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# WAALI – chevron’s partnership with the western australian aboriginal leadership institute

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**Rishelle Hume**  
**Co-Chair, WAALI**

So, WAALI was created out of a conversation with the governor at the time – Her Excellency Kerry Sanderson – and it was a discussion around mentoring Aboriginal women and there’s a real need in the community to have our women mentored.

Instead of a mentoring program, I actually said to Kerry – think bigger picture, think why can’t we develop a leadership program for our Aboriginal women that will really give them the tips and the tools and the things that they need to be great leaders in whatever community they come from.

**Robyn Smith-Walley**  
**Co-Chair, WAALI**

Today we had our fifth graduation of our Yorga Djenna Bidi course, which is sponsored by Chevron, so we’re very happy about that.

Fourteen women graduate today, and that’s 14 to now make 70 women in our alumni. They were able to come in and immerse in a program that was culturally appropriate, culturally safe whilst also learning all those other frameworks around leadership and building your confidence.

**Jodey Brockhurst**  
**Projects Engineer, Chevron Australia**

The program gave me those skills of communicating, reflecting that I have been able to apply on a daily basis in how I engage with my teammates. I came away with a lot more understanding about how my personal values can relate to what I do in my day to day job.

**Brianne Yarran**  
**Yorga Djenna Bidi Graduate**

To be a leader you don’t have to be an elder or an older person. As a 20-year-old I kind of sometimes felt like I need to sit back and not speak up or anything but now I know that my voice is just as valued as the next person standing next to me.