

## 2010 Program almost complete...

With only the final weekend retreat at Echuca to go, the 2010 LMCLP Program year is almost complete and what another amazing journey it has been for the 20 participants!

From flights across the region, a range of dynamic workshops, a briefing from the US Ambassador and other political leaders, through to a circus workshop and an introduction on the key issues facing the Loddon Murray region, each program day has provided a smorgasbord of learnings as well as the opportunity for the participants to grow their networks across the region.

The year began with the Opening Retreat Weekend at Lake Eppalock and has followed with program days at Donald, Bendigo, Boort, Cohuna, Inglewood, Dunolly, Elmore, Kerang, Swan Hill, Castlemaine and Pyramid Hill, as well as trips to Canberra and Melbourne.

All of the details will be contained in the 2010 Year Book which will be launched at the Graduation Evening to be held on Friday 12 November - see inside for more details.



Above: 2011 Participants with the US Ambassador at the Embassy in Canberra in June.

## 2011 LMCLP Applications now open

With the 2010 program year drawing to a close, the recruitment program for our 2011 program has begun and we need your help.

As LMCLP graduates and supporters, you would be well aware of the benefits of doing this program, and the opportunities it presents.

Each year, the majority of our new program participants are the result of word-of-mouth promotion via our extensive graduate and stakeholder network and we are seeking your assistance again this year to ensure we attract another amazing group of individuals to take the LMCLP journey in 2011.

All of the details about applying for the 2011 program can be found on our website - [www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au), including application forms, FAQs, a draft program for 2011, and other more general information about LMCLP.

Applications close on 31 October, so start spreading the word...

# WE WANT YOU



**Applications are now open for the 2011 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program.**

If you are committed to your community and the wider region then this program is for you.

Over a ten month period (average 2 days per month) this sponsored program valued at \$7,000 explores central & north west Victoria and includes study tours to Canberra and Melbourne.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au)  
Applications close on 31 October 2010.



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## News from the Chair...



It has been another very busy for CLLM, with our 2010 program year nearing its end, and a range of exciting new initiatives to build community leadership capacity across the region.

The participants have returned from their major field trips to Canberra and Melbourne with some great experiences, and have travelled to all parts of the region to meet local community leaders and learn more about the key issues and opportunities for the communities of central and north-west Victoria.

With only the final retreat weekend to go, the current participants' learning journey is almost complete, or should we say, just commencing! Join us for the 2010 Graduation Evening on Friday 12 November to find out more and celebrate their journey.

Our community programs have been outstanding, starting with the highly successful Next Gen Ag Roadshow in March and a Women Leading Change forum in Kerang in April. More recently a Women on Boards Regional Dinner was held in Bendigo and two Big Conversation events for Northern Irrigators have created much interest. These projects highlight the important role that CLLM continues to offer to communities and community leaders across the region.

This year has proved to be particularly challenging with our Executive Officer, Julie Slater, involved in a serious car accident in mid March. We are pleased to say that Julie's rehabilitation is progressing and she is now back on board in a part-time capacity. Our thanks go to Kerry Anderson who has made herself temporarily available to assist during Julie's absence ensuring that all our programs continue to run smoothly.

*Garry Holmes, Chairman CLLM Inc*

## Swan Hill Forums

**WOMEN ON  
BOARDS:  
WHAT YOU  
NEED TO KNOW**



**Day One - Monday 8 November 2010**

**INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP & BEING ON A BOARD:  
PERSONAL SKILLS**

**Day Two - Monday 15 November 2010**

**BEING ON A BOARD: PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

For more information, including how to register visit  
[www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au) or phone 5470 5122

## Community Leadership

LODDON MURRAY INC.

### A Unique Regional Employment Opportunity

**Are you passionate about people,  
communities and the future of  
rural & regional Victoria?**

We are seeking a motivated and innovative person to coordinate the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program (LMCLP) in 2011 and beyond.

This challenging, but very rewarding part-time role, would be perfect for someone who thrives on a challenge, is passionate and enthusiastic about people and communities, has good planning and time management skills, strong networks, and has experience in project or event management.

For more information, including a position description, visit [www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au), email [executive@lmclp.org.au](mailto:executive@lmclp.org.au) or call 5498 3270.

**Applications close on Monday 25 October 2010**

## Staffing News...

As many of you would already be aware, 2010 has been a challenging year for Community Leadership Loddon Murray with our Executive Officer, Julie Slater, involved in a serious car accident in March.

We are pleased to report that after six months off to recover, Julie is back on deck and we look forward to her involvement in the organisation once again.

Stepping in to field the void has been former Executive Officer and Program Manager Kerry Anderson who has performed admirably under pressure (as always), filling not only Julie's shoes but once again taking on the role of Program Coordinator following the resignation of Oscar Aertssen in July, and at the same time managing a range of CLLM projects including the Next Gen Ag Roadshow, Women Leading Change, The Big Conversation and Women on Boards: What you Need to Know.

So the search is now on for a Coordinator for the Loddon Murray Community Leadership in 2011 and beyond (see advertisement above). If you, or someone you know, is the right person for this position please make sure you put in an application as you all know how important is to get the right person to take the program into the future!

