

Munarra Leadership

About Munarra Leadership

The Munarra Leadership Program is supported by the Victorian Government and takes 15 young Aboriginal people on a leadership journey. Along the way they hear from local and national leaders, undertake leadership activities and participate in a cross-cultural leadership exchange to New Zealand.

The Munarra Leadership Program harnesses the high level of community oriented values that are traditionally demonstrated by members of Indigenous communities.



Who benefits

To build effective Indigenous leaders, it is necessary to provide skills as well as the opportunity to build credibility amongst the community. The program identifies and supports emerging leaders in Shepparton's Indigenous community. When ready, these leaders will be expected to adopt community leadership roles, thus allowing more focus on social issues in the community.

Munarra Leadership is open to people of all ages, with a focus on 18 to 30 year-olds, via merit-based applications and is seeking to support people already engaged in key areas such as community development, health, education or business administration.

Overview of objectives

Overcoming disadvantage in Indigenous communities requires an effective community governance model to allow the community's voice to be heard.

The key objective of the Munarra Leadership Program is to grow the next generation of Aboriginal community leaders by building on the intergenerational leadership legacy established by people such as Sir Doug Nichols and William Cooper.

Program options

- Community leaders – providing support for community leaders through network development and engagement through a wide range of bodies.
- Emerging leaders – delivering specific training in areas such as governance, public speaking, dispute resolution and self-awareness to emerging leaders.
- On and off-field leadership at RFNC – implementing the Melbourne Business School (MBS) Mt Eliza Executive Education leadership program, by AFL Clubs and elite sports organisations such as the Victorian Institute of Sport and the Essendon Football Club 'duty of care' approach to all players.
- International cultural leadership exchange – visiting Maori people in New Zealand to enhance existing and emerging leaders' leadership skills by sharing knowledge and experiences.

" William Cooper was a leader. He was a Yorta Yorta man, and a lifelong campaigner for Indigenous rights. He led the first Aboriginal deputation to a Prime Minister in 1938."

– Premier Brumby
December 2nd 2008

