

Opportunity for rural youth up-to -25 year olds

Regional Youth Leadership Program

Twenty two places on this Marcus Oldham community and leadership program have been reserved for young people from across Victoria. The two places are open to young people up to 25 years of age, with some preference given to those who have left school. The cost to enrol is \$30. The costs of training, accommodation and a travel allowance have been covered by support from the Macpherson Smith Community Alliance , a philanthropic organisation supporting rural communities, and the Marcus Oldham Foundation which has identified Leadership as priority area .

This three-day program for young rural people is an outcome of the Community Capacity Building Initiative which involved 11 communities across Victoria. These communities recognised the importance of developing the skills of our rural youth and appreciating their involvement in community activities

The Regional Youth Leadership Program is an opportunity to give a number of rural youth a supportive environment to develop their skills and apply their own ideas to community building. It is also an opportunity for youth to share ideas with each other and to bring back ideas from other communities to their own community.

The three-day program will be split into two consecutive days at Marcus Oldham College Geelong over the weekend of 2-3 April, time back in the community to consider planning for a community project, and a third day of training on Sunday 1st May.

Topics covered at Marcus Oldham will include: Managing your career, you and your community, understanding people, outdoor activities, developing a team, expressing your view, a community webpage, setting goals, and how to develop, plan and manage a community project

The community will support selected participants by, for example, keeping in contact with the participant throughout the program; negotiating opportunities for the participant to report on their experience; assisting with project ideas, background information and introductions or identifying resources for community projects. A community group maybe found to sponsor the participant enrollment fee of \$30.

The skills and confidence gained by the participants will be able to be used to good effect indefinitely. The skills gained are transferable to other communities or other situations if the participants move.

To apply contact the Derrinallum Lismore Community Association (DLCA) by phoning Val Lang on 55 962014 or Barbara Roysland on 55 976507

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