

## Central West Community Leadership Program 2016

A Community Leadership program will be held in Central West Qld in 2016 for people wanting to improve their leadership skills, knowledge and competence.

The program is offered by Vision 21 and consists of

- 2 x 2 1/2 day Community Leadership Workshops
- 1 day Leadership Alumni Workshop – participants of Building Rural Leaders program or any other leadership program
- 1 day Networking Workshop for participants of Community Leadership and Alumni workshop.

Vision 21 is the alumni of the Queensland Building Rural Leaders program (BRL) that ran from 1992 to 2010. Vision21 supports the development and implementation of leadership capacity to influence positive change in Queensland regional communities. More information <http://vis21.weebly.com/>

Aim of the program is to provide leadership development opportunities and to engage local leaders to develop a strategy for ensuring these opportunities are made available in the future. The program has two elements – to offer leadership development for up to 20 people who haven't attended such training before and support workshops for people who have attended leadership courses so they can refresh their knowledge and enthusiasm.

Benefits – increased network and relationship between people with leadership skills and knowledge; improved capacity of local leaders contributing to their communities, organisations and businesses; momentum for future activities that build community leadership; ongoing support for leaders.

Vision 21 has run three community leadership programs for Red Earth Community Foundation in the South Burnett in 2014 and 2015 and will use a similar model for Central West. Program presenter – Pam McAllister is the

course presenter. Pam delivered the Building Rural Leaders program and now has her own company where she offers leadership development services including facilitation, tailored courses and coaching. She will visit the region in late October to meet stakeholders and progress the planning. More information <http://mcallisterleadership.com.au/>

Program content – likely to include: understanding and managing change; leadership styles; personality - how we're different, why that's useful; team roles; self-confidence and self-esteem; communicating effectively; presenting your ideas; thinking, creativity and decision-making; goal setting; time management.