

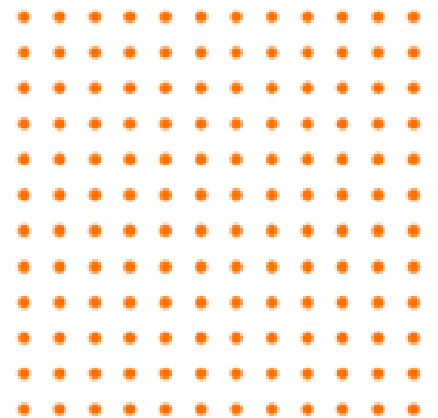


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LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE

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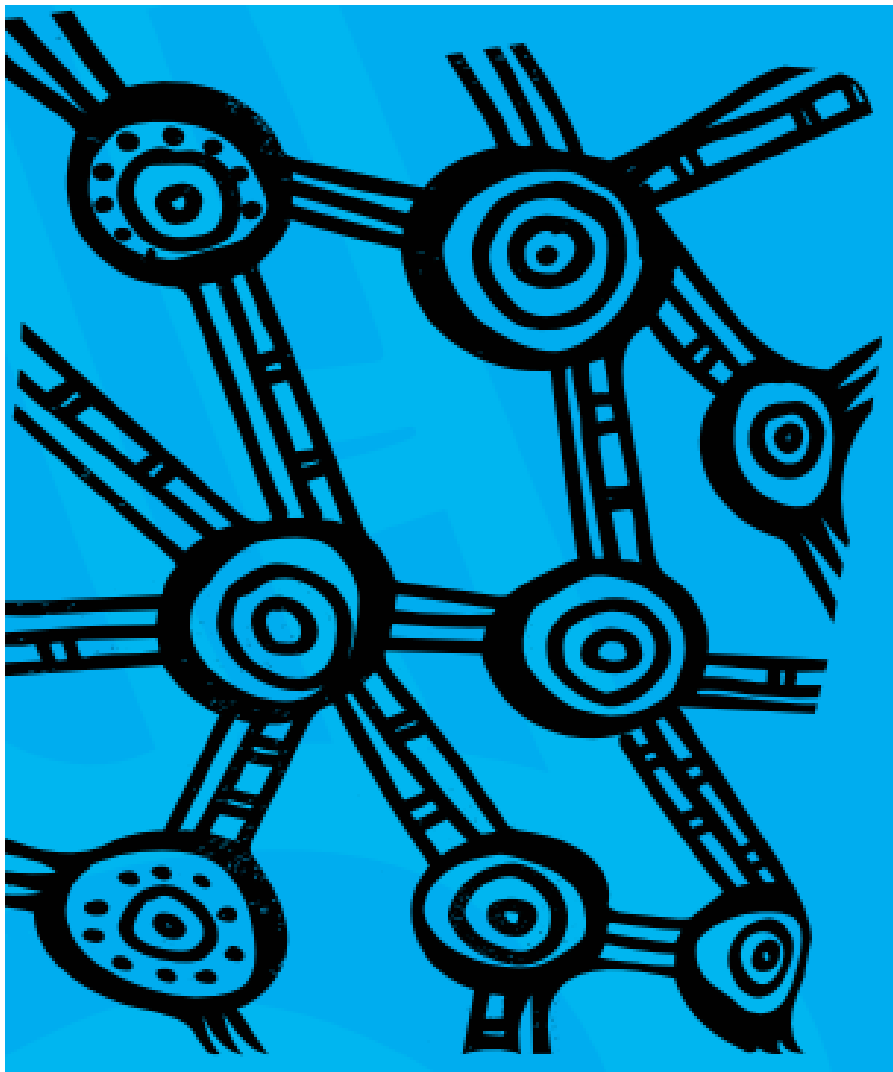


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Leadership Victoria acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we gather and connect. We pay our respects to the leadership, storytelling, and teaching of First Nations peoples, and to their Elders past and present.

