

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Resilient Women Leading the Mallee

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The Mildura Development Corporation (MDC) has received a \$12,000 grant from the Minister for Women's Affairs, Maxine Morand through the Department of Planning and Community Development's 2010 Women's Leadership Grants. This funding will enable a local program known as Resilient Women Leading the Mallee.

Resilient Women Leading the Mallee will seek to bring together women from across the region to encourage networking, mentoring, fostering leadership abilities and building community capacity. Participants will also be able to share views and promote further understanding between a diverse range of women from all backgrounds and age groups.

"This program has been greatly supported by a number of community agencies and it is especially focused on encouraging and developing leadership skills to assist in dealing with a range of challenging circumstances." said Anne Mansell, MDC CEO.

"There are many innovative, creative and inspirational women in our local communities who have demonstrated great leadership abilities and with their support this program has unlimited potential." said Mrs Mansell.

MDC will be working closely with a number of organisations to develop a program of events, and further details about Resilient Women Leading the Mallee will be released shortly.

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The Resilient Women Leading the Mallee Program is an initiative of the Victorian Government – Department of Planning and Community Development