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### Resilient Women Leading the Mallee – Launch 19 August 2010

Mildura Development Corporation is pleased to announce the launch of Resilient Women Leading the Mallee at 10am on **Friday 27 August 2010** at Quality Hotel Mildura Grand.

Featuring guest speakers, and with funding provided by the Victorian Government through the Department of Planning and Community Development, the launch of Resilient Women Leading the Mallee will provide an opportunity for women to share their leadership experiences as well as fostering leadership development.

The Resilient Women Leading the Mallee program is targeted at all women in all age groups across the Mildura and Wentworth regions and will provide a networking forum, as well as mentoring and support to encourage involvement in leadership opportunities.

The launch will feature four local women, each talking about their experiences as women in leadership or senior roles:

Ellen White – Department of Planning & Community Development  
Annelis Bos and Kay Martin – Martin, Irwin & Richards Lawyers  
Metaxia Tsoukasis – Mallee Family Care.

There are already 70 local women registered to attend the launch, however any other women wishing to attend should RSVP to Mildura Development Corporation via email to [cathy@milduraregion.com.au](mailto:cathy@milduraregion.com.au) or call 5022 0722.

The program will continue over the coming months with women from across the region and across industry sectors encouraged to attend and hold networking morning teas where further mentoring and sharing of experiences can take place.

The program will formally conclude in December with an event featuring 2007 Young Australian of the Year, Tania Major (refer to profile on next page).

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## Tania Major

Tania Major is a Kokoberra woman from the remote community of Kowanyama in Cape York Queensland. She holds a degree in Criminology from Griffith University, and at 21 became the youngest elected regional councillor in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

In 2006 Tania Major was announced as the Queensland Young Australian of the Year, and was further honoured by being named the Young Australian of the Year in January 2007. She was also voted as Young Leader of the year for the 2007 Deadly Awards, and YEN Young Woman of the Year for Community Vision. Tania has also achieved international recognition in winning the Political Legal and/or Government Affairs section of the Junior Chamber, International Outstanding Young Persons of the World contest held in India in 2007.

Since 2002 Tania Major has publicly addressed many national and international forums, speaking on Indigenous and Youth affairs as these relate to remote communities, particularly those in Cape York. Along with her mentor, Noel Pearson, she has tried to bring the realities of life in many of these communities to the foreground of wider Australian thinking and to engage mainstream Australians in the collaborative challenge of seeking solutions to long standing problems.

After 4 years with the Cape York Institute for Policy and Leadership, Tania Major is now working to establish a private consultancy and advocacy business, and to set up a youth foundation to support other young indigenous people with the potential for leadership. She is currently completing her Masters degree in Public Policy at Sydney University and working on her business part time.