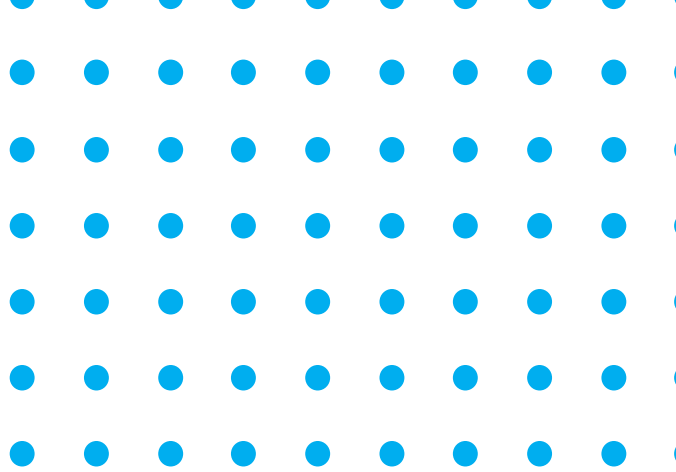
Leadership Victoria accepts the invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart to walk together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

This land always was and always will be Aboriginal land.



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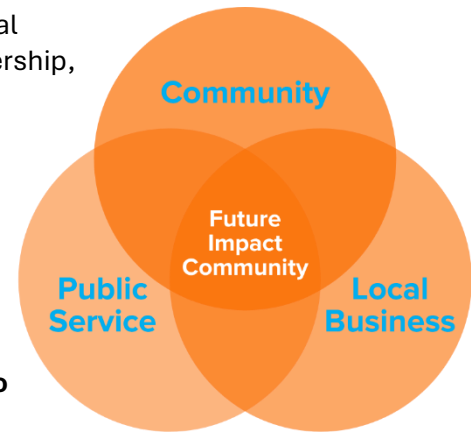
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1. What is the Future Impact Community Leadership Program?

The **Future Impact Community (FIC)** leadership program brings together local leaders from business, community, and government to strengthen their leadership, connect them across sectors, and deepen their impact.

In this transformative, five-day experience delivered by **Leadership Victoria**, you'll build meaningful relationships, grow your leadership capabilities, and gain the tools to lead through complexity alongside others who share your commitment to community.

Whether you're tackling tough challenges, seeking new ways to collaborate, or wanting to grow as a leader, **FIC equips you to lead change - now and into the future.**



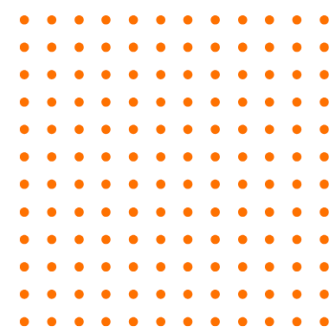
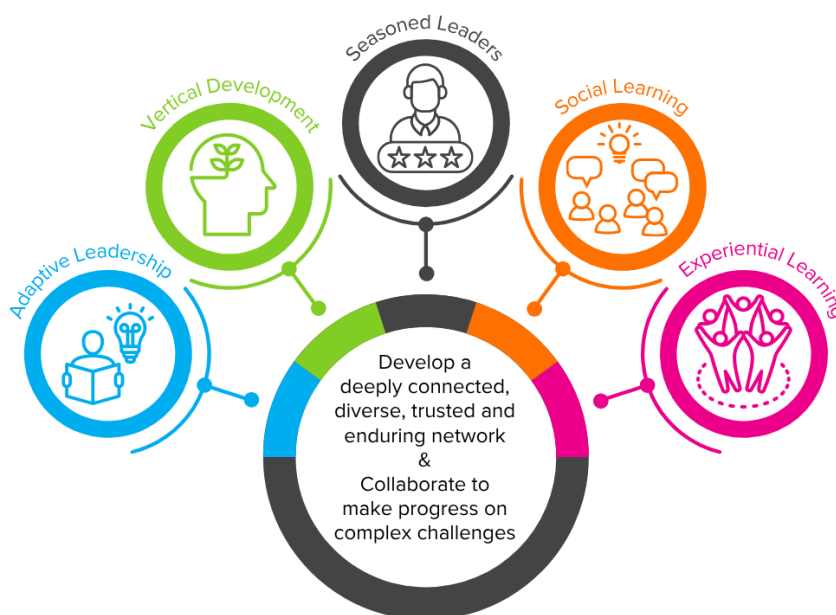
What you'll gain:

