

2018 PROGRAM CALENDAR

**Indicative** Program dates and themes for 2018 are as follows (subject to change):

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| **Date** | **Theme** | **Timing** | **Location** |
| **\*Thursday February 8** | **2018 Program Launch** | **Afternoon/Evening** | **Mildura** |
| **\*Friday February 23 (evening), Saturday 24 & Sunday 25** | **Opening Retreat Weekend** | **2 Days/2 Nights** | **Lake Cullulleraine** |
| **Wednesday March 7** | **Community Development** | **1 Day/Evening** | **Red Cliffs** |
| **Tuesday March 20** | **Arts and Culture** | **1 Day/1 Dinner** | **Mildura** |
| **Wednesday April 18** | **Media/Communication** | **1 Day** | **Mildura** |
| **Tuesday May 1** | **Regional Economy and Tourism** | **1 Day** | **Wentworth** |
| **Wednesday May 23** | **Vision of the Region Dinner** | **Dinner** | **Mildura** |
| **\*Sunday June 17–Wednesday June 20 \*\*** | **Metropolitan Communities/State Issues/Social Justice** | **4 Days/3 Nights** | **Melbourne \*\*** |
| **Tuesday July 17** | **Health and Well Being** | **1 Day** | **Mildura** |
| **Thursday July 26** | **Business Network Event** | **Key Event** | **Mildura** |
| **Thursday August 2** | **Youth in our Communities/Education** | **1 Day/Evening** | **Mildura** |
| **\*Sunday August 19 – Thursday August 23 \*\*** | **Understanding our Political Landscape/National Issues** | **5 Days/4 Nights** | **Canberra\*\*** |
| **Thursday August 30** | **Governance/Justice** | **1 Day** | **Merbein** |
| **Thursday September 20** | **International Leadership** | **1 Day** | **Mildura** |
| **Sunday October 7 & Monday October 8** | **Food, Water and the Environment** | **2 days/1 night** | **Robinvale** |
| **\*Saturday October 20 and Sunday October 21** | **Final Retreat Weekend** | **2 Days/1 Night** | **Ouyen** |
| **\*Thursday November 8** | **2018 Graduation Ceremony** | **Evening** | **Mildura** |

**Notes: Shading denotes overnight stays. \* indicates compulsory activities.   
\*\* TBC subject to confirmation of parliamentary sitting days**

**OPTIONAL – VRCLP COMBINED PROGRAM DAY (Melbourne) – Tuesday 18th September - tbc**

**Total of 23 program days** plus Launch, three key events, a session with Mildura Rural City Council and Council meeting and VRCLP Combined Program Day (optional).