



# LEADERSHIP

Great South Coast

INNOVATIVE LOCAL LEADERS INSPIRING A  
THRIVING AND RESILIENT GREAT SOUTH COAST

LEADERSHIP GREAT SOUTH COAST PROGRAM



Leadership Great South Coast is a member of the *Victorian Regional Community Leadership Programs* which is a collective of the 10 Regional Community Leadership Programs across Victoria



**LGSC gave me the confidence and the skills to transition from employee to employer as a partner in my firm.**

**I now understand the importance and need for people to stand up as leaders in our community.**



**DAVID MAHER**  
Partner Sinclair Wilson, 2013 Alumni

# BUILD YOUR WORKFORCE GROW OUR REGION

## DO YOU WANT MORE ENGAGED, INSPIRED AND PRODUCTIVE PEOPLE AND LEADERS IN YOUR ORGANISATION?

Leadership Great South Coast (LGSC) is a year of inspirational personal and professional learning that develops aspiring leaders and challenges established leaders.

Its participants are generally considered to be among the best and brightest in their field. They are drawn from across corporate, government and

not-for-profit sectors within the Great South Coast region.

By fostering leadership in your organisation, you'll enjoy a myriad of flow-on effects.

You'll also play a vital role in helping to build the capacity of our region, generally.

Throughout this highly experiential program, your nominated employee will not only undergo a profound professional and personal development experience. They will also help to build the capacity of your business, building your professional reputation as an employer of choice.

# THE VALUE OF LEADERSHIP GREAT SOUTH COAST

## FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **LEARN** from acknowledged experts. Presenters are experts in their field and accomplished leaders in their own right.
- **DEVELOP** networks and engage with like-minded people from across the region.
- **GAIN** invaluable insights into their own values, beliefs and leadership style.
- **LEARN** how to build upon their professional strengths.
- **UNDERSTAND** how to shape the region's strategic direction.
- **JOIN** a growing alumni group to leverage their leadership into exciting new contexts.
- **BREAK OUT** of existing paradigms and grow as a person and a leader.

## FOR EMPLOYERS

- **FOSTER** a culture of leadership and innovation within your organisation.
- **ENHANCE** your profile and boost your reputation as an innovative, progressive organisation that values employees and contributes to its community.
- **BENEFIT** from your employees' expanded outlook and applied insights from other businesses and sectors.
- **GROW** your networks. Participants connect with leaders from a broad range of industries operating across the Great South Coast region, and beyond.
- **PROVIDES** opportunity for your organisation to contribute meaningfully to your community.

**I became involved in LGSC to gain new skills, grow my networks beyond my industry and to learn how to lead diverse teams. I have not been disappointed.**



**HELEN CHENOWETH** Consultant Macquarie Franklin, 2014 Alumni

# WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM INVOLVE?

HELD FROM FEBRUARY TO DECEMBER EACH YEAR, THE PROGRAM SOURCES PARTICIPANTS FROM ACROSS THE REGION'S DIVERSE BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY SECTORS. PLACES ARE LIMITED, AND A ROBUST SELECTION PROCESS ENSURES PARTICIPANTS ARE GENUINE ABOUT THEIR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY AND THAT THEY'RE DRAWN FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS.

Through a vibrant schedule of guest speakers, workshops and activities, participants learn about themselves and expand their knowledge and leadership abilities. They also work together to design and implement exciting community projects linked to the Great South Coast Strategic Plan, providing an opportunity to apply the skills they are learning in unfamiliar contexts.

By the end of the program, participants will be more self-aware, with an abundance of new skills and knowledge and exciting new networks. Combined, these help to dramatically enhance their careers, personal life and connectedness to their community.



// The LGSC program challenges your ideas, beliefs, ethics and thinking – just brilliant.



SALLY OBST Wannan Water, 2013 Alumni

## NOT JUST ANY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**LEADERSHIP GREAT SOUTH COAST LOOKS AT THE BIGGER PICTURE.**

The program offers participants valuable insights into the Great South Coast region and the issues that are important to its economy and community.

Participants explore how they fit within their organisation and the broader community, whilst examining their own skills, leadership style, strengths and passions.

*Intellectually stimulating, not academic.*

Through themed program days covering a broad range of topics and issues relating to the Great South Coast region, the program demonstrates the very best in effective communication, work ethics, lobbying, governance and situational leadership.

## WHO FUNDS IT?

The program is one of ten of its kind across Victoria, all of which are funded by the State Government with support from local government and philanthropic organisations. We also receive funding from key principle partners and program partners. There are opportunities for businesses to become involved in a sponsorship capacity.



// Being a part of the LGSC program has been an amazing experience that has changed my life.

RYAN WEISSEL Franchisee, Quest Portland, 2012 Alumni



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FACILITATOR



**WARNING. THIS IS NOT A 'STANDARD LEADERSHIP PROGRAM' AND YOUR PEOPLE WILL NOT BECOME 'STANDARD LEADERS'!**

### WHAT OUR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS IN:

- Leaders being regularly taken outside their comfort zone and into a learning zone to apply new leadership concepts in unfamiliar contexts.
- Local emerging leaders challenging and learning from local politicians and business leaders.
- Participants collaborating to design projects that will bring a diverse group of community stakeholders along for the ride.
- Exposure to the inner workings, challenges and triumphs of key strategic stakeholders in the region.
- The development of strong cross-sectorial networks, melded by a year's worth of shared experiences, and maintained by a vibrant Alumni community.

*This is not a standard leadership program. It's a community leadership experience and it's available to those who are ready to rise to the challenge.*

**CORRINNE ARMOUR** Leadership Great South Coast Facilitator

// There are few personal or professional development programs out there that offer the opportunities, connections, personal growth and challenges that LGSC does.

It will change you.



**JACOB TAYLOR**  
Finance Manager, South West TAFE,  
2014 Alumni



## WHAT'S THE FINANCIAL INVESTMENT?

### LEADERSHIP GREAT SOUTH COAST OPERATES ON THE GENEROSITY OF PROGRAM PARTNERS AND GOVERNMENT.

With the exception of scholarship recipients, we ask each participant to pay a fee of \$3300 + GST. Employers may cover this investment in full or in part.

In return, program participants undertake a unique learning journey valued in excess of \$8000.

We do not believe that financial hardship should prevent any person from applying to the program. Fees can be negotiated and paid over a period of time. Information and assistance is available for scholarship applications and sponsorship.

## HOW TO APPLY

**FIRST ROUND** Applications should be submitted via email to [info@leadershipgreatsouthcoast.org.au](mailto:info@leadershipgreatsouthcoast.org.au) by COB **25 September** each year.

Scholarship applicants are strongly advised to submit applications in the First Round

**SECOND ROUND** Applications should be submitted via email to [info@leadershipgreatsouthcoast.org.au](mailto:info@leadershipgreatsouthcoast.org.au) by COB **11 October** each year.

Visit [www.leadershipgreatsouthcoast.com.au/application](http://www.leadershipgreatsouthcoast.com.au/application) to download an application form.

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