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The Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention 2008

Presented by the Australian Women & Leadership Forum



A national event for regional and rural women

Melbourne - 17th to 19th November, Melbourne Town Hall

The 2008 Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention is part of an important national initiative designed to support and celebrate the vital contribution of regional and rural women to Australian business, community, and family life.

During this unprecedented national event over 500 women, from an assortment of industries and sectors representative of Australia's vast network of regional and rural communities will gather together for a unique experience.

The term 'Leader' is used broadly to encompass the thousands of women who by their own words and actions are helping to lead the way in regional communities across Australia. Whether you are a business, education, community or public sector leader or even representing a group of friends or your own family The Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention is for you.

Supporting Regional Chambers of Commerce

As part of a commitment to the development of regional Australia, The Workplace Training Advisory of Australia (WTAA) recently awarded over \$90,000 in grants to subsidise the attendance of regional women at the AWLF's Executive Women's Leadership Symposiums.

In view of the success of the Symposiums and a pilot grant program (designed to provide financial support to regional women participating in the Symposiums) the WTAA has established **Access Subsidies** to assist organisations in which funding is limited to participate in the 2008 Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention.

Each regional Chamber of Commerce will be able to offer discounted convention seats to its members. Each chamber member will be able to purchase a convention ticket reduced by \$900.



A warm welcome to regional Australia

With over 40,000 members throughout regional Australia, the Australian Women & Leadership Forum (AWLF) is truly committed to supporting the development of regional women.

The 2008 Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention is a significant national program created to address the ongoing issues regional women face as leaders in all aspects of their lives.

Through its extensive work in regional communities, the AWLF has first-hand knowledge of the on-going problems caused by the worst drought on record. So many Australian people have been affected, with regional and rural families often bearing the brunt of the hardships.

As part of its genuine commitment to regional Australia, the AWLF will host the 2008 Australian Regional Women Leaders Convention in support of drought relief.

As Australian of the Year I commend the superb work done by the AWLF and I hope that you will join me in embracing the AWLF as an active champion for the women of regional Australia.



Lee Kernaghan OAM
Patron - Aussie Helpers

Drought relief dinner sponsor



Media partner



Convention sponsor



Convention Employers of Choice





Convention information

Convention Venue

The magnificent heritage listed, Melbourne Town Hall will provide a stunning setting for three unforgettable days. Located conveniently in the heart of Melbourne's CBD, the venue is steeped in history and offers a wonderful base to experience the sites and sounds of cosmopolitan Melbourne

Supporting Drought Relief

10% of all standard convention tickets will be donated to drought relief. To learn more about drought relief and Aussie Helpers visit www.aussiehelpers.org.au

As part of its ongoing commitment to regional Australia the AWLF will also be hosting a gala dinner and fundraiser in support of drought relief. The dinner will include key note addresses from inspiring regional individuals as well as an auction to raise funds for drought relief. The dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday 18th November.



Convention Dates and Schedule

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| Monday 17 th November | 6.00pm – 7.30pm | Welcome drinks |
| Tuesday 18 th November | 8.30am – 3.30pm | Sessions |
| Tuesday 18 th November | 6:30pm – 11:00pm | AWLF Drought Relief Dinner |
| Wednesday 19 th November | 9.00am – 3.30pm | Sessions |

Convention Topics

- Leading the way in regional Australia: regional women leaders
- Connecting and the community: networking and the role of the regional women's network
- Advanced Networking Skills: make the best of who you are and who you know
- Nutrition and lifestyle: spreading the word
- A balanced life: advice and ideas for dealing with pressure
- Challenging leadership: how to get through the tough times
- Understanding and facing the problems: key issues affecting regional women
- Women and leadership: the real facts and figures
- Identifying personal challenges and understanding your strengths: group consultations
- Laying the foundations: tomorrow's regional women leaders

Convention attendees will enjoy three interactive days, covering a range of powerful sessions designed to enhance their leadership capacity and address issues key to the on-going development of regional Australia. Additionally, participants from across the nation will hear from an inspiring line up of Australia's most successful and passionate regional advocates.



Convention Facilitator, Speakers and Supporters

Di Pierce,

Senior AWLF Program Convenor

Born and raised on a 700 acre sheep farm in Otangiwai, on the north island of New Zealand, Di was the eldest girl of 4 children. These humble beginnings helped to shape Di's passion and enthusiasm for life and she understands only too well the issues associated with living and working in a small rural community.

Di is now one of Australia's most respected leadership experts. She has over twenty years experience in developing people and has worked in leadership and management positions across a range of industries and sectors. Di's passion for empowering and developing others is infectious and in addition to being an expert facilitator, Di is a gifted trainer and an inspirational leader.