For more information about the role (including a position description) visit our website - [www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au), email [executive@lmclp.org.au](mailto:executive@lmclp.org.au), or give Julie a call on 5498 3270.

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# Facilitating community leadership...

In addition to the Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program, CLLM Inc. has also been involved in facilitating a number of community leadership projects this year:

## Grow Your Business Dynamics

A partnership with Leading Teams, a company specialising in the delivery of leadership and team development programs, Grow Your Business Dynamics took place between November 2009 and February 2010, with 18 participants from 14 organisations involved.

There have been some great outcomes from this project, and we are looking forward to joining forces with Leading Teams again in 2011, subject to funding availability.

## Next Gen Ag Roadshow

In March 25 young people involved in agriculture and agribusiness toured regional Victoria courtesy of CLLM graduates and the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry over three days.

A combination of site tours, speakers and workshops provided the group with a broad overview of agricultural initiatives, some new leadership skills and a valuable network. "I learnt more in three days than I have in three years of farming," wrote Toby Whitehead from Bealiba in a letter to The Weekly Times.

## Women Leading Change

Two forums, held at Lake Eppalock in September 2009 and Kerang in April 2010, engaged 50 women from agricultural industries and communities in workshops, discussion, site tours and networking, with many going on to take on leadership roles and initiate exciting new projects to build the leadership capacity of women across central and north-west Victoria.

## The Big Conversation

A successful submission to obtain a grant through State Government Drought 2009 Funding allowed CLLM to develop a new project entitled The Big Conversation.

To date, two events have been held in the Gannawarra and Campaspe shires engaging almost 80 northern irrigators in networking, speakers and site tours to help them consider a wide variety of future options. Not even a tornado encountered at Moama during a site tour could dampen the enthusiasm of the irrigators! A third and final event will take place on 13 October.

## Women on Boards: What you Need to Know

A regional dinner was held in Bendigo in August with 40 women who are currently CEO's or members of a Board of Committee. ABC Radio personality, Fiona Parker, welcomed special guest speaker, Kate Roffey from Tennis Australia. A stimulating discussion followed exploring the barriers that are preventing women from participating more fully on boards and committees.

The second part of this project is a series of four one-day forums in Bendigo this month, which is fully subscribed, and a two one-day forums at Swan Hill in November (Monday 8 and Monday 15 November). Places are still available at the Swan Hill forums, so visit our website, or contact Kerry Anderson on 5470 5122 for more information or to register.

The project will conclude with a celebration dinner at Spoons Restaurant in Swan Hill on Friday 19 November.

## 2011 and beyond

If you have any ideas of projects you think CLLM should consider facilitating in the next 12 months, please contact either Kerry Anderson (5470 5122) or Julie Slater (5498 3270) or send an email to [info@lmclp.org.au](mailto:info@lmclp.org.au).



2010 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program participants invite you to join them for their

## Graduation Evening

**Friday 12 November 2010**

Big Hill Winery, 3 Belvoir Park Road, Big Hill

6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start  
Tickets: \$35 per person

Entertainment: Preston Perche

**Our special guest speaker for the evening is:**

**Linda Beilharz**

**“From Central Victoria to the North Pole”  
Resilience, team work, sustainability & leadership**

To download a copy of the invitation and registration form, visit [www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au) and follow the links.

The 2010 LMCLP Graduation evening is proudly sponsored by



## 2010 Major Sponsors...

Like all community organisations, CLLM relies strongly on financial support from sponsors (in excess of 100), without whom the program would not be possible each year.

In particular we would like to acknowledge the support of our 2010 gold sponsors (\$5,000+):



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A full list of sponsors can be found on our website  
[www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au)

## ...NEWS IN BRIEF...

### Membership of CLLM Inc.

As an incorporated association, graduates have the opportunity to become financial members of CLLM Inc. and support the organisation in its goal to continue to develop community leaders across central and north-west Victoria. Membership is only \$11.00 per year (inc. GST), with an option to take out a 1, 2 or 5 year membership. Applications are available from our website. If you are unsure if you are currently a member, contact Julie by email to [executive@lmclp.org.au](mailto:executive@lmclp.org.au) and she will check the register.

### CLLM Website

Our website is designed to keep current participants, graduates, stakeholders, and the community up-to-date with our activities. Next time you are on the internet, visit [www.lmclp.org.au](http://www.lmclp.org.au), add us to your “favourites” and return regularly, as the website is updated after each program day.

### Update your Contact Details

The SkillsBank database is our main means of staying in touch with LMCLP graduates, so if you have recently moved, changed employment, got a new phone number, or have a different email address, please take a few minutes to update your profile.

To access the database visit our website and follow the links to the SkillsBank page. Your username is *firstname.lastname* and if you haven't accessed the database before your password will simply be *password*. Contact Julie on 5498 3270 if you have any difficulties or do not have internet access.

### LMCLP Enews

Do you currently receive a copy of LMCLP Enews, our monthly electronic bulletin? Enews provides all you need to know to keep up-to-date with CLLM activities including the current program year, graduate events and news, funding opportunities, awards and scholarships, and other happenings within the CLLM region. If you do not get Enews – but would like to, send an email to [enews@lmclp.org.au](mailto:enews@lmclp.org.au) and get your name added to our distribution list ASAP.

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