



NORTHERN MALLEE LEADERS

*Developing leaders for vibrant & sustainable communities across the Sunraysia region
- Mildura, Wentworth, Robinvale, Ouyen & the Mallee Track -*

2017 APPLICATION FORM

Please complete each section in full, printing clearly.

Applications must be signed by yourself, your partner, and your employer (where applicable)

Given Name:	Preferred name:		
Surname:			
Country Born:	<input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous / Torres Isl		
Date of Birth:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Phone:	(home)	(work)	
Mobile Phone:			
Email Address:			
Postal Address:			
Home Address:			
Work Address:			
The Shire in which you are based:			
Applicable Sector:	<input type="checkbox"/> Primary Producer	<input type="checkbox"/> Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Community
Partner's name (if applicable)			
Have you applied to this Program before or a similar program?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES If yes please list program applied for previously <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

BACKGROUND & EXPERIENCES

Present Employer/ Organisation:	
Job Title:	
Briefly describe your role and major responsibilities:	
Please list some of your major life experiences.	
Please list some of your future personal goals. These may be working roles or interesting personal experiences or planned activities.	
What do you hope to gain for yourself from participating in the Northern Mallee Leaders Program?	
How do you expect your community will benefit from your involvement in the Northern Mallee Leaders Program?	

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE NORTHERN MALLEE REGION?

The NMLP aims to develop a network of community leaders across the region to enhance decision making and leadership skills, by sharing experiences and working together.

<p>When you think about your community and the Northern Mallee Region what is your fondest aspiration or greatest hope?</p>	
<p>When you think about your community and the Northern Mallee Region what issue concerns you the most?</p>	

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YOUR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

<p>Do you contribute to any community organisations? If so, what are they?</p>	
<p>Are there any you would like to contribute to?</p>	
<p>Another aspect of the NMLP involves participants “Leading Change” through undertaking community leadership projects during the year. NMLP aims to “fast track” these projects by providing participants with opportunities to gather relevant skills, networks, information & resources.</p>	
<p>Do you have any ideas or thoughts on community projects that you might like to develop as part of your involvement in Northern Mallee Leaders?</p>	

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2017 PROGRAM CALENDAR

The draft Program dates and themes for 2017 are as follows:

Date	Theme	Timing	Location
Thursday February 9	2017 Program Launch	Afternoon/Evening	Mildura
*Friday February 17 (evening), Saturday 18 & Sunday 19	Opening Retreat Weekend	2 Days/2 Nights	Lake Cullulleraine
Wednesday March 1	Community Development	1 Day/Evening	Red Cliffs
Tuesday March 21	Arts and Culture	1 Day/1Dinner	Mildura
Wednesday April 26	Media/Communication	1 Day	Mildura
Wednesday May 17	Regional Economy and Tourism	1 Day	Wentworth
Wednesday May 24	Vision of the Region Dinner	Dinner	Mildura
*Sunday June 18– Wednesday June 21 **	Metropolitan Communities/State Issues/Social Justice	4 Days/3 Nights	Melbourne **
Tuesday July 18	Health and Well Being	1 Day	Mildura
Thursday July 27	Leadership Week Luncheon	Lunch Only	Mildura
Thursday August 3	Youth in our Communities/Education	1 Day/Evening	Mildura
Friday August 18	International Leadership	1 Day	Mildura
*Sunday August 27 - Thursday August 31	Understanding our Political Landscape/National Issues	5 Days/4 Nights	Canberra**
Tuesday September 12	Governance/Justice	1 Day	Merbein
Sunday October 8 & Monday October 9	Food, Water and the Environment	2 days 1 night	Robinvale
*Saturday October 21 and Sunday October 22	Final Retreat Weekend	2 Days/1 Night	Ouyen
Thursday November 9	2017 Graduation Ceremony	Evening	Mildura

Notes: Shading denotes overnight stays. * indicates compulsory activities.

** TBC subject to confirmation of parliamentary sitting days

Total of 23 program days plus Launch, Leadership Week Lunch, session with MRCC and Council meeting & Graduation.

PARTICIPATION FEE FOR 2017

NMLP is funded primarily through sponsorship (the full cost of each place in the NMLP is \$10,000). There is a **non-refundable** participant fee of:

Community Organisations and Volunteers	\$1650 (including GST)
Corporate Organisations (employer sponsored)	\$2750 (including GST)
Individual participant fee *	\$ 220 (including GST)

*Payable by those individuals who are employer sponsored or are a scholarship recipient.

