



## LGPro Emerging Leaders Program Peer Support Profile

Name: Simon O'Callaghan

ELP Graduate Year: 2005

Current Position: Economic Development Officer

Current Organisation: Shire of Yarra Ranges

Brief Professional History: Starting out at the City of Melbourne in Event Management I ran their Corporate Sporting Events for a number of years. Following this I worked in Small Business within the wholesale sporting goods industry, during which time I studied part time at night. Seeking a more meaningful challenge I re-entered local government with the Shire of Yarra Ranges as a Recreation Development Officer. Since completing the Emerging Leaders Program I am now diversifying my experience the industry through a recent move into Economic Development.

In addition to the above I have also worked as a Cook, Contractor, Personal Trainer, Electrician's Trade Assistant and Carpenter's labourer so sometimes feel I am a jack of all master of none which actually works very well in an industry like Local Government.

Educational Qualifications: Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Movement)  
Graduate Diploma in Sport Business  
Masters in Sport Business

Specific areas of interest and expertise: Event Management  
Recreation Planning and Sport Development  
Capital Works  
Small Business Development  
Marketing and Sponsorship

Recent significant projects you have been involved in: The realisation of joint funding between a number of government agencies to construct a pedestrian bridge over the Maroondah Hwy along the Lilydale to Warburton Rail Trail. Completing the last missing link on the trail. This project involved over three years of lobbying and working with stakeholders.

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