



Inspired leadership

COASTAL WALK: RDA leaders journey around the rocks at Port Elliot. Coastal Walk was led by Cultural Leaders Cedric Varcoe (Ramindjeri man of the Ngarrindjeri Nation) and son Risho. **PHOTO COURTESY OF EVAN BAILEY** (Middleton)

Regional Development Australia Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island (RDA AHFKI) has their Inspired Leadership 2023 program officially underway and will run until October, culminating in attendance at the Newday Leadership Summit at the Adelaide Convention Centre on November 2.

The first session of the program opened in Port Elliot / Kandjeinwald, on Thursday, June 1, with a Welcome to Country and coastal culture walk led by Cedric Varcoe, proud Ramindjeri man of the Ngarrindjeri Nation and son Risho.

Cedric grounded all participants in a session entitled 'How might we better know Country and know ourselves?', sharing rich stories and wisdom with the group and some of the RDA AHFKI leadership team.

Inspired Leadership 2023, delivered by Newday Leadership, is a contemporary program that celebrates excellence in the region, exploring challenges and opportunities with a global perspective.

It has been designed and curated as a regenerative leadership program that supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (also known as the Global Goals).

The inaugural cohort of 20 participants for this regional leadership program is an impressively diverse group of aspiring, emerging and established leaders.

Together they represent a wide array of industries and interests across the region, reflecting strong interest in this contemporary leadership development program.

An initiative of RDA AHFKI, whose purpose is to develop and grow the region's economy and liveability through sustainable economic development, the program is led by Newday's co-directors Katrina Webb and Matthew Wright-Simon and features a range of special guest facilitators.

With a focus on exemplary participant experiences designed to appeal to all the senses (including a sense of fun, excitement, and humour) Inspired Leadership 2023 is informed by Newday Leadership's tenets of leadership excellence: • global change, • wellbeing and re-

silience, • cultural awareness, • social responsibility, • diversity and inclusion.

Inspired Leadership 2023 is being delivered across the Hills and Fleurieu, on the lands of the Ngarrindjeri, Kaurana and Peramangk peoples.

Locations include Port Elliot, Myponga, Hahndorf, Mount Barker and Piccadilly.

RDA AHFKI and Newday Leadership gratefully acknowledge the Australian Government and the Government of South Australia – especially the Department of Primary Industry and Resources – for their support.

Regional Development Manager at RDA Adelaide Hills, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, Sue Arlidge said RDA was excited by Inspired Leadership 2023.

"This is a program designed for the times we are living in," Arlidge said.

"It will equip a truly diverse group of leaders from our region with the skills and relationships to realise their own ambitions.

"I am also optimistic our partnership on this program will also give life to our RDA's vision for prosperous region made up of engaged, connected and resilient communities."

Katrina Webb and Matthew Wright-Simon, co-directors of Newday Leadership:

"We are delighted to be joined by this very first cohort for Inspired Leadership 2023.

"Over the coming months we will experience so much with this extraordinary group of people.

"We are excited to see what emerges as we explore 'inspired leadership for the greater good' in one of the most intriguing parts of South Australia."

Leadership 2023 participants have spoken about the positives of being part of the program.

"I am about to step into a new role. Inspired Leadership 2023 will provide me with the opportunity to develop my leadership skills, learn new strategies and gain insights from experienced leaders."

Another said "Now is a prime opportunity to integrate innovative thinking and introduc-

ing new ways of working for the better. I have been exploring options to develop my leadership skills and I

appreciate the point of difference with this program is that they are seeking a diverse group of local people who have a strong motivation to make a difference in our local communities."

A final participant said "It's important for me to participate in Inspired Leadership 2023 because I believe in the power of continuous self-growth and development. As a driven individual, I am always

seeking opportunities to challenge myself and learn new skills that will enhance my leadership capabilities. This program offers a platform for me to connect with like-minded individuals and industry experts, who will help me expand my network and gain valuable insights into leadership strategies. I hope to develop a deeper understanding of what it takes to lead effectively and inspire others to achieve their goals."