

Alpine Valleys

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'Australian Alpine Valleys - Where the Best Grows to Perfection'

Project Report

**Next Gen Farmers Leaders Program &
Rural Women's Leadership Program – 2009-10**

**Total Project Cost
\$100,000**

The Next Gen Farmers Leaders Program was designed specifically for younger generation farmers and the Rural Women's Leadership Program was developed for women in rural industries.

The aim of these programs was to skill-up and empower their participants. To enhance their leadership skills and assist them to contribute to the ongoing strength of their communities during times of change.

Fifteen young people from across our region were selected to participate in the Next Gen Farmers Leaders Program which included among other things an outdoor retreat and a trip to Melbourne to meet with industry leaders. Course topics included leadership skills, communication, risk management and decision making. Case studies of North East based agricultural innovation were highlighted.

The Rural Women's Leadership Program included twenty one participants from a diverse range of agricultural enterprises across the Northeast. This program provided workshops including leadership skills, risk management, decision making, mentoring and networking. Industry leaders were featured and the program included a visit to Canberra to meet with government agencies and policy makers to gain an understanding of government processes.