This is payable on acceptance into the program and represents a small component of the overall cost (approx. 30%), demonstrating your commitment to the program.

No individual or organisation should be discouraged from applying for financial reasons.

Please discuss such issues with the Program Manager. Regular payments can be negotiated and, in some instances, sponsorship can be sought to meet this fee.

2017 SCHOLARSHIPS

Applicants **are encouraged** to seek out their own scholarships or financial support. The program will offer a select number of scholarship positions for people who will need financial assistance to meet the participation fee or are supported to ensure geographic diversity exists in the program. Please indicate if you believe you MAY be eligible for the following scholarships:



Bank Australia - Indigenous heritage



Hugh Williamson Foundation -
Arts and or Environmental Background



Wentworth Community Bank Branch of the
Bendigo Bank – Wentworth Shire Resident



Robinvale resident



Ouyen or Mallee Track resident

PARTICIPATION & COMMITMENT

Successful applicants will be required to commit themselves to full participation in the program, including:

- Attending all compulsory activities (denoted with a * on the draft program)
- Attending at least 80% of all other activities
- Completing the required evaluation after each day, and
- Completing and reporting on a community project (one that is achievable and of benefit to their community). It is desirable that this community project be completed within six months of graduation if possible

NB. Program days are conducted in a variety of places across multiple municipalities to increase awareness of the region and its resources. This can involve considerable travel and long days.

In the interest of safety, NMLP strongly encourages car-pooling with fellow participants and overnight accommodation when appropriate. Travel to and from program days and accommodation other than scheduled overnight stays will be at the participants' own expense.

If accepted into the program:

- I agree to pay \$1650 (self funded/community rate) or \$2750 (corporate/employer sponsored) as my contribution to the program. I agree to pay \$220 (participant fee if I am a scholarship recipient or funded by an employer).
- I agree to attend the compulsory program activities listed on the program calendar.
- I am committed to attending all the program activities and an absolute minimum of 80%.
- I agree to share car pooling and accommodation during the program activities.
- I agree to submit a report on my community project within six months of graduation.

The Northern Mallee Leaders Program involves a significant commitment of time and energy and will require the support of your family and employer.

Please sign this form and arrange for your partner and employer/sponsor (if applicable) to sign as a confirmation of your commitment.

I understand and agree with the goals, time commitments and fees associated with the Northern Mallee Leaders Program.

<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>(Signature)</p>	<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>(Partner's Signature)</p>	<hr style="width: 80%; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>(Employer's Signature)</p>
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If applicable please see last page for Employer agreement form

YOUR REFEREES

Please provide details of two (2) referees. If you are currently employed, include an employer as a referee. The other should be a referee who is familiar with your community leadership activities or potential:

Name/Role:	
Contact Details:	

Name/Role:	
Contact Details:	

APPLICATION PROCESS

Send this completed form to the NMLP Program Manager by Friday 30 October 2015. All applications will be acknowledged by Friday 6 November 2015.

Successful applicants from the written application will be offered an interview (likely to be in November)

**PLEASE SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE
NORTHERN MALLEE LEADERS PROGRAM TO:**

PO Box 10311, Mildura VIC 3502

Email: program@nml.org.au

For more information contact Rod Robinson on 0429 22 00 69 or email program@nml.org.au

Applicants currently employed in full, part time or casual work are strongly encouraged to negotiate an agreement with their employer to ensure that there is full understanding of the commitment required to the program and clarification of support being offered by the employer or sponsor. This private agreement should be completed and then copied for the information of both parties.

EMPLOYER / SPONSOR AGREEMENT

I have viewed the NMLP 2017 Calendar and am aware that there is a requirement to attend at least 80% of single program days and 100% of weekend retreats and field trips. Accordingly, I agree to release our employee from work commitments to attend these activities should their application be successful.

YES NO

The employee will attend the program in:

WORK TIME THEIR OWN TIME A COMBINATION

(please specify)

If successful in being accepted into the program, the employee will receive the following assistance from this business / company / organisation:

Payment of fee YES NO PART

Use of vehicle YES NO PART

Use of telephone/email when on duty team and required to assist with organising activities
 YES NO PART

Payment of accommodation when travelling long distances to the far end of the region
 YES NO PART

Access to company resources (pending negotiation) to assist with a community project
 YES NO DETAILS:

In return we expect that the employee will: (eg. make a presentation / written report / etc)

SIGNED: DATE:

NAME: POSITION:

COMPANY

EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT:

I agree to the above conditions of my being accepted into the program.

SIGNED: DATE:

NAME: POSITION: