National Mentoring Initiative

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National Mentoring Initiative Stakeholder Kit

The purpose of this kit is for stakeholders to promote the recruitment of the National Mentoring Initiative. These messages are designed to help you share the National Mentoring Initiative with your networks.

Recruitment Messages for the National Mentoring Initiative

Mentoring is about growing through connection – sharing knowledge, building trust and seeing challenges through fresh eyes. The program pairs people from Australia to share experiences, perspective and knowledge in a supportive virtual environment.

The National Mentoring Initiative is a flexible, 12-month virtual program designed to build leadership through connection and learning.

The National Mentoring Initiative is part of the Future Drought Fund's Communities Program.

Who Should Apply?

Mentoring is open to individuals over the age of 18 who are connected to rural, regional or remote Australia.

Program Details and Commitment

12-month program including:

- Program commences late January 2027
- Regular mentor/mentee check ins
- Online learning sessions and guest speakers.
- All learning sessions delivered online. Mentor/mentee sessions can be done face to face, online or via phone.

When you apply for the National Mentoring Initiative, you'll complete a short online form outlining your experience, connection to rural communities, focus areas and development goals. After a brief selection interview, our team will carefully match you with someone whose strengths and interests complement your own – ensuring a meaningful and supportive mentoring partnership.

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Cost: There is no cost to participate in the National Mentoring Initiative.

Applications close: 15 November 2027

To learn more and register interest - https://rural-leaders.org.au/national-mentoring-initiative/

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLE



What could change for you in just one year?

Navigating growth, whether in your career, your community or your industry does not have to be a solo journey.

Applications are now open for the National Mentoring Initiative for mentors and mentees. Delivered by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation in partnership with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal, this program connects emerging and established leaders across rural, regional, and remote Australia.

Mentoring builds skills and confidence that last far beyond the program. By choosing your path as a mentor or a mentee, you will join a national network of people committed to growing leadership through connection.

Program commences late January 2027

What you will gain from the experience

Improved communication skills: Communication is the key to a successful mentoring relationship. It requires listening skills and the ability to give and ask for feedback.

Better self-awareness: Seeing yourself through the eyes of another person and exchanging feedback boosts your self-awareness. You'll understand more about your personality and behaviours.

Leadership skills: Challenge your understanding of what leadership is, your own leadership behaviours and get tips on how you can create change and bring others along.

More confidence: Equipped with self-awareness and communication skills, you'll be more confident about achieving your own goals and guiding others towards setting and achieving their own.

Ready to take the next step?

Don't miss out. Choose your path as a mentor or mentee today and help shape the future of leadership across regional Australia.

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What could change for you in just one year?
Mentoring builds skills and confidence that last far beyond the program.
• Develop stronger communication and feedback skills
• Boost your self-awareness and confidence
• Gain fresh perspectives on challenges and opportunities
• Build trusted connections that last beyond the program

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Mentoring is OPEN! 🎉
12 months. One trusted connection. Real-world impact. Join as a **mentor** or **mentee** and grow through connection.
📎Apply today via link in bio
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FUTURE DROUGHT FUND'S COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

NATIONAL MENTORING INITIATIVE

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL MENTORING INITIATIVE?

The National Mentoring Initiative is a flexible, 12-month virtual program designed to build leadership through connection and learning. Here's what to expect:

- **12 mentoring sessions:** Connect regularly with a matched mentor or mentee to support each other's personal and professional goals.
- **Practical learning:** Join online sessions that build your leadership, communication and resilience skills.
- **Tailored growth:** Explore your focus areas and gain fresh perspectives on the challenges and opportunities ahead.
- **Real-world impact:** Build the confidence to prepare for, adapt to and support your community – and others across rural, regional and remote Australia – in times of change.

DELIVERED IN PARTNERSHIP

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WHAT WILL YOU TAKE AWAY?

- ✔ Improved communication skills
- ✔ Better self-awareness
- ✔ Leadership skills
- ✔ More confidence

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Participation in this program is funded by the Australian Government's Future Drought Fund.

"Mentor relationships are a valuable part of not only business, but in life in general. Drought affects everyone at some point, it's up to us to be better prepared for drought when it occurs. We have the opportunity now to make positive change and support each other into the future."

Lachlan Brown | Packaderinga Feedlot, QLD

LEARN MORE

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