Australian Rural Leadership Foundation

Australian Rural Leadership Program

Cohort 34

Developing exceptional leaders for rural, regional, and remote Australia

Stakeholder Kit 2027



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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The ARLP is a premium leadership development experience for people who are ready to stretch themselves and contribute more strongly to rural, regional and remote Australia.

The ARLP is a 10-month developmental journey designed for established leaders who are ready to invest deeply in their leadership practice and long-term impact.

Through a blend of in-person experiences, online learning, peer connection and coaching, participants build their leadership practice over a 5-stage developmental journey which draws on the **Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's 6A's of Leadership:** ***authenticity, awareness, adaptation, affiliation, advocacy and action***.

These practices support participants to lead with purpose, integrity and care.



In-person experiential learning

Three in-person experiential event activities at key stages of participant development.

Online masterclasses

Supported by online masterclasses to build knowledge and skills.

Coaching

With coaching to support reflection, growth and application.

Participants explore:

1. Self-awareness and personal leadership practice
2. Adaptive leadership in changing environments
3. Communication, influence and advocacy
4. Collaboration across sectors and cultures
5. Systems thinking and practical problem solving
6. Courage, resilience and action
7. Connection to place, Country and community.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

WHO

Established leaders from rural, regional and remote Australia who are ready to:

- take on complex challenges
- extend their leadership practice
- influence change beyond their immediate role
- learn through challenge, reflection and feedback
- contribute to a diverse and generous cohort

Applicants should bring established leadership experience, a strong connection to rural, regional or remote Australia, and a clear sense of the contribution they want to make.

WHEN & WHERE

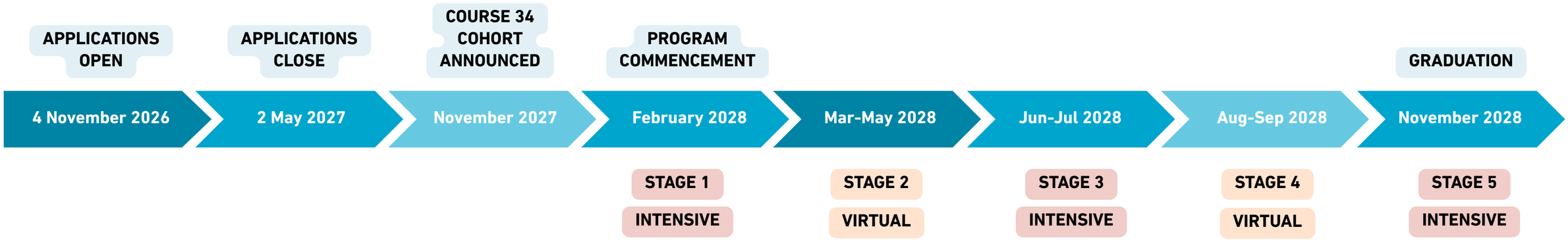
Stage 1: February 2028 (Kangaroo Valley, NSW)
Stage 2: *Virtual*
Stage 3: June 2028 (Alice Springs and surrounds)
Stage 4: *Virtual*
Stage 5: November 2028 (Canberra, ACT)

COST

$60,500 sponsor investment per participant
$5,500 participant contribution
(all inclusive of GST)



TIMELINE FOR APPLICANTS



WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

1 Established Leaders

People with demonstrated leadership experience who are ready to stretch themselves and strengthen their leadership practice.

2 Rural Australia Champions

People with a track record of leadership, service or influence in their organisation, industry, community or region.

3 Ready for Greater Impact

People ready to navigate complexity, influence, change and contribute beyond their immediate role, organisation or community.



WHAT PARTICIPANTS TAKE AWAY

Knowing Yourself, Growing Your Impact

Participants deepen self-awareness and build their capacity to reflect, adapt and respond effectively through behavioural insight, peer coaching and the Leadership Action Cycle.

Facilitating Meaningful Conversations

Participants build practical facilitation skills to guide discussions, encourage participation, manage group dynamics and create productive learning environments.

Leading Through Complexity

Participants learn to distinguish between technical problems and adaptive challenges, exploring approaches for leading when there are no simple solutions.

Designing for Impact

Participants strengthen their leadership practice through design thinking, fresh perspectives and practical approaches to complex challenges, supported by mentoring and peer insights.

Leading for Lasting Impact

Participants explore ‘Immunity to Change’ and new possibilities for leadership, influence and contribution across rural, regional and remote Australia.

HOW STAKEHOLDERS CAN HELP

Share

Help us reach more rural leaders by:

- sharing this opportunity on social media
- including it in newsletters and email updates
- displaying program assets in community spaces
- forwarding this toolkit to your networks

Click here for ARLF Stakeholder Kits

Shoulder Tap

Many great leaders don't see themselves as leaders.

If someone comes to mind when you read about this program, encourage them to apply or submit a shoulder tap referral.

Click here to Shoulder Tap Someone Now

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SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT

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LinkedIn

Applications are open for the Australian Rural Leadership Program (ARLP), Australia's premier leadership development program for people committed to creating an impact in their industry or community.

Across a challenging and deeply supported 10-month journey, participants build the confidence, self-awareness, networks and practical skills to lead through complexity and create lasting impact in their industries or communities.

This is a competitive program for people with a strong track record of leadership, service or influence in their organisation, industry, community or region. Applicants do not need to hold a senior title, but they do need to show they are already contributing meaningfully and are ready to extend their leadership practice.

We aim to build a diverse group of established leaders who can learn from one another and strengthen leadership across rural, regional and remote Australia.

Applications close 2 May 2026

To apply and learn more - https://rural-leaders.org.au/australian-rural-leadership-program/

Facebook

Are you ready to stretch your leadership and contribute more to rural, regional and remote Australia?

The Australian Rural Leadership Program is Australia's premier leadership development program for people committed to creating an impact in their industry or community.

The program is for established leaders who are ready to take on complex challenges and contribute to significant impact across rural, regional and remote Australia.

Across a challenging and deeply supported 10-month journey, participants build the confidence, self-awareness, networks and practical skills to lead through complexity and create lasting impact in their industries or communities.

The program combines residential experiences, online learning, peer connection, coaching and opportunities to apply new insights in practice.

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Instagram

Ready to stretch your leadership and contribute more to rural, regional and remote Australia?

The Australian Rural Leadership Program is a challenging and deeply supported 10-month journey for established leaders.

Leadership that creates lasting impact begins with the willingness to be challenged. Through residential experiences, online learning, coaching and connection with a diverse peer group, the Australian Rural Leadership Program helps leaders deepen their practice and respond to complex issues in their industries and communities.

Are you ready for the journey?

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EMAIL / NEWSLETTER CONTENT

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Through a blend of residential experiences, online learning, coaching, peer connection and applied work, participants build their confidence, self-awareness, networks and practical skills. The program explores adaptive leadership, communication and influence, collaboration, systems thinking, resilience and connection to place, Country and community.

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A range of scholarships are available to support participants, including opportunities for people from specific industries, regions and First Nations. Applicants are automatically considered for all scholarships they are eligible for and do not need to nominate a scholarship when applying.

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If you have questions about the program, application process or promotional materials, contact: programs@rural-leaders.org.au

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