul for his valued contribution as a program participant.



**MARIJKE
HOENDERDOS
WODONGA**

International Student

Marijke moved to Wodonga from her

hometown in the Netherlands to study and complete her Bachelor of Biological Science (Honours)– Environmental Management and Ecology. During this period she also commenced the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership program.

Now back in the Netherlands, Marijke is working on the family farm, hoping to return to Australia in the near future.

Marijke commenced this year's program, but due to her Visa conditions was unfortunately unable to meet the participant criteria required. We thank Marijke for her valued contribution as a program participant and hope to see her back in Australia in the near future.

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Christine Jewell
Sue Leavold
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Vale - SUE McCABE

In October last year we were deeply saddened by the death of AVCLP graduate, Sue McCabe, as the result of an accident. An unforgettable character, Sue will be warmly remembered by her fellow AVCLP graduates as courageous, reflective, generous and devoted to her family and community. Sue's passion for life balance was expressed in a self penned poem that she shared with the 2004/05 AVCLP group at their closing retreat. This poem truly reflected the Sue that we knew and loved.



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'Assist in the continued identification and enhancement of community leaders capable of initiating and sustaining development projects that generate growth and employment by facilitating initiatives that will develop leaders within the community in order that future commerce and community initiatives are not impeded by a lack of community leadership'

The national network of Area Consultative Committees (ACCs) provides an important link between the Commonwealth Government and rural and metropolitan Australia. As volunteer community based organisations, ACCs are uniquely placed to respond to issues in their regions and provide a vital conduit to government on local, social and economic conditions.

The Government recognises that optimal regional growth and development will only be achieved when regional communities manage change at the local level, realise their potential and plan for and lead their own development with the support of both the Government and the private sector.

**THE AREA CONSULTIVE COMMITTEE (ACC) CHARTER
COMPRISES THREE CORE RESPONSIBILITIES FROM WHICH ALL
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- ACCs are a key facilitator of change and development in their region.
- ACCs are the link between Government, business and the community.
- ACCs facilitate Whole of Government responses to opportunities in their communities

NEVACC's primary action to achieve the above core responsibilities through assisting proponents to secure Federal Government funding through the Regional Partnerships programme.

NEVACC has assisted 60 proponents submit Regional Partnerships applications with 43 being approved (72%) for a total Federal Government funding of \$8.6M as part of a total investment of \$22.6M across North East Victoria.

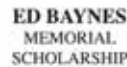


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