Profile

New ethical leadership fellows to be stretched



VFF Group 14 near Jabiru, Kakadu National Park, Northern Territory, during cultural awareness training. st.James Ethics Centre

Environmental sustainability has featured in the latest intake of the Vincent Fairfax Fellowship, Australia's premier national leadership program.

Matt Jones, Executive Director of Social Alchemy, consults on corporate sustainability and the role of business as a positive force for social change, while Felicity Calvert is an environmental educator and analyst working with the Natural Resources Commission of NSW.

They are among 12 Fellows selected by the St James Ethics Centre to hone their skills and capacity for ethical leadership over the next two years. They will be challenged intellectually, physically and spiritually from the wilds of Nitmiluk National Park and remote mine sites in northern Australia to unexpected places within South-East Asia.

'The Fellows want to be stretched to do what they do better,' says Antoinette Simon, Manager of the Fellowship. 'It's a big commitment and it takes courage.'

The Centre seeks out people who aspire to lead and create a better society. The diversity of participants is one of its great strengths, as the program is



VFF Group 14 Fairlie Delbridge, Sarah Davidson and Simon Herd at Argyle Diamond Mine, East Kimberley, Western Australia. st James Ethics Centre

open to people from all walks of life. Costs are covered by the Vincent Fairfax Leadership Foundation.

The Fellowship began 15 years ago and there is now a critical mass of more than 200 alumni out in the world making a difference. Those with sustainability credentials include: Barry Sterland, Head of the Emissions Trading Division of the Federal Department of Climate Change; Alex Gordon, Senior Advisor to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd; Charles Berger, Director of Strategic Ideas with the Australian Conservation Foundation; Fairlie Delbridge, property developer specialising in green buildings; Dr Calum Drummond, Chief of

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CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering; and Denis Moriarty, Co-founder of Ourcommunity.com.au.

St James Ethics Centre also piloted a four-day ethics in leadership short course this year. Look out for applications on the website around May (www.ethics.org.au). • Alexandra de Blas

