

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## Scholarship Opportunity Created To Support Emerging Leaders From the Community Sector

RDA Illawarra is proud to announce a scholarship opportunity to assist emerging leaders from the community, not-for-profit or social enterprise sectors wishing to participate in the 2014 intake of the Leadership Illawarra Program. While the Leadership Illawarra Program is open to a wide range of participants from various sectors and organisaions, RDA Illawarra is particularly looking for applicants from the community and social enterprise sectors to take advantage of this opportunity.

"RDA Illawarra is delighted to be able to offer this unique opportunity to worthy candidates to be involved in this important regional program." Natalie Burroughs, CEO at RDA Illawarra said. "Through this scholarship, valued up to \$8,000, suitable candidates will learn from some of the key leaders and thought thinkers in the Illawarra. They will get access to selected mentors in the region and attend sessions on governance and ethics, regional challenges and community engagement to name a few."

The Leadership Illawarra Program is a two-year learning program for the region's emerging leaders. Developed by Sydney Business School, RDA Illawarra and The Illawarra Connection, the program aims to produce inspired and well-connected visionaries who will lead our region into the future.

The program demonstrates the critical role of leadership for regional advancement, driving growth, employment and community wellbeing. Participants develop a sharper awareness of key issues, opportunities and challenges impacting our region and help build trust between regional stakeholders and governments.

Intending applicants should have the support of their agency or organization for release time and possible funding contribution. Scholarship fund application forms and details can be found at <a href="https://www.rdaillawarra.com.au">www.rdaillawarra.com.au</a>. Applications close 5pm Friday, 15 August. For more information, contact David Muscio on 02 4227 4500.

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