High profile speakers and supporters

Jeff Kennett,

Chairman of Beyondblue and Former Premier of Victoria

Gina Rinehart,

Chairman and Director of Hancock Prospecting

Pru Goward MP,

Member for Goulburn , Shadow Minister for Climate Change and Environment, Shadow Minister for Women

Virginia Haussegger,

ABC TV News Presenter, journalist, author and media commentator

Elizabeth Broderick,

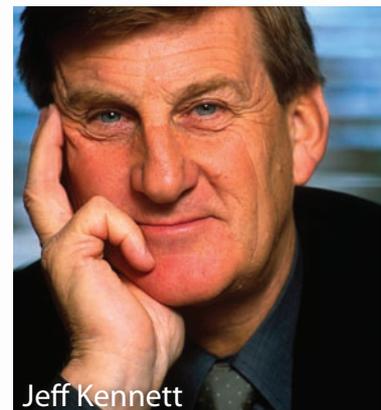
Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner and Commissioner Responsible for Age Discrimination

Prof Ken Kirkby,

Professor of Psychiatry, University of Tasmania.
President of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

Shivani Gupta,

Author and Director of Passionate People



Jeff Kennett



Virginia Haussegger



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Inspiration regional and rural speakers

Rachael Robertson,
Station Leader Australian Antarctic Division

Margot Spalding,
Winner of the 2006 Telstra Business Women's
Award and Director of Jimmy Possum Furniture

Cyndi O'Meara,
Leading author, Nutritionist and Sunshine Coast
Business Woman of the Year 2003

Cr Trudi McClure,
Councillor for the ward of Epsom for the City
of Greater Bendigo and youngest ever elected
councillor

Kellie Mills,
Managing Partner of Mills-Eaton Training

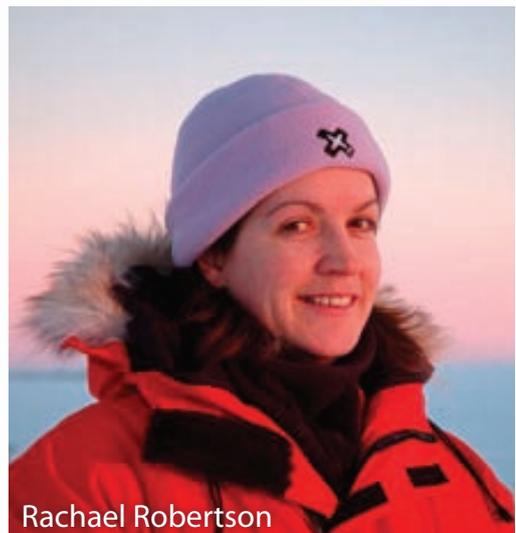
Marg Carroll,
Author, Community developer and farmer

Brian & Nerida Egan,
Founders of Aussie Helpers

Sam & Jenny Bailey,
Farmers from NSW, featured on Australian Story

Barb Grey,
Cotton Australia, Winner of the 2007 'Innovative
Cotton Grower of the Year' award

Dr Lesley Fitzpatrick,
CEO Australian Rural Leadership Foundation



Access Subsidy Registration Form



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Today's date: _____

Chamber of commerce: _____

Organisation name: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Postal address: _____

Further Information

For further information please contact the Workplace Training Advisory of Australia.

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About the Access Subsidy

In line with the Workplace Training Advisory of Australia's Community Charter, a Subsidy has been established to provide financial assistance to women from regional and rural businesses. A \$900 subsidy will apply to each applicant.

Please note that written evidence to support your eligibility for the Access Subsidy Program may be requested.

Fees GST Incl.

Standard rate \$2095 per person

Early bird rate \$1595 per person (valid until August 30th)

Fees GST Incl.

Individual Rate \$695

Number of Convention participants _____

Convention Table rate (8 participants per table) \$4950

Number of Dinner participants _____

AWLF Drought Relief Gala Dinner \$125 per person

Total registration fees due: \$ _____

Please invoice me for payment

| Credit Card | VISA, Mastercard and Bankcard only | Amount \$ |
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| Expiry | _____ | |

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| EFT* | Account Name: Workplace Training Advisory | Account Number: 1030-1805 | BSB: 063-123 |
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*Please fax remittance advice to 03 9270 9099

Return via fax or post: Fax. 03 9270 9099 Post. PO Box 4079 Melbourne University VIC 3052

Registration Fees: Registration fees include Convention materials, presentations and all catering.

Withdrawals: If you need to withdraw from the Convention you are required to give at least 6 weeks notice prior to the day of the event and a 30% withdrawal fee will apply. For withdrawals with less than 6 weeks notice, no refunds will be issued.

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