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Rural Women's Governance & Leadership Workshop Series

The Alpine Valleys Agribusiness Forum, in conjunction with the Alpine Valleys Community Leadership Program, has received funding from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry to deliver a new governance and leadership program in North East Victoria.

Rural community organisations need strong governance to operate and deliver beneficial outcomes on a local, regional and national platform. Rural women in North East Victoria involved in regional agribusiness, industry, tourism, economic and community groups will be provided with a series of specifically designed governance workshops to assist them to undertake and develop leadership roles.

The aim of the **Rural Women's Governance & Leadership Workshop Series** is to enhance the skills of rural women and the capacity and effectiveness of regional organisations to strengthen rural communities during times of change.

The knowledge, skills, networking and mentoring provided by the project aims to encourage rural women to take on, or further develop key roles in local, regional and national organisations and make a contribution to industry decision making.

The session topics for the 5 program days will be

- Group dynamics, leadership theory, values & ethics, managing & adapting to change
- Governance roles & responsibilities, decision making and risk theory
- Governance models and application - effective boards
- Financial/legal management in a rural context
- Governance in action - boards, committees, industry representation

High profile, well connected guest speakers and case studies will be included in the program.

Twenty five women from a diverse range of rural community sectors across the North East are participating in the **Rural Women's Governance & Leadership Workshop Series**. The program commenced in October 2010 and will conclude in March 2011.

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