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Wimmera leaders graduate

LEADERSHIP Wimmera's 2021 programs have come to a close.

The 29 participants of Leadership Wimmera's Business Leaders and Regional Skills programs celebrated 10 months of growth, change, challenges and enlightenment as they graduated from the programs on Friday, November 5.

Participants' end-of-year presentations reflected on the personal and professional impacts of the program learning – and their future aspirations for leadership.

Leadership Wimmera committee chairman Josh Koenig is a graduate of the 2016 Business Leaders program and his workplace, Uniting Wimmera, is a long-time program supporter.

"Learning and leading over the past two years, during these unprecedented times, is something none of us predicted," Mr Koenig said.

"Our graduates have adapted and overcome another challenging year. Out of life's challenges comes life's opportunities and all our graduates seized opportunities and made the most of the year.

"Graduation day is a highlight of the year – for graduates, and for all those who support them – in celebrating achievements of the people, the program and beyond.

"It's also an opportunity, as supporters and past participants, to reflect on our own leadership journeys and remind ourselves of our own learning and opportunities to be the best leaders we can be."

Leadership Wimmera's long-running community leadership development programs aim to provide inspiring leadership learning opportunities to nurture emerging leaders and motivate existing leaders in the Wimmera Southern Mallee; and enhance, develop and promote leadership in the region.

Programs contribute to regional development by providing opportunities to grow the skills of people keen to make a difference; and help to sustain and grow businesses and communities by developing the leadership skills of people in the region.

Leadership Wimmera is auspiced by Wimmera Development Association and began in 2002. It has supported the development of more than 600 emerging leaders in the Wimmera Southern Mallee.

Applications for 2022 programs are now open.

Leadership Wimmera receives significant financial support from the Victorian Government, through Regional Development Victoria; and recognises the long-running support of local philanthropic and other supporters and sponsors.

It is one of nine community leadership programs across regional Victoria.

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Interviews are available with graduates on request.