



Ken Sampson Memorial Fairley Leadership Scholarship



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About the Fairley Program

Fairley Leadership is an annual Leadership Program for the Goulburn Murray area which aims to encourage and enhance qualities of leadership for the benefit of the regional community.

The program encourages the development of a vigorous network of community leaders by:

- ✓ Providing an environment where emerging leaders from a range of backgrounds – business, government, cultural, community services and agriculture – can develop mutual respect and understanding;
- ✓ Enabling emerging leaders to meet and learn from existing leaders, both from within the region and beyond;
- ✓ Combining emerging and existing leaders as a continuing resource of skills and influence to further enrich the regional community; and
- ✓ Offering groups of emerging leaders an intensive annual program that explores the major issues confronting the Goulburn Murray Community.

Developing a vision and sharing that vision are crucial tasks for leaders. Through the Program, each individual can broaden their knowledge and understanding of the region's issues, by listening to and questioning existing leaders and working with group members to discover the best ways of sharing a vision. The Program offers participants the opportunity to meet with and question a broad cross section of regional, state and national leaders who, collectively, have a vast array of experience to offer.

Participants are selected according to a comprehensive list of criteria including a demonstrated capacity for leadership, broad ranging interests and willingness to obtain positions of substantial responsibility in the community.

Ken Sampson

A Community & NRM Leader

Ken Sampson, affectionately known as 'Sambo' was a work colleague and friend of many in the Goulburn Valley.

Sadly, Ken passed away on Thursday 8th October 2009. His passing was both sudden and unexpected.

Ken's earliest forays into agriculture were spent in Kerang, training in irrigated agriculture followed by several years in Swan Hill as an Extension and Applied Research Officer.

This was followed by a stint as Principal Advisory and Senior Project Officer for the Indo-Australian Cattle Breeding Project in Hissar, Haryana, India before returning to Echuca to work as a district Extension Officer.

In 1994 Ken became the Executive Officer of the Shepparton Irrigation Region Regional Catchment Strategy. In 2004 Ken resigned from DPI to work for the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority as Executive Officer of the Shepparton Irrigation Region Implementation Committee, a position he administered until his death.

Rarely without a book of raffle tickets, Ken was actively involved in Mooroopna community and sporting group committees, especially Apex and footy, and was a strong supporter of local charity events. He was also a keen Brisbane Lions' supporter.



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Ken was a solid believer in the strength of community and what people could achieve together. His passion for and understanding of natural resource management was a strength that co-workers were fortunate to benefit from.

Sambo is missed for his dry wit and dogged determination in understanding policy implications brought about by changing environmental needs in recent years. His perceptions and advice were given freely and his support for young scientists was always encouraging.

Ken Sampson was a unique man who has left many legacies and a gap which is hard to fill.

About the Scholarship

The Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority (CMA) has been a long-time supporter of the Fairley Leadership Program. In 2010 we established the Ken Sampson Fairley Leadership Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship honours Ken Sampson's contributions to Natural Resource Management as well as community participation and leadership during a career spanning more than 30 years.

The scholarship is available to participants in the Fairley Leadership Program. Applicants will be able to demonstrate passion, initiative and a strong track record in the area of environmental protection. The successful applicant will be determined in consultation with the Fairley Leadership Program Executive Officer and the CEO, Goulburn Broken CMA. In some cases a meeting with potential applicants may be necessary to determine the scholarship recipient.

The value of the scholarship is \$5,000 for one year to be paid directly to Fairley Leadership and covers the full enrolment fees for participation in the program. The recipient of the scholarship is expected to pay all personal costs that may be incurred as part of the program.

It is anticipated that scholarship recipient will be notified in December and will be required to attend an event organised by the Goulburn Broken CMA to be awarded the scholarship.

Eligibility

The successful applicant will:

- ✓ be currently enrolled or intending to enrol as a participant in the Fairley Leadership Program,
- ✓ have demonstrated passion, initiative and a strong track record for being an active participant in or leader of community based natural resource management activities,
- ✓ have demonstrated a passion to promote community awareness and understanding of natural resource management and environmental health issues,
- ✓ be a permanent resident within the Goulburn Broken Catchment area,
- ✓ support the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority's vision of - "Healthy, Resilient and Productive Landscapes Supporting Vibrant Communities",
- ✓ is either a self-funded participant (i.e. not sponsored by another scholarship or does not have access to employer funded participation), committee member or employee of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

Upon completion of the program, the successful applicant will submit a report and may be asked to deliver a short presentation to the Goulburn Broken CMA Board, at the February or March Board meeting, on how they will apply their learning in promoting Natural Resource Management awareness and participation within the Goulburn Broken catchment.