

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Introducing the Esperance Ravensthorpe Leadership Initiative**

The 2023 Esperance Ravensthorpe Leadership Initiative (ERLI) has been developed to provide opportunity for potential leaders in the shires of Esperance and Ravensthorpe to develop their skills and gain experience in a professionally orientated setting. The Initiative has been designed to invest in the next generation of leaders by providing them with opportunities to learn and develop leadership skills that will deposit long-term flow on benefits the local region.

The ERLI will be delivered by Regional Development Australia Goldfields Esperance (RDA Goldfields Esperance) with support of program partners the Esperance Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ECCI) and South Regional TAFE. All partners recognise the value in building skills and competencies in regional areas that can reflect the unique environment of the region.

Chair of RDA Goldfields Esperance, Lee Jacobson, said the ERLI represents a positive opportunity to build capacity and skills for the next generation of regional leaders:

“We are proud to announce the next iteration of RDA Goldfields Esperance’s previous Future Leaders Program, that ran in Esperance and the surrounding region throughout 2020-21.

The new Esperance Ravensthorpe Leadership Initiative represents a more consolidated leadership program for our region, with lessons learnt from previous iterations of the program held in both Esperance and Kalgoorlie now being applied to the ERLI to offer a smoother learning and development experience for our emerging leaders within the shires of Esperance and Ravensthorpe.

We are also hoping to encourage industry to support the growth of this initiative, by participating as sponsors of the program, providing a demonstrable opportunity for local industry to actively support the emerging, future movers and shakers across our patch of the world”.

A walk-in session is being held on the 16<sup>th</sup> November at Taylor St Quarters 4.30 - 6.00pm, for any person to call in and ask questions about the program, determine their suitability to be involved and for business owners who may be interested in nominating a staff member.

Applications are now open and will close Friday, November 25.

Application package can be sourced by contacting ERLI Coordinator, Amelia Fitzgerald via email at [erli@rdage.org.au](mailto:erli@rdage.org.au) or phone 0475 853 366.

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