

## MEDIA RELEASE: THURSDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER, 2018

## NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR FAIRLEY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM SPONSORSHIP

Are you interested in regional issues and developing your leadership skills to be a catalyst for positive change in the local community?

Strathbogie Shire Council invites enthusiastic citizens of the Strathbogie Shire to apply to participate in the Fairley Leadership Program in 2019.

The Fairley Leadership Program is a Goulburn Murray based organisation which aims to develop leaders to explore major issues facing the region's communities and ways to implement positive change.

This decision to sponsor a member of the local community was made at the Ordinary Council Meeting in May 2018.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren is a Fairley Fellow, was the Executive Director of the program between 2013 and 2014 and Chief Executive Officer between 2015 and 2016, before becoming mayor.

"We have very strong connections with the Fairley Leadership Program, with three previous mayors who are also Fairley Fellows, including Colleen Furlanetto who was mayor in 2016 and is a powerful advocate for those living with a disability."

"Fairley is a nationally recognised qualification that builds skills and confidence and is a great way to network with other leaders in the region," Cr McClaren said.

"As a council, we saw this as a fantastic opportunity to invest in our community leaders, who will play a crucial role in building flourishing communities."

"We welcome self-nominations or nominations for individuals who you recognise as great contributors to the community, or someone you believe would greatly benefit from participating in this personal development opportunity," Mayor McClaren explained.

The program is intensive and requires attendance to fifteen seminar days, several dinners and two study tours to Canberra and Melbourne.

Applications may be obtained via the below link or from one of the following locations:

- Strathbogie Shire Council Offices, 109A Binney Street
- Nagambie Visitor Information Centre and Customer Service, 317 High Street
- Euroa Library, 62 Binney Street
- Nagambie Library, 352 High Street
- Violet Town Library, Cowslip Street

The application needs to be submitted by hand, post or email by 5pm Tuesday, 16 October, 2018:

Strathbogie Shire Council 109A Binney Street, Euroa VIC 3666, or P.O. Box 177 Euroa VIC 3666, or info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

The successful candidate will be notified by Wednesday, 24 October, and the submission will be forwarded to Fairley Leadership Program for consideration.

For more information on the Fairley Leadership Program, please visit: <a href="http://www.fairleyleadership.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FairlyLeadership">http://www.fairleyleadership.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/FairlyLeadership</a> 2019ApplicationForm.pdf

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