- **A powerful network** of local leaders across sectors, backgrounds, and locations to collaborate with and grow alongside long after the program ends
- **Practical leadership tools and strategies** you can apply immediately to your work and community
- **Foundational understanding of Adaptive Leadership**, a proven framework to help you navigate change and mobilise others
- **Real-world experience and feedback**, working on a community-based challenge that matters to you
- **Inspiring leadership case studies and deep conversations** with experienced leaders who've led through complexity and who are open to your questions

This program will challenge, stretch, and support you as you grow into the leader your community needs - for today and tomorrow.

2. Learning Framework & Program outline

Drawing on Leadership Victoria's 35-year experience developing purpose-driven leaders, participants will engage via the following learning framework:

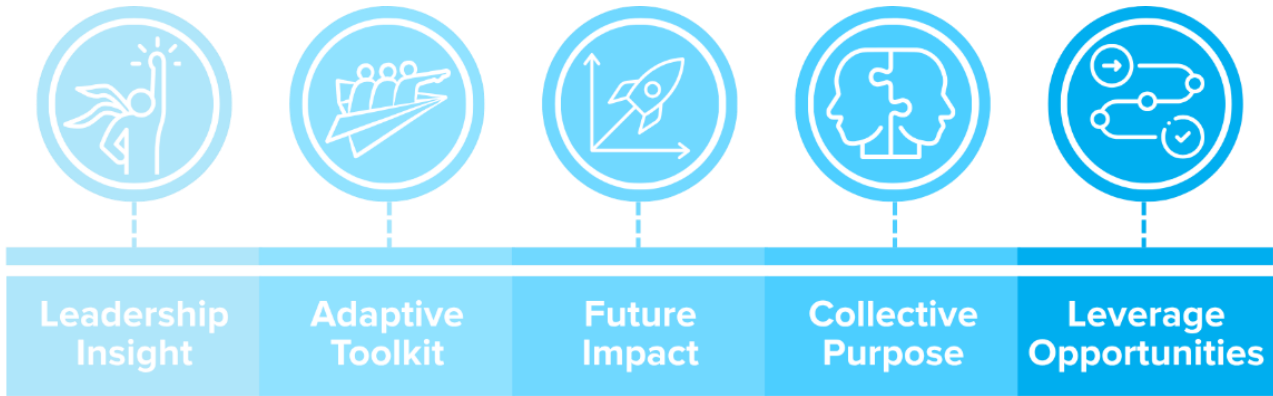


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Learning Framework

Future Impact Community Leadership Program

Program Outline



- Day 1 – Leadership Insight**
 Start by getting to know yourself as a leader. You’ll explore your strengths, values, and what matters most to you, in a safe and supportive group environment. By the end of the day, you’ll have the beginnings of your own leadership story and a clear sense of the leader you want to become.
- Day 2 – Adaptive Toolkit**
 Learn practical tools and frameworks for leading through uncertainty and change. You’ll work on real examples and explore different ways to approach challenges, while gaining confidence in handling complexity. You’ll leave with your own “adaptive challenge” to work on during the program.
- Day 3 – Future Impact**
 Dive into how to create lasting change through collective action. Working in small groups, you’ll explore how to engage people, bring diverse voices to the table, and design a project that matters to your community. You’ll leave with the first outline of your own Impact Project.
- Day 4 – Collective Purpose**
 Discover how to share your skills, experience, and ideas in ways that inspire others to connect with you. You’ll create your own elevator pitch, learn how to grow a purposeful network, and understand how to build relationships that open doors and create impact.
- Day 5 – Leverage Opportunities**
 Put everything together as you pitch your community impact project. You’ll develop your skills in public speaking, storytelling, and persuasion, while getting high-quality feedback from guest experts. This is a day to celebrate your progress, share your vision, and commit to what comes next.
- Post-Program Webinar – Keep the Momentum**
 Reconnect with your group, share updates, and get fresh inspiration from a guest speaker on sustaining momentum in your leadership journey. This online session helps you stay connected, supported, and focused on turning your ideas into reality.

