2025 Fischer Community Leadership

Program: Howlong

**Program Information:**

The Fischer Community Leadership Program will be delivered in Howlong in early 2025.

Participants will dive deep in leadership fundamentals, connecting with local leaders and guest speakers, with a focus on building and strengthening core leadership skills. A key component of the program will involve project management, with participants undertaking the scoping and planning of small community-led projects.

**Dates:**

* **Workshops (Full Days):** Friday 21 February and Saturday 1 March 2025 (Howlong)
* **Online Zoom Sessions:** 7pm – Wednesday 12 March and Wednesday 26 March 2025
* **Presentations & Celebration:** Wednesday 2 April (5pm – 7pm, Howlong)

**Key areas of learning will include:**

* Understanding of personal leadership styles, strengths, and challenges.
* Learnings from established community leaders.
* Understanding of the three levels of government.
* The importance of inclusion and diversity.
* How to run an effective committee and effective meetings.
* How to write a successful grant application.
* How to use social media effectively for your community group.
* The fundamentals of a community project.

**You should apply if you are:**

* Are motivated to participate and engage in community life
* Have a desire to use your skills to make a difference and enhance your community
* Emerging and current community leaders, this could include:
  + Captains, coaches and other sporting leaders,
  + Local committee leaders
  + Emergency services volunteers
* Can commit to attending all the workshops
* Demonstrated connection to the LGA of delivery location (either live, work or belong to community organisations in the Council)
* Ability to attend both full day sessions
* Aged 18+

**Time Commitment:**

* 2 x 7 Hour Workshop Days (In Person)
* 2 x Evening Zoom Sessions (Online)
* 1x Evening Celebration & Presentation Session (In Person)

**Participant Contribution:** $60 (flexible payment arrangements available – please enquire with Program Coordinator)

**About the Fischer Community Leadership Program**

The Fisher Community Leadership Program is an initiative that enables and empowers leadership within the community from the grassroots up. The focus of the program is to develop leadership skills and create a group of community leaders that are equipped to take action and make a difference.

The program is aptly named in honour of Tim Fischer, former Australian politician and diplomat who served as leader of the National Party from 1990 to 1999 and who called Lockhart home. On the back of the successful pilot program delivered in 2021 across Henty and Holbrook, funding was secured for the program to be delivered in 2023 and 2024 from the New South Wales Government Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 5.

A graduate of the program has said of their experience, “This Program was amazing and taught me so much. I especially loved how much I learnt about myself and understood how I work best with others. It’s made me even more community minded and less intimidated by getting involved.”

The program is an initiative of Fischer Community Leadership in partnership with Federation and Greater Hume Councils, auspice by the Border Trust and delivered by Alpine Valleys Community Leadership.

**How to apply:** Visit [www.fischerleadership.com.au](http://www.fischerleadership.com.au) / complete this application form.

**Contact:**   
For all enquiries and questions, please contact Mary Hoodless, Program Coordinator

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Program: Federation & Greater Hume  
Application Form

**Personal Information**

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| Name: | Preferred Name: |
| Year of Birth: | Preferred Pronoun\*: |
| Home Address: | Home Ph: |
| City: Postcode: | Mobile: |
| Mailing Address: | Email: |
| City: Postcode: |  |
| Tell us about your connection to the location?  Are you a resident, member of community group or groups in the LGA, have a business in the LGA | |
| Spoken Languages: | |
| Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? | |
| Do you identify as a person with a disability? | |
| Do you identify as a recent migrant? | |
| \* Gender pronouns are the terms people choose to refer to themselves that reflect their gender identity. These might be he/him, she/her or gender-neutral pronouns such as they/them. | |

1. What has motivated you to apply and what do you hope to gain from the program?
2. Please let us know the community/sporting/social networks you are currently involved with.
3. How did you hear about the program?

**Applicant Information**

* Do you have any medical conditions, concerns and/or needs (accessibility etc)?
* Do you have any dietary requirements – if yes, please specify:

**Applicant Commitment**

* I understand the time commitment of the program.
* If selected, I will attend all program sessions (please speak with Mary if unable to attend all days.)
* I will come with a respect for all my fellow participants and contribute to making a safe and inclusive learning environment.
* I give permission to be photographed and for photos to be used for media and promotional activities, including but not limited to by Fischer Community Leadership, AVCL and Border Trust.

**Applicant signature**: **Date:**   
  
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Applications close: **Friday 7th February 2025**

Please submit your application to Mary Hoodless, Program Coordinator   
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