

# Future Queensland

## *RURAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM*



A 12 week program for community leaders across rural, regional and remote Queensland wanting to help shape the state's future energy mix.

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A transition in Australia's energy mix is underway, with more than 40 per cent of our energy already coming from renewable sources. Queensland is leading in rooftop solar uptake, with panels installed on over one million homes. The state is also seeing new jobs and economic activity as large-scale renewable projects progress.

This shift brings challenges, particularly for regional and rural communities who want greater clarity about how these changes will affect them and future generations. At the same time, scientists warn that Queensland is likely to face more frequent and severe extreme weather events, placing pressure on community resources and driving up the costs of repairing essential infrastructure.

Energy policy certainty and responsibly rolling out renewables are key policy priorities for RRR Women, formed with our member insight and feedback. Supporting our members to lead on this issue allows us to properly advocate for improved policy settings for Queensland communities.

Now is the time to increase our knowledge, build resilience, and collaborate. Now is the time for leadership from our communities so we can avoid what we can't manage and can manage what we can't avoid. And, in the best case, recognise and seize the opportunities that solutions like renewable energy bring.





The shift to renewable energy is already shaping Queensland. This can happen with us, or to us. The choice is ours. I believe organisations like ours should play an active part in that conversation – ensuring our communities' voices are heard and needs are met.

Only by having a seat at the table can we ensure that we benefit from the ongoing rollout of renewable energy across Queensland, take advantage of the opportunities it brings, and address the challenges together"

– EMMA CLARKE  
RRR Women President

RRR Women invites you to apply for it's 2026 leadership program, designed to help build the capacity and influence of women across rural, regional and remote Queensland on who are wanting to shape the state's future energy mix. Off the back of the highly successful inaugural program in 2025, we are committed to supporting rural, regional and remote Queensland women to lead on this important issue at the local, regional, state and federal level in 2026 and for the future.

Through a mix of in-person retreats, site visits, research and thought leadership, professional development and online workshops, participants of 'Future Queensland: Rural Women's Leadership Program' will learn from experts in leadership, climate science, energy, community engagement and advocacy. This immersive program will deepen your understanding and equip you with the tools to unite communities and harness the opportunities renewable energy can offer.

Applications to the 2026 program are now open and close at midnight on 7th January 2026.

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply, please complete our online application form which can be accessed at [this link](#) or by scanning the QR code.

**Applications close midnight Wednesday 7th of January.** Successful applicants will be notified by the end of January.

Costs of the program are covered by RRR Women.

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**QUESTIONS?** Contact us at [eso@qrrrwn.org.au](mailto:eso@qrrrwn.org.au).



## THIS PROGRAM IS FOR YOU IF:

- ✱ You're eager to learn and step outside your comfort zone
- ✱ You're curious about renewable energy and want learn more about it
- ✱ You want to understand more about climate change, and what the impacts and solutions look like for Queensland
- ✱ You believe that communities know what works best for them, and want to play an active role in supporting your community to shape its future for the better
- ✱ You want to connect with like-minded women from across rural, regional and remote Queensland
- ✱ You're interested in developing your communication and advocacy skills



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ✱ You are a current financial RRR Women member, or will sign up to become one.
- ✱ You live and/or work in a Queensland Regional Energy Hub or another region with a high density of renewable energy planned or in use.
- ✱ You are available to attend all program sessions in person and online
- ✱ You commit to attending local meet-ups with fellow participants and contributing to 2 groupwork tasks







## **THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO:**



**LEARN** from the best experts and thought leaders

**DEVELOP** adaptive leadership skills

**GROW** your networks and form new friendships

**HEAR FIRSTHAND** from community leaders, host-landholders, and councillors about their experiences with renewable energy

**BE INSPIRED** by a visit to a large-scale renewable energy project

**SHAPE THE FUTURE** of your community, region and local economy

**CONTRIBUTE TO** research and thought leadership materials

**PARTICIPATE IN** advocacy and government engagement

**RRR Women is again partnering with** ELA in 2026 to deliver this program. Founded in 2019, ELA is a non-partisan, not for profit set up in partnership with the Myer Foundation that champions community leadership on climate change.







## PROGRAM STRUCTURE AND DATES

The 12 week long leadership program will encompass a three day opening retreat, six online workshops and a two day in-person closing retreat. In addition to this, participants will be expected to attend local meet-ups with fellow participants and contribute to two groupwork tasks. Please find the specific schedule below.

SESSION	LENGTH	WHERE	DATES
Opening Retreat	3 days, 2 nights	Rockhampton	Tuesday 3rd March - Thursday 5th March
Workshop #1	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 11th March, 5:30-7:30pm
Workshop #2	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 25th March, 5:30-7:30pm
Workshop #3	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 8th April, 5:30-7:30pm
Workshop #4	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 22nd April, 5:30-7:30pm
Workshop #5	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 6th May, 5:30-7:30pm
Workshop #6	2 hours	Online via Zoom	Wednesday 20th May, 5:30-7:30pm
Closing Retreat	2 days, 1 night	Brisbane	TBC*: Week of 25 <sup>th</sup> May.

**\*Note:** The specific dates will be confirmed in February with successful applicants.

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