3. Who can apply for the program?

Applicants must be emerging or established leaders who:

- Live and/or work in the City of Greater Dandenong or City of Casey local government areas (LGAs)
- Work in the business, government or community sectors
- Want to strengthen their leadership capabilities
- Want to be part of a new, purpose-driven peer group
- Are currently, or are interested in, being part of driving a community impact project
- Have 1+ years of experience in leadership or management (including in community, sport or volunteer roles)
- Able to confirm their availability for the duration of the program.

Leadership Victoria welcomes and encourages applications from leaders of all abilities, sexualities, cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and ages.

4. Who can't apply?

The following individuals cannot apply for the Program:

- Any person residing or working outside of the City of Casey and City of Greater Dandenong Local Government Areas

5. What will be funded?

All five (5) in-person FIC program days, inclusive of all program materials, access to an online Learning Management System and catering (morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea) on each program day.

Series 2 of the program will be hosted in the City of Greater Dandenong Local Government Area at venues to be advised. This program has been generously funded as part of the 'Citizen Leadership for Resilient Victorian Communities' project by the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust.

6. How will my application be assessed?

Applications will be assessed focusing on your leadership experience to date, your current role, any involvement you have had in community, and the contribution you can make to the diversity of the cohort.

- You must also confirm your availability for the duration of the Program in the application form (please see '**Key Dates**' at Item 10 in this document)
- At least 1 referee, who may be contacted during review of your application and/or during the interview process

7. What is the application and notification process?

Applications are submitted online using the online application form. Applications will open at **12:00 PM on Wednesday 29 April 2026.**

To apply, go to the [Application Form](#) (or cut and paste the following url into a web browser: <https://forms.gle/7QNPEwQ2yLqrN3CP9>)

Make sure your application is submitted by **11:59 PM on Sunday 17 May 2026.**

Note: If you are unable to submit your application online for any reason, or you require assistance with your application, please contact the Leadership Victoria FIC Program Coordinator by email: programs@leadershipvictoria.org.

All applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of your application after the assessment process is completed.

8. Privacy

Any personal information about you or a third party in your application will be collected by Leadership Victoria for the purposes of administering your application and informing the City of Casey and the City of Greater Dandenong of successful applications.

Any personal information about you or a third party in your correspondence will be collected, held, managed, used, disclosed or transferred in accordance with the provisions of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* and other applicable laws.

Personal information may also be disclosed to external experts, such as members of assessment panels, for purposes of reporting, advice, comment or for discussions regarding alternative or collaborative grant funding opportunities.

If you intend to include personal information about third parties in your application, please ensure that they are aware of the contents of this privacy statement.

Leadership Victoria is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information. You can find the Leadership Victoria Privacy Policy online at <https://www.leadershipvictoria.org/privacy-policy/>.

9. Additional information

Questions or queries? Please contact: Poppy Cluett - Senior Programs & Events Coordinator, Leadership Victoria, programs@leadershipvictoria.org

10. Key dates for the Future Impact Community Leadership Program Series 2

Applications open	29 April 2026 12:00pm
Applications close	17 May 2026 11:59pm
Interview Period	18 May – 29 May 2026
All applicants notified of application outcome by email	3 June 2026
Online orientation and onboarding session for successful applicants	10 June 2026 4:30pm
Program Days 1-2 2 days in person	17 & 18 June 2026 8:45am arrival In session 9:00am-4:30pm each day
Program Day 3 1 day in person	25 June 2026 8:45am arrival In session 9:00am-4:30pm each day
Program Day 4-5 2 days in person	13 & 14 July 2026 8:45am arrival In session 9:00am-4:30pm each day
Online Closing Session	6 August 2026 4:30pm

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