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New leadership journey begins for 23

THE 2010 Loddon Murray Community Leadership Program was formally launched at Kerang last Friday evening, with a special celebration dinner to announce the 23 participants in the 2010

Guest speaker for the evening was the highly entertaining founder of the Beechworth Bakery and motivational speaker Tom O'Toole, who shared with the audience his insights into business and leadership over the last 25 years: "Culture is caught, not taught".

Mr ÖToole said that "leaders celebrate" and on this occasion he helped future leaders celebrate the start of a journey which will involve 24 program days across central and north-west Victoria, as well as trips to Melbourne and Canberra exploring diverse themes including water, health, education, and cultural diversity

The 2010 participants represent 10 local

government areas across the region.

Participants include Brent Heitbaum from Kerang, Louise Bewley from Wedderburn, Kim Hanlon from Inglewood, Jacinta Hicks from Calivil, Sue McLean from Charlton and Lacey Quinn from Peramid Hill.

Gannawarra shire councillor and former Koondrook police officer Oscar Aertssen is the new program co-ordinator. He is a past graduate of the leadership program.