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## Champions to lead community through change

This year 20 motivated people will embrace the challenges of change and sustainability faced by rural communities to become Natural Resource Management (NRM) Champions.

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), Building Rural Leaders (BRL) and the Centre for Rural and Regional Innovation Queensland (CRRIQ) have joined forces to deliver four training workshops across rural/regional centres in Southern Queensland.

“The training will challenge the Champions thinking about NRM issues on a regional, national and global scale and will assist them to build their leadership skills and capacity to effectively deal with those issues both within and on behalf of their communities,” said Sandy Robertson, QMDC Coordinator of the NRM Champions Program.

The Champions Program will build on the successful Naturally Resourceful project held last year.

Sandy said that this short course, specifically for women, was extremely well received in Goondiwindi and surrounding districts.

“Feedback from participants was that the information received in this course would help them to participate in NRM in their region,” she said.

“And we wanted to offer this to a broader audience in 2007.”

The Champions will represent and be sponsored by local communities and organisations throughout Southern Queensland and individuals or organisations interested in nominating or sponsoring a Champion should contact Sandy Robertson by 28 April on 07 4637 6228.

The champions will celebrate their success and present their projects to a community panel in early 2008.

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