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The ARLP is a unique opportunity for selected rural and regional leaders to undertake a program of personal growth and develop the skills, knowledge and networks needed to be effective in regional, state, national and international arenas.

The program focuses on professional and personal leadership development, examination of key national and international issues that impact on rural Australia, and interaction with leaders in government, industry and the community.



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Telstra Countrywide:  
Staff Scholarship

Jane is the Area General Manager for Telstra Country Wide South East VIC and has been in senior management roles in the last 13 years. Jane is passionate about leading people and continually improving her leadership skills to enrich the lives of others. Jane supports her community by representing a number of Boards and is an active member of a group who is determined to establish a committee for Gippsland. Jane is an accredited MBTR facilitator.



**JAMES STEWART**  
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James coordinates forest and fire planning across NE Victoria. His responsibilities include managing roads and tracks, fire operations planning and coordination of silviculture and forest compliance activities. James holds a Bachelor of Education and worked in education before transferring to natural resource management. James maintains a strong involvement in education as school council president at Alexandra Secondary College.



**BEN WATTS**  
*MOLONG, NSW*

Australian Wool  
innovation: Wool Leader  
Scholarship

Ben is the owner of Bralca Merinos, a sheep stud based in Central West NSW which produces superfine genetics for Australia's Wool Industry. He is actively involved in the international sheep and wool industry as a director of the World Sheep and Wool Council and the Australian representative on the Board of the World Council of Sheep Breeders. Ben holds a Diploma in Agriculture and a Masters in Sustainable Agriculture.

