

Australian Rural Leadership Program

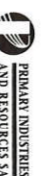
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*This is a Directory of the participants
in the seventh intake of the
Australian Rural Leadership Program.*

Through this unique Program, they are developing themselves and their leadership skills, analysing key national and international issues, interacting with leaders in government, industry and the community, and developing a network of peers who share a purpose.

They are doing this through an intensive, part-time course of some 60 days duration in 7 sessions at various locations in Australia and overseas, followed by on-going involvement in The Australian Rural Leadership Network (the graduates' association).

*These men and women are committed
to sharing a vision for and shaping the
future of rural and regional Australia.*

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David is a grain, prime lamb and wool producer. He is a Director of the Grain Pool of WA, and a Director of Agracorp Pty Ltd, a grain trading subsidiary of the Grain Pool. David is a fully qualified community and livestock technician and is involved with landcare projects.



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Ben is Manager of the National Australia Bank Hamilton - Business Banking Centre. He also operates a grazing, agroforestry and quarrying business in the Western District of Victoria and is a member of a family farming partnership at Moama NSW. He is Secretary of South Western Rural Counselling Service. Ben holds a Bachelor of Economics and Graduate Diploma of Agribusiness.



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Longreach Qld
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Chris is a wool and beef cattle producer, and a senior project officer with the Qld Government's Office of Rural Communities. He is chair of Old Rural Women's Network BridgT Project Steering Committee, a board member of the Telarask Project, and a steering committee member of Outback Revival. Chris has a Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of Education and Graduate Diploma (Teacher Ultrarianship).



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Merna is a grain and prime lamb producer. She is a grains councillor to the Victorian Farmers' Federation, immediate past Chairman of Women in Grains Reference Group and Chairman of Victorian Farmers' Federation Diversity Policy Implementation Group. Merna is also a member of Victorian Farmers' Federation Education Committee and Victorian Primary Industries' Training Board.



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Virginia is a pig and beef cattle producer. She is a director of Melbourne Market Authority, a member of Victorian Advisory Team for Women in Agriculture and Resource Management, a general councillor for Victorian Farmers' Federation, a member of Australian Women in Agriculture and a member of Country Women's Association. Virginia has a Bachelor of Management.



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Brendon is a dairy farmer. He is Chairman of Tasmanian Farmers' and Graziers' Association Dairy Council. He is an executive member of Australian Dairy Industry Council and Australian Dairy Farmers' Federation. Brendon is a director of TFCA and a member of the NFF Economics Committee.



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Melanie operates a marketing consultancy, specialising in consulting to small and medium size businesses in regional NSW. She is secretary to the board for a retirement village and is involved in Mudgee Small Farm Field Days Co-operative. Melanie has been heavily involved in regional development. She has a Bachelor of Business, a Masters of Business (Marketing) and is a recipient of a Vincent Fairfax Fellowship.



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Kevin is a sugar cane grower. He is a member of Cane growers Bundaberg Committee and Deputy Chairman of Mullagutti/Quindaba Area Protection and Productivity Board.



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Christine is a dairy farmer. She is a representative on the Tasmanian Farmers' and Graziers' Association Dairy Council, the North-West University of Tasmania Advisory Board and Rural Support Management Board. Christine is involved in Tasmanian Women in Agriculture and is on the Executive of Dairying Women on the Move. Christine has an Advanced Diploma in Rural Business Management.



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Brendan is Regional Manager, South West for Department of Natural Resources and Environment. He is also a wool, beef cattle and lamb producer. Brendan is a member of the boards of the Corangamite and Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authorities and a member of the Western Regional Coastal Board. He has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Agriculture).



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Bruce is Director and Irrigation Manager for F.S. Fakiner & Sons. He is Chairman of the local Water Advisory Council, and a committee member of Murrumbidgee Customer Service and Murrumbidgee River Management. Bruce is also Chairman of Murrumbidgee Research and Development Council and is on the Board of Management of a local research and development property. He has a Diploma in Applied Science (Agriculture).

