



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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Leaders from regional South Australia celebrated at Parliament House

Last night Hon Clare Scriven MLC Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development and Regional Development South Australia hosted a cross section of the 1318 participants who undertook the Regional Leadership Development Program over the last 18 months.

Participants from all parts of the State including Port Lincoln, Copley and Mount Gambier reflected the 72 regional towns that the program was delivered across. Participants collectively undertook 14888 hours of training in governance, financial accounting, strategic and project planning, marketing, and managing volunteers. As well as, gaining skills to assist with wellbeing and resilience, empowering leadership, harnessing diversity and inclusion and cross-sector collaboration.

In re-funding the program for a further two years Hon Clare Scriven MLC Minister for Primary Industries and Regional Development stated that:

“The Regional Leadership Development Program has demonstrated that it can reach a large and diverse group of emerging leaders across regional South Australia and provide them with valuable skills relevant for their work in regional industries, businesses, and in community activities.”

Particularly impressive was the high representation of women in the program. At 68% of participants, the Regional Leadership Development Program has demonstrated that place-based and flexible training delivery can reach a new cohort of future leaders.”

Hon Rob Kerin, Executive Chair of Regional Development South Australia encouraged interested individuals to reach out to their respective Regional Development Australia boards to access upcoming training and leadership courses.

“The Regional Development Leadership Program highlights the best of regional South Australia, regional people who give back and we know that 22% of regional people volunteer, compared to 14.4% of South Australia’s residents. We want to continue to support individuals by giving them access to the best information in the region to assist in their local community’s growth.”

Information and contact details for the Regional Development Australia boards who are running the program can be found at:

<https://regionaldevelopmentsa.com.au/resources/>.

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