



Graduates from the Casuarina Leadership Program with Surf Coast mayor Libby Coker.

Citizens take leading roles

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PASSIONATE Surf Coast residents have new skills to use on their community projects after graduating from the Casuarina Leadership Program.

The free six-day leadership program, which kicked off at the beginning of May, was an opportunity for members to learn to plan, fund and deliver

community initiatives.

The program began in 2001 and previous graduates have successfully run Town Transition projects, started groups such as the Surf Coast Energy Group and planted the seeds for community gardens.

The skill development program has helped to strengthen links between individuals, community groups, businesses and local government.

Surf Coast Shire mayor Libby Coker said ongoing interest in the project showed the determination of Surf Coast residents to make a difference.

"The Surf Coast gets great benefit from the work of residents who start and run community projects," she said.

"We look forward to sharing the fruits of their training and their ideas in future."