



EMERGING LEADERS
MID NORTH
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Case Study #6

Sarah Welke

Sarah Welke loves being part of the community and looks for ways to participate and build community networks. She is the Chairperson of the Management Committee for the Clare Valley Children’s Centre, which provides governance for the Kindy and employing body for the Childcare Centre. She is also the Finance Representative for the Clare Primary school, Governing Council.

Sarah was keen to join the Mid North Emerging Leaders Program to “expand my knowledge base and to become a more effective team member on committees. Building an understanding of governance, financial understanding and how we can work collaboratively to drive change will support the wider community. I manage teams at work (BHP) and enjoy using those skills to help in the community. But governance and committee management framework would be great to understand in more depth to help in a more effective way. Also, when you have the right understanding you can be more effective. With the skills learnt through this program it will make me more confident to reach out for other community-based leadership opportunities too. From a work perspective the skills are very transferable”.

Sarah enjoyed the wide variety of facilitators and gained a good depth of knowledge from the content covered at the Mid North Emerging Leaders Program. She learnt about governance, grants, options to leverage media and tips to build teams that are more effective.

“The course met all my requirements, and the program has provided me with confidence to join a new board that aligns to my values. I was very keen to apply for the RDA board position that was advertised but timing was not right. I’m looking for new opportunities in 2024. I’m comfortable taking on executive roles on a board or community group due to undertaking the Emerging Leaders Course.” Commented Sarah.



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