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Women empowered in short course

A group of 24 women from the Border Rivers region recently participated in a short course that aimed to increase their knowledge of natural resource management issues and improve their communication and leadership skills.

The course, called Naturally Resourceful, was organised and run by the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC). Workshops were held at Moonie and Nindigully over a four week period and covered topics such as climate change, soil conservation, biodiversity, succession planning and communication techniques.

Women were encouraged to share their experiences on the land and play an interactive part in the workshops. Annie Beare, who participated in the Moonie course, said that she thought it was a valuable learning experience. "It's been great to establish a network of women with similar interests and goals," she said.

Julia Telford, QMDC staff member and course facilitator, said that she enjoyed working with the women as they often under-estimate their own contributions to their properties and communities. "Naturally Resourceful provides women with an opportunity to learn about relevant topics in a supportive environment," she said.

This is the third round of Naturally Resourceful short courses run by QMDC. There has been some very positive feedback and further interest for the course. QMDC hope to run more Naturally Resourceful courses in the future.

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Images



Julia Telford leads a discussion amongst Moonie women.



Women from Nindigully learn about different bird species.



Women from Moonie listen on as ecologist Greg Ford describes bird identification techniques.

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