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New Executive Officer - Leadership Ballarat and Western Region

Chair of the Committee for Ballarat, Professor David James AO, today announced that Mr Roger Bade has been appointed new Executive Officer of Leadership Ballarat and Western Region.

Roger Bade was most recently a Mathematics teacher at Ballarat and Clarendon College, before which he was Head of Junior School (2005-06) and Head of Middle School (1998-2004).

Roger holds the degrees of Bachelor of Science, Diploma of Education, and Graduate Diploma of Education Administration from the University of Melbourne, and has held leadership and teaching positions in Melbourne, Geelong, London and Vancouver.

Ms Judy Verlin, Chair of the Management Committee for Leadership Ballarat and Western Region, said "Roger brings to us proven leadership qualities. He has been a teacher, a planner, an innovator and a mentor".

"As importantly, he has been heavily involved in practical, community building. These attributes are ideally suited to our Leadership Program which is about developing the next generation of leaders for the benefit of Ballarat and the wider region".

In the past 18 months Roger has brought together children from diverse backgrounds, and negotiated with business, local government, and state government agencies, to revitalise junior cycling in Ballarat. He has also been actively involved in rowing, athletics, football, triathlons and swimming.

"Roger has shown leadership by positive example to make a positive difference", said Professor James.

Leadership Ballarat and Western Region was established in 2005 as an initiative of the Committee for Ballarat.

"It was the Committee's view that leadership is one of the main factors in a region's ability to harness its human, economic and physical resources", said Professor James. "Roger's appointment will allow the program to engage even more fully in innovative, exciting and practical ways with questions about our region's future".

"The Committee for Ballarat welcomes Roger and looks forward to working with him to the benefit of everyone in Ballarat".

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