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Let's have a conversation about leadership

Current and future local leaders are encouraged to participate in the second leadership webinars on Monday 26 October at 7pm. Designed to inspire conversations and to build strong community skills to meet the current and future challenges facing our rural communities, the second webinar builds on the theme of the first: 'Turning a great idea into reality.'

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) CEO Mandy Hutchinson said The Gannawarra Conversation Series – Community Leadership Webinars provides an important forum for community members to listen to each other, build hope, explore possibilities and strengthen the community. At our first webinar Bryan Goble shared his story of leadership with the Koondrook community, and there were some great take home messages.

Ms Hutchinson added that local community leaders are the backbone of our vibrant communities, and that *an amazing group of Gannawarra leaders supported Northern District Community Health (NDCH) to co-design The Community Leadership Webinars.*

"Our community is not new to facing challenges, but with the extra pressure from COVID, we thought now was the perfect time to have a conversation and start tackling how we as a community can adapt to these changing times. All community members, volunteers, club members, especially those new to leadership are encouraged to attend."

The webinars are free and will be facilitated by leadership expert Christine Kotur whose experience and learnings from government inquiries and three Royal Commissions have earned her immense respect. Ms Kotur has worked with leaders in the Gannawarra region before and is Leadership Victoria's Leader in Residence.

Rotary Cambodia Alternative Schoolies will be the local example of leadership showcased and discussed, led by Sharon Champion and Gerardine Prendergast.

The *Community Leadership Webinars* will next occur via Zoom on Monday 26th October, 7.00pm until 8.30pm. Groups such as progress associations, neighbourhood houses, service and sporting clubs along with schools and businesses are able to nominate up to 2 people to attend. All welcome. For more information and to book visit www.ndch.org.au/events or call us on 5451 0200.

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