

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **RDA-Riverina sponsoring rural women to attend 2013 National Rural Women's Conference**

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Riverina is proud to announce its support for the 2013 National Rural Women's Conference, and is calling for expressions of interest from young women across the Riverina to attend this year's event.

The Conference, to be held 18 – 20 February 2013 in Canberra will offer a diverse program of speakers and workshop, designed to highlight the resilience and strategic thinking of women as they have overcome difficulties to support and grow vibrant rural, regional and remote communities.

Young women aged 18 – 30, who are either residing or raised in the Riverina, are invited to be involved. The conference will bring together women of all ages across Australia to network, learn, share, celebrate and play an active role in shaping their future.

"RDA-Riverina is a strong advocate for youth leadership and by offering to sponsor youth delegates to attend the 2013 National Rural Women's Conference will provide an exciting opportunity for rural women to increase their involvement in their local community," said Lani Houston, RDA-Riverina CEO.

"The National Rural Women's Coalition (NRWC) aims to support and grow vibrant rural, regional and remote communities throughout Australia; which aligns strongly with RDA-Riverina goals and vision".

"We strongly encourage young women across the Riverina with a passion for improving social and economic outcomes in communities to apply."

The NRWC is the peak body representing Australia's largest and most significant women's groups and organisations. The Coalition connects rural communities and helps foster women's skills and ideas to take on leadership roles within their communities and be a driver for change.

RDA-Riverina will cover the following incurred costs for the 2013 National Rural Women's Conference:

- Full registration, including conference, dinner and post conference tour
- Travel costs (within a 500km radius)
- Accommodation and meals

To be considered for this fantastic opportunity, interested applicants must meet the eligibility criteria and will be required to submit an expression of interest form. EOI's must be received by close of business, **Tuesday 5 February 2013**.

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**For more information and EOI forms, please contact:**

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