



Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership

Project 2: Emerging Leaders

The Emerging Leader program is another unique aspect of this Fellowship scheme. The Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership provides support to Emerging Leaders to focus on their personal and professional development for a period of one year.

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We identify applicants who have demonstrated that they have the potential to take a leading role. This could be in the community, health, sports, government, business, working with youth or the arts space.

The Emerging Leader Program has been designed to provide support at professional and personal levels to Emerging Leaders for a period of 12 months as they attempt to achieve tangible outcomes. Emerging Leaders will also interact with Fellows and the Fellowship Network, and be given access to broader community resources, contacts and experiences.

Past Emerging Leaders

Belinda Duarte is committed to Indigenous issues and the development of Indigenous people. She is currently the CEO of Culture is Life whose campaign is directing funds that support community driven initiatives that are successfully tackling Indigenous suicide.

Trevor Pearce has over 30 years of experience working for and within the Aboriginal community at local, state and national levels. His various roles have required a high level of responsibility for the social and cultural wellbeing of the Aboriginal community.

Lidia Thorpe is a strong advocate for improved accountability and transparency to enable Aboriginal people to have a voice. She is also dedicated to increasing the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people employed by Victorian Councils.

Ngarra Murray is Senior Program Officer at Oxfam Australia on the Straight Talk Program, Ngarra is a passionate artist and is also involved in a number of cultural heritage and art projects in her community.

Steven Delaney is responsible for a series of men's cultural community groups, which are designed for the Aboriginal community, but also welcome men from all communities and those in prison. These groups are designed to give men and boys the opportunity to learn and develop the skills needed to be positive leaders and role models at home and in the community.

Nathan Lovett-Murray is committed to raising the quality of life for Indigenous Victorians by re-establishing respect for the culture. Solid business planning principles, music, performance, networking and skills development are just some of the tools Nathan intends to use to achieve his goal.

Jody Barney is strong, resilient and determined to be a leader an advocate on Indigenous disability issues, Jody describes being Indigenous and disabled as being a "minority within a minority."

Melissa Harrison's primary focus is to raise community awareness and develop a cultural model that supports those that are providing support to someone suffering from a mental illness.

Rueben Berg studied Architecture at the University of Queensland, and in 2010 established a not-for-profit organisation called Indigenous Architecture (IAV), which was set up to encourage the Indigenous community to be more involved in architecture.

Clayton Murray-Mitchell believes that it is important to know who you are and where you came from. Clayton's focus for 2014 was on a successful major event in Echuca, which involved sport, music, dance and food, and brought the communities of Echuca, Swan Hill, Mildura and Shepparton together.

Janine Coombs has held significant leadership roles in her community in the area of native title, but she is also an active in promoting social and emotional issues.

Stephanie Armstrong is passionate about working with young women as they a key role in the community. In order to ensure that young Indigenous women have a bright future, Stephanie has been connecting with First Australia senior secondary school girls and introducing them to a range of health careers.

Rebecca Crawford has worked in the areas of land rights, education and child protection. She has been conducting research and working directly with communities to improve dental health outcomes.

Aileen Blackburn describes herself as an Aboriginal advocate for local, regional and broader rights and affairs. She has always been involved in cultural heritage, land management and community development across health, family violence responses, education to housing and has established a number of community based organisations. Located in Cann River she is documenting the Aboriginal legal history of the area.

Terori Hareko-Samios is a Team Leader of the A&TSI Health Program at cohealth and is also passionate about her role working with women who have Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS).

AJ Williams-Tchen is a mental health accredited Social Worker who has been working at providing awareness of mental illness within the Aboriginal community.

Grant per Emerging Leader per annum: \$30,000.00

2 Emerging Leaders per annum: \$60,000.00

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