# 2010-11 Alice Springs Desert Leadership Program

The aim of the Alice Springs Desert Leadership Program is to increase the **leadership capacity** of the Alice Springs community, primarily through a program over two years of leadership development for the next generation of leaders.

The program is guided by a Reference Group comprising Former Administrator of the Northern Territory, Ted Egan AO, former Alice Springs Mayor Fran Kilgariff, Desert Knowledge Australia Board Director Des Rogers, Desert Knowledge Australia CEO John Huigen, Interpreter and Bi-Cultural Consultant Kenny Lechleitner, Deputy Administrator Pat Miller and His Worship the Mayor Damien Ryan.

The Reference Group selected participants in a highly competitive process. As the next generation of leaders selected by the Reference Group, participants are available and can be contacted through Desert Knowledge Australia to assist in a leadership role.

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*"For participants, the program is a life-long investment aimed at opening doors, broadening horizons, challenging beliefs and building awareness. It is also an investment for desert Australia. The program encourages our future leaders to engage with each other and our current leaders, people who share together the aspiration to make a contribution in desert Australia. It will deliver positive change now and the relationships to continue that into the future."*

**Program Patron**
**His Honour Tom Pauling AO QC**
**Administrator of the Northern Territory**

# The Participants

**Kristy Bloomfield** is a local Arrernte person. She has worked in the Legal Service for eight years, three years in Alice, and three years in Queensland before she returned to Alice Springs. Kristy is a member of two large family clans, the Liddle and Bloomfield families from Central Australia. Kristy has attended a number of events in Alice Springs and interstate and has experience with the media. She loves sports and coaches a junior under-10 basketball team.

**Nichole Kerslake** is co-artistic Director for Red Dust Theatre and is an actor and director with over 20 productions, short films and over 40 corporate events across five states. Actively involved in the community and festivals, Kerz is passionate about public libraries.

**Ian McAdam** was born in Darwin and grew up in Alice Springs. He works with youth in his role as Assistant Director of Alice Springs Football Academy, for the Clontarf Foundation. Ian played and coached AFL football and served as a committee member for West Alice Springs.

**Sam Osborne** works as a consultant for Principals Australia on the 'Dare to Lead' project working with Principals across Central Australia to focus on improving educational outcomes for Indigenous students. A former Principal of Ernabella Anangu School, he is married with five children and also works in other areas such as interpreting and research. Sam is currently studying towards a PhD and enjoys music, basketball and is involved in the local church.

**Skye Thompson** was born and raised in Alice Springs and has a supportive family. She is the Finance/Deputy Manager for Ingkerreke Outstations Resource Services and has worked with Aboriginal organisations for the past 10 years.

**Joe Clarke** is an Arrernte man, raised in Alice Springs and has three sons. He attended boarding school in Adelaide and studied administration at Northern Territory University in Darwin, before working with Central Land Council for 11 years. He works with the Clontarf Foundation at Yirara College and has been active in the development of Central Australian Football since the early nineties.

**Jade Kudrenko** was born and raised in Alice Springs. Starting her career working in vocational training on remote communities at Charles Darwin University for many years, she now works in professional development with Rangers in Land Management at the Central Land Council.

**Fionn Muster** spent part of her childhood at Hermannsburg and has lived and worked in SA, QLD and ACT, before moving to Alice Springs in 2006. She works as a Senior Consultant with Michels Warren Munday, a public relations company specialising in strategic communication and community engagement.

**David Quan** has lived in the Territory since 1995 and has been in Alice Springs since 2007. He is a Fire-fighter with the Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service and is actively involved in youth activities.

**Kellie Tranter** is the Manager of the Aboriginal Support Services Unit at Alice Springs Hospital and has worked in both government and non-government agencies in and around Alice Springs for the past 15 years.

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**Georgina Davison** is currently Manager of the Alice Springs Public Library. Married with a young family, Georgina is active in the sporting community and community events and thrives on being challenged and stepping outside her comfort zone.

**Lynda Lechleitner** is one of 14 children and has lived in Alice Springs and the surrounding bush her whole life. She has a young family of her own and is employed as a Life Skills Worker with Tangentyere Council.

**Thomas Newsome** was born in Canberra and is currently an environmental consultant with Low Ecological Services working primarily on oil, gas and mining exploration projects. Thomas is also completing a doctorate on management and ecology of dingoes in the Tanami Desert. Thomas has received various academic awards and scholarships and was a finalist for the NT Young Achiever Award in 2008.

**Barbara Shaw** is a descendent of the Arrernte, Katyetete, Warlpirri and Warramungu people. Barbara is a community advocate and has played a prominent role nationally and internationally.

**Lyndon Frearson** has lived in Alice Springs since 2004. From an engineering background, Lyndon is the General Manager for CAT Projects, a board member of the Australian Solar Energy Society and plays a strong role in local church and outreach.

**Donna Lemon** is a local Arrernte woman on her grandfather's side and a Warumungu woman on her grandmother's side. Donna is the Training Officer at the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and has worked in Aboriginal organisations, government and non-government departments in Alice Springs spanning 17 years.

**James Nolan** was raised in Alice Springs and worked in hospitality for 15 years, including managing The Lane restaurant. In 2008 James joined the NT Police and is now a Constable. He is married with young children and active in the sporting community.

**Benedict Stevens** is a Traditional Owner of Alice Springs through his father's father. Anmatjarra is his second language from his mother's side near Napperby, north-west of Alice. He is President of Yeperenye School, actively involved with the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority and a board member of the Mbantua Group on the Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation.

* Please note that participants profiles are correct as at April 2010