

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2019



Date	Timing	Theme	Location
Thursday 7th February	Half-Day/Evening	2019 Program Launch	Mildura
Friday 15th February (evening) - Sunday 17th February	2 Days/2 Nights	Opening Retreat Weekend	Lake Cullulleraine
Thursday 7th March	1 Day	Understanding the Northern Mallee	Mildura
Wednesday 27th March	1 Day	Community Development & Advocacy	Red Cliffs
Thursday 11th April	1 Day & Dinner	Arts & Culture	Mildura
Tuesday 16th April	1 Half-Day	Community Project Planning	Mildura
Thursday 2nd May	1 Day	Media & Communication	Mildura
Tuesday 21st May	1 Day	Regional Economy, Tourism & Innovation	Merbein
Thursday 23rd May	Dinner	Vision of the Region Dinner	
Thursday 6th June	1 Day	Governance & Justice	Mildura
Sunday 16th June - Wednesday 19th June	4 Days/3 Nights	Melbourne Study Trip	Melbourne
Thursday 11th July	1 Day	Health & Wellbeing	Mildura
Wednesday 24th July	1 Half-Day	MRCC Session & Council Meeting	Mildura
Thursday 1st August	1 Half-Day	Business Networking Event	Mildura
Tuesday 20th August	1 Day	Youth & Education	Mildura
Sunday 8th September - Thursday 12th September	5 Days/4 Nights	Canberra Study Trip	Canberra
Sunday 13th October - Monday 14th October	2 Days/1 Night	Food, Water & Environment	Robinvale
Saturday 26th October - Sunday 27th October	2 Days/1 Night	Closing Retreat Weekend	Ouyen
Friday 15th November	Evening	2019 Graduation Ceremony	Mildura

There are a total of 25 Program Days (made up of 23 full days and 4 half day sessions), two dinners and a graduation ceremony. The areas shaded in **orange** and **teal** are **compulsory** activities. Participants must attend **all** compulsory activities and 80% of the remaining program days in order to graduate.

STUDY TRIPS - Each year, the dates of the Melbourne and Canberra Study Trips (orange) are dependent on the confirmation of Parliamentary Sitting Dates, thereby making them both trips subject to change. Due to the 2019 Federal Election, it is highly likely that the Canberra Study Trip dates will change. As such, we have not scheduled any other program days during September and request that applicants attempt to keep each week in September (Sunday-Thursday) as clear as possible. If you have planned a special event during the year (e.g. a wedding) you will need to let us know during the interview process to enable us to plan how this could be accommodated.

There may be a number of optional activities such as the VRCLP Combined Program Day (Melbourne) that will be available for participants to attend and dates will be provided as advised.

****WHILST EVERY ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO CONFIRM PROGRAM DATES, THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE****