We are all aware of the links between the global economic system, growing inequalities between rich and poor, climate change, and environmental degradation. The question is, what do we – in the community, government and corporate sectors – do about this situation? Answering this question lies at the heart of this conference.

Global changes to address these questions are certainly important, but at the same time, inspiring, innovative and practical answers are also being developed in local communities around the world, supported by people of good will across all sectors.

WEST END WOMENS WORK – Bright Bags!
We thank you for our beautiful conference bags! Sebena, Esperance, Janine, Godalive, Astrid, Mireille, Julie & Judy.

We are: women with young children who want to watch them grow, women who have limited English skills, women who have family circumstances which require our presence at home, women who want to be around to be involved with our teenagers as they navigate their way through their adolescence, women who don’t want to go out at 2am in the morning to shift work and then sleep through the day just to cope while our children are left to their own devices, women who are prepared to work hard to put food on the table, women who want to build their skills and use them to produce useful items, women who want our work to fit in with our circumstances, women working together.

When we started out with the idea to develop the conference bags, it was with the intention and hope to provide an opportunity for ourselves to work from home. While this is fine we knew many women who also, for a variety of reasons wanted, and yes, needed an alternative to the employment options available to them.

We are women working together, talking together, laughing together, relaxing together, sewing together and finding a way to empower ourselves. We are women from different backgrounds mixing with each other, sharing our common hopes, needs, struggles and knowledge.

I don’t think we really fit into a mould as such. We are broad in our focus and are finding our way together. We don’t rely on funding from the outside; we are in it together so everyone in the group relies on the good will of the others to make it work. It is not a business as such, not a company either. There are ones who play the role to co-ordinate specific projects; each one does the work that is within their range of skills and confidence levels.

It means a whole range of things to each woman who is involved.

Judy Collins-Haynes.
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Mr Anthony Kelly, CD trainer
Ms Susan Black, Social Ventures Australia
Ms Maggie Shambrook, SANDBAG
Dr Peter Westoby, University of Queensland
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Thank you to the 2009 Conference Facilitation Coordination Team:
MC Tim Muirhead
Bea Rogan
Susan Allen
Anthony Kelly
Dear Participants,

On behalf of the conference organising committee it is my very great pleasure to welcome you to the Building Community Centred Economies conference.

This conference is a collaboration between the International Association of Community Development and Community Development Queensland. I am very excited to be associated with this conference. We live in times of great change and uncertainty, when the traditional boundaries between social, environmental and economic issues are breaking down. Business is working with communities on social and economic outcomes; communities and businesses are trying to create sustainable environments; environmentalists are creating business opportunities while caring for the planet. The future of our planet, our economy and our society lies in the new spaces and ideas we create together. These partnerships are at the heart of sustainable communities.

We, the organising committee, have worked hard to attract a diverse local, national and international audience including community organisations and NGOs, large and small business, all spheres of government, academics, social enterprises and philanthropic trusts, writers, artists, community development practitioners, policy makers, and environmentalists just to name a few. We have participants from over 30 countries from around the world. We will share the next three and a half days exploring a rich and varied program – we sincerely hope you enjoy the conference program and we look forward to the dialogue we will engage in together.

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CONFEREECE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday 17th June 2009
Plaza Terrace Room
6:00 pm

Welcome to Country Ceremony
Mr Eddie Ruska, Traditional Custodian of Yuggera Country
Traditional Cultural Performance by The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers.
The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers have been in existence for over 10 years
travelling the world extensively showcasing Traditional Aboriginal culture through song & dance and other various forms of culture. The directors of the dance troupe are decedents of the Nunukul, Yuggera, Yugimbir and Nugi Tribes.

Les Halliwell Address
Ela Bhatt (Self Employed Women’s Association, SEWA)
“Where Women Are Leaders: Building a Gentle Economy”

Thursday 18th June 2009
Plaza Terrace Room

Plenary sessions
9:00 am – 9:30 am
Welcome from the three organising bodies

Welcome messages from:
Alex Ruhunda, President of the International Association of Community Development (IACD)
Ingrid Burkett, Vice President and Oceania Representative IACD, Foresters Community Finance
Belinda Drew, CEO, Foresters Community Finance
Carmel Daveson, AM, CD QLD

9:15 am – 9:45 am
Introducing the process and the declaration

9:50 am – 10.40 am
Keynote Address:
Presented by Michael Shuman
“BALLE-nomics: The Local Living Economy Solution to Poverty”

A growing body of evidence suggests that the key to a prosperous community is
a thriving network of locally owned businesses selling primarily to local markets.
Compared to global corporations, local businesses are more reliable generators of
income, wealth, jobs, taxes, charitable contributions, social equality, and political
participation. Moreover, a number of trends in the global economy, such as the shift
from goods to services and the rise in energy prices, are making local businesses
increasingly competitive. Moreover, there’s growing appreciation that localization
is urgently needed to prevent global climate disruption and another financial crisis.
Drawing on recent research worldwide, Michael Shuman, research director for the US-
based Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, will show how localization is not
only feasible but lucrative.

10.40 am – 11.00 am
Dialogue

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
The Very Local Economy – Place, History and Future around the Kurilpa region:
Presentations by Darren Godwell, President of WECA, Fiona Stager,
Avid Reader bookshop, and local community development worker.

Theatre piece: Brisbane Writers Show, Playabout Productions: Therese Collie and
Tim Mullooly
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Friday 19th June, 2009
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9:00 am – 10:30 am
A Dialogue on Indigenous Economic Development: What visions, strategies, successes and struggles currently shape Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development initiatives?
Panel: Joe Morrison, CEO NAILSMA, Wayne Coolwell, CAIE, Kado Muir, Lenora WA.

Saturday 20th June 2009
Plaza Terrace Room
9.00 am – 10.30 am
Dialogue on the Edge: Beyond Ideology and Towards True Partnership between Community, Corporate and Government Institutions
Chair: Mary Maher, Consultant
Panel: Paul Warner, Laura Beacroft, Anthony Kelly

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Closing Ceremony
Summary, Declaration launch and the launch of the learning fund.
Handover to next destination: CD Queensland Conference

Film Festival
Thursday 18th June – Saturday 20th June
An inspiring range of films from around the world focusing on the conference themes.
Sponsored by: Jabinu Community Youth & Children’s Services Association

Additional Activities

Friday 19th June 2009
P2 Room
1:30 pm
IACD AGM
All IACD members welcome. Attendance at this conference includes 1 year complimentary membership to the IACD.

6.30 pm
Conference Dinner
Venue: Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre

Saturday 20th June 2009
P1 Room
1:30 pm
CD Qld meeting
International Association of Community Development (IACD)

In thanks to all delegates for participating in this international conference, the IACD will be giving all registered delegates a 1 year complimentary membership to the IACD.

Registration and Conference Secretariat

The registration desk and Conference Secretariat will be located outside the Plaza Terrace Room, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday 17th June, Thursday 18th June, Friday 19th June and Saturday 20th June 2009. The registration opening hours are as follows:

- **Wednesday 17th June 2009**: 2.00pm to 5.00pm
- **Thursday 18th June 2009**: 8.00am to 2.00pm
- **Friday 19th June 2009**: 8.00am to 2.00pm
- **Saturday 20th June 2009**: 8.00am to 11.00am

Registration for the Welcome Reception on Wednesday 17th June 2009 and the Conference Dinner on Friday 19th June 2009 will be open from 6.00pm. Conference lanyards, name badges and conference bags will be available for collection as listed in the timeframes above.

Delegate Lanyards

Delegates will receive their conference lanyard when first registering for the conference at the registration desk located outside the Plaza Terrace Room. Delegates are asked to please wear your conference lanyards at all times, to ensure that you are not excluded from any sessions.

Conference Dinner

Delegates will need to register for the conference dinner at the registration desk upon arrival at the dinner.

Practical Workshops, Roundtables and Creative Performances

All delegates are required to sign into any Practical Workshops, Roundtables and Creative Performances that they wish to participate in on the day. A sign-in sheet will be provided at the registration desk outside the Plaza Terrace Room between 8:00 am – 9:00 am each morning. Please ensure your name is on the list if you wish to make the session.

IMPORTANT NOTE
Delegates do not need to sign in for Plenary Sessions, Papers, Panels or Films.

Evaluation Forms

The facilitation team will be seeking feedback on conference themes and processes each day. There will also be a conference evaluation survey included in your conference bags. We welcome your feedback. Completed forms can be placed in the evaluation box on the registration desk on the final day of the conference.
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By Train
South Brisbane Station, corner of Melbourne and Grey Streets.

By City Cat and Ferry
The City Cat and City Ferry terminals are located at South Bank 1 City Cat terminal.

By Foot
The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre is a short walk from the Central Business District across Victoria Bridge and South Bank Parklands.

Public Transport Information
Ela R. Bhatt is widely recognised as one of the world’s most remarkable pioneers and entrepreneurial forces in grassroots development. Known as the “gentle revolutionary” she has dedicated her life to improving the lives of India’s poorest and most oppressed women workers, with Gandhian thinking as her source of guidance.

In 1972, Ela Bhatt founded the Self-Employed Women’s Association (SEWA) – a trade union which now has more than 1,000,000 members. Founder and Chair of the Cooperative Bank of SEWA, she is also founder and chair of Sa-Dhan (the All India Association of Micro Finance Institutions in India) and founder and chair of the Indian School of Micro-finance for Women.

Michael Shuman is director of research and public policy of BALLE, holds an A.B. with distinction in economics and international relations from Stanford University and a J.D. from Stanford Law School. An economist, attorney, author and entrepreneur, Michael has authored, coauthored or edited seven books, including The Small Mart Revolution: How Local Businesses Are Beating the Global Competition (Berrett-Koehler, 2006) and Going Local: Creating Self-Reliant Communities in the Global Age (Free Press, 1998). The Small-Mart Revolution was awarded a bronze medal for best business book by the Independent Publishers’ Association. In recent years, Michael has led community-based economic-development efforts in St. Lawrence County (NY), Hudson Valley (NY), Katahdin Region (ME), Martha’s Vineyard (MA), and Carbondale (CO), and served as a senior editor for the recently published Encyclopedia of Community. He has given an average of more than one invited talk per week for 25 years throughout the United States and the world.

Laura Beacroft is an experienced Australian public servant and lawyer. She has worked in frontline services (legal aid), managed large operations (corporate regulator), and developed key new policy and legislative initiatives (new legislation to regulate Indigenous/ community corporations and the new strategy to stop homelessness). All of her work has been linked to overcoming disadvantage and improving social inclusion because she grew up in a working class suburb of Brisbane, called Inala, at the time largely ‘forgotten’ by government. At the moment she is a manager at the Australian Institute of Criminology, which aims to be a knowledge centre for preventing crime. She is the co-author of a well used text book Indigenous Legal Issues. She has extensive experience working on action oriented collaborations within government (whole of government), across the 3 tiers of government (i.e. Australian, state/territory and local government), with the private sector, the community (NGO) sector, and also churches.

David Beurle holds a firm conviction that the future of rural and regional areas, lies in the hands of the local people. He created Innovative Leadership Australia, with the mission of bringing the tools and skills to the people who care the most - the people who choose to make rural towns, centres and regions their home. These days, David splits his time between Australia and the US, as he pursues his passion for community revitalization and creating vibrant and prosperous regions. Until recently he served on the Board of Directors of the Western Australian Community Foundation. His work in community and economic development has earned him – and his work – international, national and state awards.
Wayne Coolwell is of Aboriginal heritage and has spent most of his working life in communications and the media. His traditional country is the Beaudesert/Mt Tamborine region of south east Queensland. Wayne is chairperson of the Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise. For the past 15 years Wayne has been actively involved with indigenous arts and cultural activities, as a practitioner and as an advocate on government steering parties and committees. Wayne’s current focus is to produce initiatives and incentives for the Aboriginal community which will provide for economic independence and self-empowerment. He hopes these goals and ambitions will generate greater self-belief and purpose within the Aboriginal community to enable its members to move forward without a complete reliance on government agencies for support.

Katherine Gibson
Katherine is an economic geographer working on rethinking economic concepts in the light of feminist, poststructuralist and class process theory. She has a strong commitment to action research with communities interested in reconstituting economic practices in place. She shares a collective authorial presence as J.K. Gibson-Graham with her long-term collaborator Professor Julie Graham. Research Interests: Diverse economies and alternative regional economic development in the Asia-Pacific region (PNG, Philippines, Indonesia), Australia and the US; international contract migration and community economic activism in the Asia-Pacific region; poststructuralist feminist critiques and reformulations of economic and geographic theory.

Darren Godwell has worked in the community sector for 15 years, including serving as an Advisor to the Word Bank, being appointed a Senior Fellow of the prestigious Synergos Institute and serving as a Reinhold Mohn Fellow with global media company Bertelsmann AG. Darren was elected President of the West End Community Association, a local residents association, in 2007. He is passionate about sustainable development, supporting local entrepreneurs and building viable local economies.

Mary Graham is an Aboriginal elder from the Kombu-merri group and connected with the Waka Waka group from South-East Queensland, Mary has lectured on subjects in Aboriginal history, politics, and comparative philosophy at educational institutions around the country, including the University of Queensland. Mary was the Administrator of the Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency during the 1970s and since then has been on the boards and committees of several Aboriginal organisations. Mary was a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation during its first term and was a two-term Member of the ATSIC Regional Council for South-East Queensland. She was a Queensland Corrective Services Commissioner for a time. Her successful consultancy, Mary Graham and Associates, also gave policy advice to Government at Federal, State and Local levels. Mary has also worked in native title research and claim assistance with the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action

Peter Kenyon is a social entrepreneur and community enthusiast who became convinced that one cannot develop communities from the top down or from the outside in. It required communities to build from the inside out and for their residents to invest themselves, ideas, assets and resources in the process. Subsequently, he created the Bank of I.D.E.A.S. (Initiatives for the Development of Enterprising Action and Strategies) in 1991, to promote such a paradigm shift and assist with the necessary facilitation, ideas and skills.

Anthony Kelly was a senior lecturer in Community Work at UQ for over 20 years and has worked as a consultant to Government, Corporations and NGO’s in ways of working with Community. He has also worked with Oxfam Australia on training programs in Indigenous Australia and overseas.
Bernie Morgan is the Chief Executive of the Community Development Finance Association in the UK. As CDFA’s first Chief Executive, she has developed the association into a well-respected trade body representing the vast majority of the UK’s CDFIs. She is a member of HM Treasury’s Financial Inclusion Task Force, Charities Aid Foundation’s Giving Forum, a Board member of Transact, the National Forum for Financial Inclusion and an Advisor to the Commission on Unclaimed Assets. She was also an inaugural judge on the Daily Telegraph’s Great Briton awards. In late 2005, Bernie led a successful lobbying campaign which secured £11m transition funding for the UK CDFI sector. Previously, she worked for the Association of Charitable Foundations, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, BBC Children in Need and the National Playing Fields Association.

Joe Morrison was born and raised in Katherine in the Northern Territory. His heritage is Dagoman and Mualgal. Over the last 15 years, Joe has worked with Indigenous communities to develop local action to care for their country across northern Australia. Joe is the Chief Executive Officer of NAILSMA, and has a BA in Natural Resource Management from the University of Sydney.

Kado Muir is a member of the Ngalia tribe of the Northern Goldfields and Desert regions of Western Australia. Kado blends a traditional Aboriginal education with western education; he is an initiated tribal lawman and a practicing heritage management professional in the fields of Anthropology and Archaeology. Kado is an owner and director of two private companies, a real estate investor, founder of The Ngalia Foundation and a director on four community based Aboriginal Corporations. His current interests include researching and developing ecosystem based community economies that deliver sustainable livelihoods.

Alex Ruhunda is the Director of Kabarole Research and Resource Centre (KRC), Chairperson, Rwenzori Association of NGOs and Networks, Chairperson, Uganda Governance Monitoring Platform and Current President of the International Association for Community Development (IACD). Mr Ruhunda holds a Bachelors Degree in Social Sciences and a Masters in Gender Studies from Makerere University, Uganda. He also sits on a number of Boards of charitable organisations including Rotary International where he serves as an assistant District Governor and the Deepening Democracy Program in Uganda, as an Eminent Ugandan.

Alan Twelvetrees worked for 5 years as a neighbourhood worker and then for 13 as a lecturer in community work. During this time he also researched community economic development in the USA. He later became the first Director for Wales for the Community Development Foundation, which was followed by 6 years as a social planner in local government. He has written 10 books, of which his most well known, Community Work, was re-published as a 4th Edition in 2008. He is now a freelance consultant.

Lilla Watson is a Gangulu woman who grew up in what is now Central Queensland. She was Inaugural President of the Brisbane Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Agency (1981-85) and has served on the Boards of the Aboriginal and Islander Independent School and the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association. She worked in the Department of Social Work at UQ, first as a Research Assistant and Tutor and then as Lecturer in Aboriginal Welfare Studies. She developed and taught two subjects within the interdisciplinary area within the Faculty of Arts: Aboriginal Perspectives on University Education and Aboriginal Approaches to Knowledge. More recently, she has successfully developed an innovative artistic medium to portray and project aspects of her spiritual and cultural identity and exhibited here and overseas. She has also served on a number of Government and Semi-government selection panels, and Committees; on the Senate of the University of Queensland, and the Board of the State Library of Queensland.
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Wednesday 17th June 2009

**Opening Ceremony**
Welcome to Country: Eddie Ruska, Traditional Custodian of Yuggera country; The Traditional Cultural Performance: The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers; Opening performance by Upatree Arts

**Cooperative**
Keynote speaker: Elaben Bhatt “Where Women are Leaders: Building a Gentle Economy”

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This session sponsored by: Daramulal Community Youth Services Inc
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MORNING TEA

11.30am – 12.30pm
Panel: Thriving Economies in Desert Australia: Challenges, opportunities and constraints
Chair: Steve Fisher
Jenny Chary, Ray Pol-Rubzen & Patricia Guter
This session sponsored by: Desert Knowledge CRC

12.30pm – 1.30pm
LUNCH / Annual General Meeting IACD, all members welcome
Room P2

1.30pm – 3.00pm
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Jo Lang
Rose McVie
This session sponsored by: QCOSS

3.30pm – 5.00pm
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Anne Brown
Peter Wesley
Donovan Stoney

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Tim O’Leary - NAB
Connie Proke
Michelle Samsbury
Shayna Smith
This session sponsored by: NAB

4.30pm – 6.00pm
Panel: Building Sustainable Livelihoods: KRC in Uganda
Alex Rothunda

5.00pm – 7.00pm
Panel: Sustainable Economic Development from a Community Development – Social Enterprise Perspective
Led by Maria Tennant
Ann Impaglia
Ross Wiseman

6.00pm – 7.00pm
Roundtable: Creating Prosperous Communities - Small-scale cooperatives enterprises in Malaya
Darryl Crafton, Bel Lau, Lucy Mayes & Carol McDouglas

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Peter Kenyon

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Workshop: Engaging Local Citizens in Community Economic Development through Fun, Participatory Activities and Tools

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Conference Dinner
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Kath Pope
This session sponsored by: University of Queensland, School of Social Work and Human Services

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28 min

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David Beare

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Roundtable: Creating Prosperous Communities - Small-scale cooperatives enterprises in Malaya
Darryl Crafton, Bel Lau, Lucy Mayes & Carol McDouglas

Peter Kenyon

Conference Dinner
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### Saturday 20th June 2009

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6.00pm – 7.30pm
Plenary session

Welcome to Country
Eddie Ruska, Traditional Custodian of Yuggera Country.

Traditional Cultural Performance
The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal Dancers

Opening Ceremony
Upatree Arts Cooperative performance

Keynote address
Ela Bhatt
“Where Women Are Leaders: Building a Gentle Economy”

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**TRACK SESSIONS - CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Thursday 18th June 2009**

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**9.00am – 9.15am**

**Plenary session:**

**Room: PTR**

Welcome from three Organising Bodies:

- IACD, Alex Ruhunda, President;
- IACD, Ingrid Burkett, Vice President & Oceania Representative
- Foresters Community Finance, Belinda Drew, CEO
- CD Qld, Carmel Daveson, AM, Representative

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**9.15am – 9.45am**

**Introducing the Process and Declaration**

Introduction of Michael Shuman

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**9.50am – 10.40am**

**Keynote Address**

Michael Shuman

“BALLE-nomics: The Local Living Economy Solution to Poverty”

“A growing body of evidence suggests that the key to a prosperous community is a thriving network of locally owned businesses selling primarily to local markets. Compared to global corporations, local businesses are more reliable generators of income, wealth, jobs, taxes, charitable contributions, social equality, and political participation. Moreover, a number of trends in the global economy, such as the shift from goods to services and the rise in energy prices, are making local businesses increasingly competitive. Moreover, there’s growing appreciation that localization is urgently needed to prevent global climate disruption and another financial crisis. Drawing on recent research worldwide, Michael Shuman, research director for the US-based Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, will show how localization is not only feasible but lucrative.”

*This session sponsored by: Brisbane City Council*

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**10.45am – 11.00am**

**Dialogue**

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**11.00am – 11.30am**

**Morning tea**

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**11.30am - 1.00pm**

**Papers: Food Security and Food Sovereignty**

**Room: PTR**

1. **Constructing Another Economy, Another Nourishment, Other Relations: Joining the field and the city**

   **Fabricio Guaman**

   This presentation explores an experience auto managed from the Global South that tries to construct another economy, another nourishment and another way of relating. We seek to establish an organisational form that raises a different way of producing, of commercializing and consuming healthy food that promotes an economy to local scale, which defends the agricultural and cultural diversity, the solidarity, social and environmental co-responsibility. For this we have joined people of the field and of the city and have formed a cooperative of organic producers. We are producing and consuming persons recognizing our fundamental right to access healthy and nourishing food, strengthening the human relations between the realities of people of the field and people of the city. But overall, we are civil and citizen critics that have joined efforts to help ourselves mutually.

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2. **What in the World are We Eating? International Case Studies of Regional Food Sustainability and Development Projects**

   **Debi Fry**

   Globally, food production accounts for approximately 25% of annual greenhouse gas emissions. This is continually increasing as a result of the mass production and globalisation of the food industry. Communities worldwide are responding to these food security issues by revitalising their local food cultures to ensure a more diverse environment, better animal welfare and a thriving local food economy. Changing our food system is more complex than generating more power from renewables or improving public transport. It requires an imaginative partnership between producers, consumers, retailers, communities, researchers and the government. Engaging in and revitalising local food production is a concrete first step towards creating a community-centred economy.

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3. **Securing Local Food and Farm Land**

   **Rob Pekin**

   The social and environmental benefits that Food Connect has demonstrated are multiple and significant when compared against the conventional industrial Food system. Food Connect has reduced the impact of rural depression on farmers, empowered marginalised people through their employment program and built communities that are far more resilient and able to take dramatic steps in reducing their environmental footprint.
Papers: Human Scale Economies
Room P2
1. Transition Economies: (De)valuing community centred economies in the transition movement
Phil Conors
The Transition Network refers to its growth as ‘viral’ with new Transition Movements setting up almost daily. As I write this there are 159 ‘official’ Transition (towns, cities, districts and villages) with many others in the process of achieving this status. The Transition Movement recognises that climate change and peak oil are impacting on communities in innumerable ways and that there is a need to build community resilience to accommodate a low carbon and possibly low energy future. There are many aspects to the process but one key aspect is recognising the value of community economic initiatives which can include local currency systems. This paper looks at the strengths and limitations of building sustainable community centred economies within the Transition Movement and the challenges and opportunities this presents.

2. Learning Together as We Go: Cross boundary collaboration to grow local living economy in South East Queensland
Sally McKinnon, Nick McGuire & Sharon Solyma
An exciting, informal and collaborative network is emerging in South East Queensland (SEQ) around catalysing and supporting the emergence of Local Living Economy (LLE) in the region. The network, called the SEQ Local Living Economy Network (SEQLLE), crosses local government boundaries and involves a variety of community and business sectors by bringing together local councils, the tourism sector, small business, NGOs, social enterprises, educators, international alliances and indigenous people. This paper and presentation tells an unfolding and evolving story about the SEQLLE network: An important philosophical base for this paper and presentation is the exploration and application of systems thinking and ‘solving for pattern’ (high leverage and multiplier solutions) in the context of LLE at a variety of levels of policy and practice.

3. Building Sustainable Communities on Ecological Principles
Shann Turnbull
The paper presents a vision of a global society based on self-financing, self-reliant, self-governing communities designed on ecological principles that limits the life of property rights to realty, corporations, and money. Community currencies would be redeemable into inflation proof units of local renewable energy. Ponzi banks eliminated together with unearned income from owning money as it has a holding charge. Incentives provided to attract alien enterprises and technology matched with built in ownership transfer back to stakeholders resident in the community to terminate export of surplus profits. Urban land mutualised to form self-financing Land Banks to halve the cost of private or rental housing to also minimise the export of windfall gains and surplus profits draining economic value out of communities making them dependent on higher orders of government. Centralised big government, taxes and banking replaced with federations of bio-regional economies financing nation states that in turn finance global governance.

Papers: Sustainable Livelihoods
Room P3
1. Sustainable Model for Supporting Entrepreneurs in Developing Countries
Carol Dalglish
Small and micro-enterprises are believed to play a significant part in economic growth and poverty alleviation in developing countries. However there are a range of issues that arise when looking at the support required for local enterprise development, the role of microfinance and sustainability. This paper explores the issues associated with the establishment of resourcing of micro-enterprise development and proposes a model for the sustainable support of enterprise development in very poor developing economies, particularly in Africa. The paper examines the development of a model (Awaken Mozambique) for providing intellectual and financial resources to micro-entrepreneurs in poor developing countries in a sustainable way. It provides examples of what entrepreneurs can do if provided with the necessary support.

2. Sustainable Livelihoods after Disaster
Suprayoga Hadi, Anonius Maria Indrianto & Maria Epik Pranasari
In May 2006 an earthquake caused widespread destruction to the Yogyakarta and Central Java provinces of Indonesia. Since this time, the Yogyakarta Central Java Community Assistance Program (YCAP), an Australian Govt funded initiative of AUD30 million, has worked in partnership with the Indonesian Govt to restore community infrastructure and livelihoods. The Indonesian Govt established an overseeing body, the National Technical Team, to coordinate and monitor the response. Initial emergency humanitarian assistance and reconstruction has moved to working with communities to improve their livelihoods and promote resilience. YCAP is actively partnering with local government, communities and local NGOs to shift the focus from community weaknesses and gaps to community strengths, innovation and aspirations. The approach is one of the ‘glass half full’, rather than half empty. Sustainable livelihoods places communities and their recovery at the centre of development and is being actively implemented in the field. We are starting to see some real and lasting results. Local NGOs have embraced the approach and already devised innovative quantitative and qualitative measurements for community strengths.

3. Economic Literacy for Women’s Empowerment
Osvaldo Elisseteche
This paper presents a project that is located in Luján de Cuyo Municipality, Mendoza Province, Argentina. Based in a Local Development approach with gender perspective, it is focused on rural women in vulnerable situation – migrant population for the most part - aiming at developing their skills through a training program (technical competencies and economic literacy) and strengthening their self-esteem. The selected approach provides a holistic perspective of sustainable development, enabling the social actors to identify the asymmetries between women and requiring their articulation as a key point to promote social and economic equity. The project assumes also that education for inclusion should aim to build social conditions for citizenship, putting together all these components.
In contemporary Australian society Aboriginal people lack both ideological and economic bases of power - they control neither things nor ideas. Whites control resources, productions and distribution.

(C. Howe, 1982) To the extent that the Land is the Law, Aboriginal Australia seems to have said to the people: “co-operate, don’t compete; share, don’t hoard; attend the consensus, extend your relationships and honour your sacred sites”. It was a Law, which requires an ahistorical view of time. Community Centred Planning aims to challenge the former and follow the example of the latter.

The story of the Green Belt Movement of Kenya and its founder Wangari Maathai, whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, empower rural women and defend democracy.

Taking Root - The Vision of Wangari Maathai
 Directors/Producers: Alan Dater & Lisa Merton
 2008
 81 minutes

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Robinson’s activity and intimate involvement with Maleny L.E.T.s (Local Energy Trading System); The Earth Benefits Club (a Micro-Finance system in Maleny), Maleny Credit Union (1st Ethical Investment institution in Australia); Crystal Waters Permaculture Village (Community Living), P.E.P. Days with neighbours (Permaculture Energy Parties), Maleny Co-operatives and Community groups (working to support a strong local economy and community), Local Action Campaigns, the Transition Towns Movement (which is offering hope and solutions to communities and regions around the globe to move to a more community based, environmentally friendly, socially responsible and economically secure way of life without total dependence on fossil fuels and ‘Sustainable Maleny’ (who recently won an award for their Solar Hot Water bulk buying initiative).

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2. Building Community Trust through Cooperatives: A case study of a worker-owned homecare cooperative

Throughout an interpretive case study analysis of a worker-owned cooperative, this study explores how cooperatives build trust among worker-owners as well as with their clients and other professionals. The paper reviews theoretical and empirical perspectives on trust and cooperatives. We observed that cooperatives provide regular contacts among members and between members and their clients and professionals during training, conferences, task oriented committees, general membership meetings and social events. This fosters shared understanding, empathy, openness, and confidence, which in turn, promotes the building and maintenance of deeper and wider trust.
3. Community Development in the 21st Century: A needed paradigm shift

Ned Iceton

This paper discusses chaordic, ecosystemic, network, & ‘fair process’ principles for social organisation, the relevance of Social Developers Network values and method to the crunches facing global society; self-transformation methods, needed personal and societal cultural paradigm shifts and a new, secular, spiritually-unified, rule-based global economic system. Then the challenge as to what we social developers can do: the skills needed, the network realities that underpin all ecosystems including human ones and in that context, the enhanced levels of 1. emotional intelligence, 2. conceptual systems understanding, that we need for managing our human future.

1.00pm – 2.00pm
Lunch

2.00pm – 3.30pm
Parallel Sessions

Panel
Room PTR
Crisis and Opportunity: What are the steps to building community centred economies in the current environment?
Michael Shuman, Katherine Gibson, Helena Norberg Hodge & Peter Kenyon
This session sponsored by: Griffith University

Papers: Sustainable Livelihoods
Room P2
1. How Can the Public Sector Support Social Enterprise Development?
Joanne McNeill
The presentation will explore current Australian and overseas public sector practice in supporting growth and sustainability in social enterprise activity and aims to stimulate dialogue and practice. The session will draw on experience arising from the development and implementation of Parramatta City Council’s social enterprise program, which was established in January 2007 and is the first of its kind in local government in Australia. It will also discuss the findings arising from a just completed Churchill Fellowship study tour involving visits to over 40 organisations in the US, Canada and UK.

2. Local Government and Social Procurement
Ian Maynard
Brisbane City Council is working with key organisations in the local Social Enterprise sector to assist in the development of a model of Social Procurement that will allow social enterprise to trade effectively with Council. By working closely with Foresters Community Finance, a leader in the local sector, Council has utilised Foresters experience and expertise in social enterprise to assist with informing its Social Procurement processes. This presentation will cover the history of Brisbane City Council’s involvement with social enterprise and how the local sector is helping shape the “Social Enterprise in Social Procurement” framework, developing enterprise capacity and capability so that they may grow towards healthy competition in the marketplace.

3. Community Recycling Network Aotearoa
Pat Shannon & Sue Counts
The New Zealand/Aotearoa Community Recycling Network (CRN) is a group of 30 community enterprises and 15 associated groups involved in recycling and resource recovery at community level. While hi-tech, capital intensive private sector conglomerates dominate the waste management industry members of CRN have shown competitive effectiveness in provincial and regional areas. They have advanced the social goals distinctive of social enterprises, with emphasis on Zero waste, ecological education and local employment creation. As a network they have been effective as an environmental lobby pressure group and also in the mentoring and development of new groups. This paper seeks to assess the overall sustainability of both the CRN in terms of the key values of social enterprise, social inclusion and community development.
Papers: Government-Corporate Community Relationships
Room P3
1. Finding the Culture of your Business Direction: Utilising the Gongan Cultural/Economic Model
Rod Williams
Rod Williams (Gongan Consultancy) a Bundjalung man has developed a number of practical cultural/economic models and services that provide solutions for constructing the “cultural and corporate fit” between the Community, Government and Corporations. Western Business Models that focus upon monetary profits and corporate ownership do not have a “cultural fit” with people and communities from non western cultures. The Framework Models do not replace the use of business plans, marketing plans, operational plans and financial forecasts that are essential business tools for any business or community entity. They provide a cross cultural fit and common language for culturally diverse cultures.

2. Challenging the Public-Private Partnership Model: Can corporations lead the way?
Allan Tranter
Traditionally government, the not-for-profit and community sectors are of the view that they must lead the community development agenda. But should and can the private sector take more of a leadership stake in communities in which they operate? This presentation provides a fresh and challenging look at how to better leverage government, corporate and community sector partnerships to generate best practice sustainable community outcomes.

3. Building Community Capacity: Strategies to Community Ownership and Community Development
Tiago Sexias, João Aguiar & Josã Omelas
As community assets, community programs are important to the development of communities. They are therefore in a privileged position to facilitate the emergence of a learning community and contribute to build the capacity of the whole community. This paper describes some current Portuguese strategies and initiatives related to homelessness and mental health approaches that impact on community ownership and community development. These programs are community-based alternatives to state centered practices that are based on an assistance perspective and with little involvement from the communities. The community programs regard all the people involved as active community members that contribute to community capacity building, strengthening community social and economic development.

Roundtable
Room P4
Leading the Future: Is a new leadership paradigm a precondition for a sustainability transition?
Led by Ken McLeod & Christine McDougall
“Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result”. Do these oft quoted words have an uncomfortable resonance in your organisation? This roundtable will explore approaches to “new paradigm” leadership and uncover some learnings to inform the practice of grassroots leaders in communities and workplaces.

Films
Room P5
1. Argentina Turning Around
Directors: Melissa Young & Mark Dworkin, 2008
9 minutes
Devastating economic collapse has inspired a new way of thinking among workers in Argentina. A united workforce is returning to run the factories they previously worked for. Argentinians now see their own participation as being crucial to building a society not just for a few, but for all.

2. Food Justice: A Growing Movement
Directors: Martina Brimmer and Zora Tucker, 2006
8 minutes
The right to food with dignity? Food justice: A Growing Movement highlights the issues of urban food security in the USA, in relation to systemic oppression, environmental racism, health issues and the failure of our conventional food system to enable healthy food to reach poorer urban communities. Grassroots projects in the Bay Area, USA, demonstrate the action that can be taken towards greater food justice.

3. Thirst
Produced and Directed by: Alan Snitow and Deborah Kaufman, 2004
62 minutes
Is water part of a shared “commons,” a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold and traded in a global marketplace? Thirst tells the stories of communities in Bolivia, India, and the United States that are asking these fundamental questions. A piercing look at the conflict between public stewardship and private profit.

Workshop
Room P1
Community Progress Initiative: A case study in community centred economic revitalization.
Connie Loden & David Beurle
This workshop provides a process framework for designing effective approaches to revitalize communities, based on the principle of utilizing the powerful intersection of Community and Economic Development. The process mobilizes communities through tested visioning sessions and action teams, building a true inclusive community where everyone has a role. Participants will be engaged through an interactive dialogue looking at an internationally recognized case study of economic recovery, the Community Progress Initiative in the USA. Participants will learn the context for transforming communities and stimulating entrepreneurial innovation and economic growth from within.

Workshop
Room M1
Beyond Definitions: The truth about social enterprise
Kevin Robbie
This workshop will look in depth at issues involved in establishing and running a successful, award-winning social enterprise. Run as a mini master class, the interactive workshop will look at the keys to success and pitfalls to avoid in running a social enterprise.
Creative Performance  
*Room M4*

**Creating a Scene: Using Community theatre and film to unravel the money system**  
Kathy Landvogt

Financial literacy is currently popular with governments and the financial services industry. By tapping the experiences and voices of women living on low incomes, this presentation brings participatory learning and a critical framework to 'financial literacy'. Relationships with money are frequently a taboo topic imbued with dominant and disempowering discourses. This presentation will tell the story of how a diverse group of women in Melbourne worked together in community forum theatre to create and perform 3 short plays portraying moments of financial crisis. This presentation aims to illuminate both the issue of financial exclusion, and the use of forum theatre to address community dilemmas. Conference participants will be invited to engage in 'money conversations' through the medium of the interactive DVD.

Papers: Breaking New Ground  
*Room M7-8*

1. **Participatory Photo Evaluation: the Pagudpud Photo Project**  
*Cindy Lyn Banyai*

The participatory photo evaluation method is a type of participatory action research and is intended by design to provoke thought and discussion among its participants thus building community capacity, as well as generating a wealth of information that is useful for researchers and decision-makers alike. This paper seeks to answer how photography can be used in participatory evaluation and the implications of this pioneering approach. Participatory photo evaluation has the dual function of providing information for policy-making and building community capacity.

2. **Building Sustainable Livelihoods through Women Empowerment**  
*Antoinette Lombard*

Although women empowerment is high on the South African government agenda, as is reflected in women representation in Parliament, many uneducated women remain poor and marginalised. Many of these women are in single-headed households and are hence challenged to build sustainable livelihoods for themselves and their families. Being excluded from the formal economy, they have to rely on themselves and their supportive networks for survival. This paper will present the research findings of document analyses of women empowerment stories that have been funded by the Women Development Bank Micro Finance Programme. The purpose of the analysis will be to identify and present indicators for women empowerment in relation to the programme’s vision and mission, i.e. to offer real hope to poor women in South Africa by enabling them to build a self-sustaining future which will improve their livelihoods. These indicators will be utilised for a follow-up research study on determining the impact of the Women Development Bank Micro Finance Programme with regard to integrated human, social and economic development and building community-centred, sustainable economies.

3. **Ngulla Community Nursery: Nurturing nature and youth**  
*Susan Quay*

The Ngulla Community Nursery tells the story of this award winning, operating native plant nursery that creates local employment and training pathways in a safe learning environment for youth at risk, marginalized sectors of the population and the broader community. Located in Kwinana, Western Australia, the social enterprise is an example of a successful partnership between 5 business and community organisations, providing a ‘hands-on’ community based solution.

3.30pm – 4.00pm  
**Afternoon tea**

4.00pm – 5.30pm  
**Plenary session**  
*Room: Plaza Terrace Room*

**The Very Local Economy: Place, History and Future around the Kurilpa region”**  
*Darren Godwell, Fiona Stager & local community development worker*

This session presents a picture of the local economy in which the conference is located – Kurilpa, West End, South Brisbane. The session aims to look at this picture from a variety of perspectives – from a historical perspective, looking to the future, from a community development worker perspective, a business perspective, Indigenous and non-Indigenous perspectives, from a wealth perspective and a poverty perspective, from a rational perspective and a theatrical perspective, and all the perspectives in between and around these!

**Theatre piece: Brisbane Writers Show** celebrates the wonderous ways Brisbane writers have seen our city.  
*Playabout Productions: Therese Collie & Tim Mullooly*
9.00am – 10.30 am
Plenary session:
Room: PTR
A Dialogue on Indigenous Economic Development: What visions, strategies, success and struggles currently shape Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development initiatives?
Joe Morrison, Wayne Coolwell & Kado Muir
This session sponsored by: Darumbal Community Youth Services Inc

10.30am – 11.00am
Morning tea

11.00am – 12.30pm
Parallel Sessions
Room PTR

Panel
Thriving Economies in Desert Australia; Challenges, opportunities and constraints
Chair: Steve Fisher, Jenny Cleary, Ray Fola-Rubzen, Patricia Gunter & Rayleen Brown
More than 69% of the surface of Australia is classified as desert, an area in which 574,000 people live. The Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre exists to foster thriving desert regional economies that are based on competitive advantages in the desert. This session will highlight challenges, opportunities and constraints in building community-centred economies in desert Australia, especially by sharing specific knowledge on livelihoods, community engagement and resilience in the desert context. The panel presentation will feature representatives of partners and researchers who have been closely involved in the work of the CRC, bringing practical stories and insights from desert communities.

This session sponsored by: Desert Knowledge CRC

Papers
Room P2
Community Development Finance and Sustainable Livelihoods
1. Building Sustainable Livelihoods: KRC in Uganda
Alex Ruhunda
Kabarole Research and Resource Centre (KRC) has since inception in 1996, worked with communities in the Rwenzori region of Western Uganda to design approaches that are geared towards generation of knowledge, ideas and innovations that are people-centered, owned and sustainable. This approach enabled KRC to come up with community development models that have since become household names in the development work in Uganda. For purposes of this presentation, KRC will limit itself to discussing one model, the Poverty Resource Monitoring and Tracking Model. It embeds aspects of community involvement and ownership in programs that are being implemented in their areas. It also entails working with already existing and functional structures in the communities. PRMT is intended to build the capacities of local communities to demand accountability from their leaders and to actualize people-owned and people-driven principles to development. It also ensures that people’s priorities in the attainment of Basic Rights and needs are met by the service providers. We hope our presentation will inform and add value to the vast experiences in building Sustainable livelihoods that will be shared by the members at the Conference

2. Community Empowerment and Microfinance in Thailand and India
Montri Kunphoomaarl
After describing the rational of micro finance management practice in the Asian context, the scope of analysis will deal with the concepts of empowerment/community development that lead to long term rural sustainability. This will lead to discussion on microfinance practices at multilevel of Thai and India society. The outcome of the findings will bring some conclusions for better policy or practice of microfinance in local perspectives.

3. Microfinance in Busan: Two sides of a story
Yunsik Jeong
Microfinance system has been welcomed recently in South Korea which has the thirteenth largest economy in the world. This story is set in Busan which is the second largest city in South Korea. The program is implemented by both a branch of head office in Seoul and a Busan-born organisation. The priority of the loan condition by the Seoul oriented organisation is recovery rate but the local priority is the alleviation of poverty and the development of self-sufficiency. The financial source for microfinance was mostly from welfare foundations and enterprises operating social contribution programs. New funds were added in 2009 from bank savings of dormant accounts by commercial banks but they have not understood that the funds need to be lent with very low interest and that the budget they provide for running projects is not enough for supervising and supporting borrowers.

Room: P2

Panel: Community Food Economies
Jenny Cameron, Sarah Gall, Ann Hill and Sarah Wright
This session focuses on how communities in Australia and the Philippines are building community-centred economies by innovating with food production and consumption practices. Each presenter will overview initiatives from Australia or the Philippines that range from household-based strategies to more organised endeavours such as community gardens, Community Supported Agriculture and networks of small-scale farmers practicing farmer-led sustainable agriculture. Each presenter will identify what can be learnt from the initiatives in terms of the strategies to build new food futures, particularly strategies around 5 key ethical concerns: necessity, surplus, production, consumption and our commons. Discussion will focus around these key ethical concerns and questions.

Roundtable
Room: P4
Sustainable Economic Development from a Community Development - Social Enterprise Perspective
Led by Maria Tennant, Ann Ingamells and Ross Wiseman
Organisations are increasingly looking to business models to harness local community and business resources, along with State and Federal resources, so as to respond effectively to local needs, whether they be housing, employment or other substantive community issues. Such partnerships have great promise but the promise can be thwarted by new and frustrating challenges. This workshop aims to articulate common issues that emerge as groups endeavour to progress these partnerships, to share stories, and build knowledge of how to proceed.
Friday 19th June 2009

Films
Room P5
1. Creating Prosperous Communities - Small-scale cooperative enterprises in Maleny
Director: Paul Alister. 2006
33 minutes
How does a small rural town in Southern Queensland build a vibrant network of over 20 cooperatives that benefit every aspect of community life? This inspiring documentary details the history, the challenges and the triumphs of the remarkable Maleny cooperative moment. It covers the successes, failures and important lessons learnt in decades of cooperation.

2. Building Social Enterprises in the Philippines: Strategies for Local Development
Written and narrated by: Prof. Katherine Gibson (Australian National University) & Maria Angela Villaalba (Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation Inc.), 2008
50 minutes
A showcase of social enterprises created by community groups in the Philippines, including those initiated by an action research project led by Professor Gibson from ANU and those funded by migrant savings and developed with the assistance of Unlad Kabayan Migrant Services Foundation. Contains interviews with social entrepreneurs and community members who are spearheading social enterprise development.

Workshop
Room: P1
Rural Resilience: Principles and practices for rural community stability in an economic downturn
Darryl Coulthard, Bill Irwin, Lucy Mayes & Carol McDonough

Workshop
Room: M1
Inkster Economic Development
Michelle Kirkbride, Lisa Janke & Nancy Heinrichs
This workshop will look at breaking new ground on old issues with regards to community economic development. Nor’West Co-op works in communities with a high incidence of poverty to assist residents in overcoming barriers to gainful employment. The presenters will address ways to increase youth employability through stay-in-school initiatives, high-risk behaviour prevention, and skill development programs. Adult employability measures focus on removing barriers to employment for immigrants and refugees through training and work experience, particularly in the catering field. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a skill building activity which demonstrates a hands-on approach to teaching workplace related social skills to youth, thus increasing employability.

Workshop
Room: M4
Engaging Local Citizens in Community Economic Development through Fun, Participatory Activities and Tools’
Peter Kenyon
Like many community development processes, community economic development tends to often become the interest and activity of a select few, especially professional practitioners. However, its quintessential magic is the manner in which it can engage ordinary citizens to begin to comprehend and influence their local economy and help build a synergistic nexus with a healthy local community. Broad based community engagement is both vital and compelling. This workshop seeks to create an opportunity for sharing and learning about methodologies and practical tools that ensures community economic development is fun, engaging and citizen led. Such tools include the B.E.A.R. Program (Business Expansion and Retention Program) and the First Impressions Community Exchange (F.I.C.E.) Table Task, and activities associated with re-localisation.

Papers: Sustainable Livelihoods in Rural Communities
Room: M7-8
Naomi Stenning & Koichi Miyoshi
Oyama-machi is a small rural community in Oita Prefecture, Japan. In the 1950s Oyama-machi was the poorest village in the prefecture with a population which was described as both “materialistically and emotionally impoverished”. However, through the introduction of a series of community development initiatives the town transformed itself into one of the highest income rural communities in the prefecture. This paper examines the transformation of Oyama-machi over the last 50 years through the lens of a community capacity development model, which reveals that various developments in community capacity, led to the introduction of higher value-added community policy structures. The case of Oyama-machi shows that endogenous rural community development is indeed possible and analysis of the community’s experience highlights initiatives and experiences that may be useful for rural communities in both developing and developed country contexts.

2. Rural Poverty: What’s community development got to do with it?
Margot Rawsthorne
This paper will explore community development practice and processes aimed at addressing rural poverty and building sustainable livelihoods and communities. It draws on conversations with community activists (both paid and unpaid) involved in community development processes in the UK and US. It explores perennial challenges such as: the role of paid workers and civil society; relations with the State; and engaging with the market. The paper seeks to generate discussion about the role of community development in relation to rural poverty, particularly in developed economies.
3. Envisioning Viable Rural Communities: What it takes to achieve real change
Susan Machum
This paper explores the challenges facing rural farming and forestry communities in New Brunswick, Canada as they endeavour to navigate competing visions of the future for their livelihoods. New Brunswick has been economically dependent on farming, fishing and forestry but as these industries have declined, so too, have the communities they built. Who will — or even should we — carry on with this work? What would that work be like for the men and women engaged in these industries? A year ago the provincial government laid out a ‘self-sufficiency’ agenda revealing its position on the way forward to a ‘sustainable’ economy. This paper argues the government policy process failed to engage the real stakeholders — the citizens and workers of rural communities. The paper promotes a process of envisioning and ‘backcasting’ rather than projecting and ‘forecasting’ as the way to break new ground on old issues and build truly meaningful, sustainable, local communities.

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Lunch
Annual General Meeting IACD: all members welcome

1.30pm – 3.00pm
Parallel Sessions

Panel
Room: PTR
Community Economies in Refugee Groups*
Mandy Cox, Aline Byizigiro, Juliette Alifa Osumaka, Esperance Kalonji, Joyce Taylor & Halimah Azein
Definitions of economy and wealth vary from one person, culture, religion and country to another. Broadly speaking, from a Western perspective, economy is primarily based around monetary terms and focused on individual rather than social gain. In contrast, in many non Western communities economy, as well as wealth, is primarily based around building a sense of connection, happiness, support and cooperation. It has a more communal focus. This session will explore the issues facing refugee communities in adapting to the new economic paradigms of their host countries and the extent to which they are able to translate and maintain their traditional economic behaviors into these new societies. Women of refugee backgrounds from the countries of Congo, Burundi, Liberia and Sudan will present their experiences in community economies.

Panel
Room: P2
Dignity in a Downturn: The impact of partnerships
Corinne Proske, Michelle Sainsbury, Shayna Smith
Created in 1980, the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS®) is coordinated by Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service. This microfinance response has grown across Australia with in excess of 250 programs delivered by community based organisations. As the largest microcredit response delivered within Australia, NILS® has partnered with NAB and the Queensland government committed support for the expansion of NILS® across the state. Built on the concept of circular community credit, NILS® is built on 3 basic principles – trust, respect and non-judgment. This presentation will focus on the anticipated growth of NILS® over the next 18 months.

This session sponsored by: NAB

Papers: Breaking New Ground
Room P3
1. Significance of Economic Crisis for UK CD
Keith Popple
The severity of the economic downturn in the UK has happened with a dramatic speed. What started as a credit crunch has ended with the UK economy being in what the PM Gordon Brown has admitted is a ‘deep recession’. This paper will consider the significance of the economic crisis, its dramatic impact on UK communities and the role of the state is taking to combat the problems that are daily emerging. Consideration will then be given to the impact this will have for the practice and knowledge base of UK community development. This presentation is of particular relevance as it will stress the watershed we have currently reached in community development. The economic recession and the need for us all to rethink the direction we wish to take in the coming years, including the nature of relationship with the state, each other and the environment will be a central organising feature of the paper.
2. Capitalism and CD in an Economic Meltdown  
*Howard Karger and John Owen*

This paper will ask the question, “What is the potential for community development to promote lasting change in hard economic times when price points trump consciousness, conscience and social returns?” As the global market is crashing, for the first time in decades, there is a nascent discussion in the popular media around the failure of the free market. Community development has adopted a de facto ideology that it can mitigate poverty and social exclusion, problems that the market cannot solve. It is grounded in a “third way” that is lodged between capitalism and socialism. Consequently, many community development practitioners see themselves as neither socialists nor free marketers.

3. Convergence Theory: Revisiting a peripheral paradigm  
*Greg Cameron*

This paper explores the parameters of a community economic development (CED) model grounded in a convergence theory of economic development. It takes as its basic premise that the dominant corporate-driven paradigm will only lead to further ‘dis-articulation’ of local economies. The paper seeks to flesh out an alternative paradigm.

The purpose of this paper presentation is therefore three-fold:
(i) to highlight the economic strengths and constraints of the convergence model;
(ii) to lay out the political challenges and obstacles to carrying it forward;
(iii) and to generate dialogue, build relationships, and formulate action strategies that crystallize theoretical and activist consensus around the convergence model.

This session sponsored by: The University of Queensland

**Roundtable**  
*Room: P4*

**Food Security**  
*Led by Food Connect*

**Films**  
*Room: P5*

1. Jarlmadangah: Our Dream  
*Directors: Cornel Ozies, 2007*

In October 2007, the members of Jarlmadangah Community celebrated 20 years of a journey of self-determination to fulfillment of a dream: of building a strong family community based on ideals many others around Australia have strived to accomplish. The importance of family, language and culture, of living connection with this pristine wilderness, comes together in joyful festivity through dance, art, song, language, land and the business of indigenous cultural tourism.

2. An Evergreen Island  
*Directors: Fabio Cavadini & Mandy King, 2000*

45 minutes

In 1989 the landowners of Central Bougainville closed one of the world’s largest copper mines that was destroying their land. It remains closed to this day. In response, a blockade was imposed around the island. This is a film about a people who survived for 9 years without assistance from the outside world.

**Workshop**  
*Room: P1*

**Activating Your Wealthy Community**  
*Robin Clayfield*

Say yes to being an active part of the sustainable economy of your town. Experience how a L.E.T. System works. Be inspired by how easy it is to set up a micro-finance system. Dream up your community, town or region in the future as a strong, healthy, vibrant, sustainable, resilient, abundant and joyous place to live. Network and meet others with similar ideas, interests and dreams. The workshop aims to support attendees to: gain or enhance their understanding of how Local Trading Systems and Micro-Finance systems work; develop a dream or vision of their town, region or community as a ‘Transition Town’ or their ideal town and leave with enthusiasm, inspiration and drive to connect in community to implement or support that dream in whatever way is appropriate; gain confidence to ‘dive in the deep end’ and know where to get support; create stronger networks and connection between participants with a view to ongoing support, sharing and exchange.

**Workshop**  
*Room: M1*

**The Futures Game: Western Australian Wheatbelt**  
*David Beurle*

This highly interactive and participatory game allows participants to tackle the challenges of community and economic development in a fun and engaging manner. The Game is played in a small team format, where the teams make a series of critical decisions that shape the future of a region over a 25 year period. It takes a multifaceted and integrated view of the future, and allows participants to explore a range of plausible outcomes and assess their implications and consequences. This is a fast paced and thought-provoking session that will appeal to everyone, and will challenge even the most experienced regional experts.
Workshop
Room: M4
From Community Enterprise to Community Development Corporations to Community Economic Development
Alan Twelvetrees
This workshop will introduce participants to the dilemmas of CED in industrialised countries and provide them with some of the intellectual tools to do effective CED. The structure of the workshop will be a mixture of propositions, to be discussed in small groups/plenary, and short lectures:
1) Professional community development work aims to enable (usually disadvantaged) communities to develop social and educational activities, provide local services and campaign for social and political change. Economic crises have led such communities to seek to establish community run businesses, providing local jobs and recycling profit into that community.
   HOW DO YOU THINK THIS HAS TURNED OUT IN PRACTICE?
   DISCUSSION GROUPS + FEEDBACK
2) ‘The need for scale: community development corporations in the US & development trusts in the UK’. LECTURE & DISCUSSION
3) Reconceptualising CED; what the individual worker can do. LECTURE & FINAL DISCUSSION
Any delegate who wishes to prepare further for this workshop should read pp 140-148 from Chapter 8 of my book, Community Work, Palgrave, 2008, copies of which will be available.

Papers: Breaking New Ground
Room: M7-8
1. Addressing the Gaps in Social Innovation
Donnie Maclurcan
In this paper, I propose that severe infrastructural gaps within Australia restrict the ability for many socially-focussed ideas to ever get off the ground, resulting in the perpetuation of unimaginative approaches to addressing social needs. I respond to this claim by presenting a model to strengthen support at key moments between the ‘idea generation’ and ‘event launch’ phases. To strengthen this process, I argue that service providers need to move away from the largely self-defeating practice of partnership based on issue-association, to a more useful practice of partnership based on mutually-beneficial service offerings within a likely user experience.

2. The Long and Winding Road – Working in partnership with others to identify local solutions to social, economic and service delivery issues in small rural communities
Heather Downey
This paper discusses Place Based Servicing, the Australian Government’s model of working with communities and responding to community identified needs. Social workers within Centrelink’s Rural, Murray Darling Basin and Climate Change Branch work with communities utilising a Place Based Servicing model. The model sits in the broader context of the government’s Social Inclusion policy and is just one example of how the government wishes to promote a culture of inclusion. Rural, farming communities have traditionally been reluctant to engage with the “welfare system”. This paper identifies the skills, strategies and processes involved in building partnerships with other agencies and relationships with communities.

3. Outing the Elephant: Collaborating to progress employment practices in our sector.
Tina Reid
Umbrella organisations in the community sector have long been aware of challenges such as low rates of pay, limited budgets, short term funding, multi tasking positions, mix of paid and volunteer work and part time staff creating a demanding environment to work in and manage. Members of governance structures often come with limited employment and management experience of smaller local organisations. This has frequently been reflected in high turnover, smouldering grievances, poor performance, and employment disputes. For too long, any action to address these issues has languished in the too hard basket. Over the last 3 years a cross sector project has been developed to consider strategic, practical and ongoing ways to ‘out these elephants’.

3.00pm – 3.30pm
Afternoon tea

3.30pm – 5.00pm
Parallel Sessions
Room: P2
Panel: Government-Community-Corporate Relationships

In Bed or At the Table: How far do we go to keep a good relationship with government?
Jill Lang & Rose Melville
Since the introduction of the UK Compact in 1998, there has been an increasing trend in governments across the world to define and formalise their relations with the community services sector. In some jurisdictions, this has led to the development of formal partnership agreements, commonly known as compacts. In Australia, formal agreements have been signed in several jurisdictions over the past few years, with the Queensland Compact being the most recent. These formal agreements have yielded a range of outcomes – some successful to a certain extent, some not at all. This panel presentation will explore whether formal partnership agreements have brought about changes in other jurisdictions; explore what the enabling factors, opportunities and challenges are in Queensland government-sector relations; and ‘how far’ the sector should go in its relationship with government.

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Panel
Room: P3
The Role of Customary Governance in Security, Peace and Sustainability within Vanuatu/Pacific
Dr Anne Brown, Dr Peter Westoby & Dr Donovan Storey
The panel will present on:
• the story of the ‘Custom governance partnership’ between ACPACS, the Malvatumauri National Council of Chiefs and AusAid. Key to the story is the exploration of partnership and dialogue that takes local values and practices, including governance practices, seriously.
• the challenge of providing ‘economic opportunities’ for the ‘youth bulge’ within the Pacific. It is posited that customary forms of community economic development have an important role to play in providing opportunities for young people.
• the challenges and opportunities in developing hybridized governance & planning systems in urban (though relevant to rural) settings.
ACPACs researchers will co-present with partners from the Malvatumauri Vanuatu National Council of Chiefs and from AusAid (Vanuatu).

Roundtable
Room: P4
Finding Australia’s Social Enterprise Sector
Jo Barraket & Mark Daniels
The purpose of this paper is to introduce the ‘Finding Australia’s Social Enterprise Sector’ (FASES) project, which is currently being undertaken by Social Traders, in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies. A year-long project, FASES seeks to build knowledge about the scope of Australian social enterprise activity, where it is happening and what its impacts are. A major output of the project will be an online database and directory of Australian social enterprise. The paper is explicitly linked to the theme of promoting human scaled economies.

Workshop/Creative Performance
Room: P1
“Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents, which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant” (Horace)
Brian Procopis & Steve Dillon
The paper & subsequent presentation will outline and showcase the work of the Lifeline Community Development team and its partnership with Sweet Freedom Inc, a non-profit production & promotion unit which aims to advance social justice and human rights as it celebrates creativity and artistic expression. It will demonstrate the role of music as being an effective connector of peoples enabling a harnessing of energies, a focusing of intention and a linking of cultures.

Workshop
Room: M1
Savings and Loans Circles
Dennis Lim & Nancy Johnston
Koinonia Savings and Loans (KSL) is a community-based savings and loans group formed in June 2003 as part of a joint initiative of the Mt Gravatt Ecumenical Social Justice Group in collaboration with representatives from the local Catholic, Uniting and Anglican churches. KSL is made up of local Brisbane residents from diverse backgrounds that have banded together to access no interest loans, contribute to small savings and build just communities. There are presently three cell groups totalling 25 members that meet regularly to make their monthly contributions and provide mutual support to each other. Most of the members live in the southern suburbs of Brisbane. Participants attending this workshop will share insights from KSL’s journey; understand the principles, processes and practicalities of developing and sustaining a savings and loans group; and explore some of the issues and challenges facing savings and loans groups. It is hoped that participants will actively interact with the workshop facilitators and fellow participants by sharing their own experiences, skills and stories with each other; and explore possible solutions to issues identified.

Film
Room: P5
The Take
A film by Avi Lewis and Naomi Klein, 2005
87 minutes
In the wake of Argentina’s economic collapse in 2001, Buenos Aires finds itself a ghost town of abandoned factories and mass unemployment. The Take documents a daring movement of workers who are occupying bankrupt businesses and creating jobs in the ruins of the failed system. This is a film of hopeful, inspired struggle for dignity in work.
Workshop
Room: M4
Stories at the Heart of Community Engagement
Jen Barkmann, Deb Driscoll & Kris Plowman, Red Thread Stories
Celebrating collective and individual experience, and finding ways to connect meaningfully with each other, particularly those whom we regard as different to ourselves, is what many communities are looking for. Sharing experience through stories enriches our understanding of our community or group. This interactive workshop will demonstrate three person playback, an improvised form developed by Red Thread Story for use in a workshop and community engagement strategies. Participants will explore and engage with theirs and others story through different processes including movement and music. The learning will be directly related to the DOING! Upon completion participants will have a broader understanding for how personal story can be used and applied as a learning and engagement tool for groups and communities.

Panel/ Discussion
Room: M7-8
Community Development Finance
The Australian Microfinance Network

Personal Finance
A discussion about microfinance in the Australian context with various members of the Australian Microfinance Network

6.15pm – 10.00pm
Conference Dinner
Sponsored by: mecu limited
9.00am – 10.30am
Plenary session:
Room: PTR
Dialogue on the Edge: Beyond ideology and towards true partnership between community, corporate and government institutions
Chair: Mary Maher
Panel: Paul Wamer, Lara Beacroft & Anthony Kelly
This session sponsored by: NAB

10.30am -11.00am
Morning tea

11.00am – 12.30pm
Parallel Sessions
Panel
Room: PTR
Community Development Finance in the UK and Australia
Bernie Morgan & Foresters Community Finance
Panel
Room: P2
Research as Intervention: The role of a post capitalist politics in building sustainable livelihoods
Katherine Gibson, Michelle Carnegie & Amanda Cahill
In this session the panelists show how the diverse economy framework has been used to inventory economic practices in urban and rural locations in Philippines and Indonesia. From this foundation they discuss how the coordinates of the community economy (necessary and surplus labour, consumption and the commons) focus attention on everyday ethical negotiations. The projects demonstrate how the diverse economies framework and the community economy concept offer ways of doing ethnographic and action research that engage with and build upon already existing community-centred, sustainable economies.

Papers: Sustainable Livelihoods
Room: P3
1. Building Sustainable Livelihoods through Revival of Crafts
Alk Hunar Aik Nagar AHAN –One Village One Product Pakistan: A Case Study
Mohammed Shakeel Abro
AHAN was initiated as a special initiative by Govt of Pakistan on May 2006. This project is the part of the response to the challenge for Pakistan to meet its goal of reducing poverty by half by 2025. There is a pressing need to provide non-traditional work opportunities in the rural areas. AHAN initiative envisages to study and emulate OTOP, OVOP of Japan and other similar programmes for income generation of rural population with a view to identifying the best practices and adopt the same for design and implementation of Aik Hunar Aik Nagar/Rural Enterprise Modernization Initiative of the Government of Pakistan. AHAN case study has been focused that how nonfarm sector can best be addressed so as to alleviate poverty. Under this case study the concept of contemporarisation of artisan products and market linkages development has been discussed and how they have become the source of opportunity for the rural artisans.

2. Sustained Community Participation through Handicrafts Making and Recycling
Anacoreta Arciaga
This paper will share how the women group and its neighborhood hurdle poverty through sustained community participation in handicrafts making and recycling. Participation of the women’s group was assessed using the 6 typologies of participation and the principles of asset-based community development as popularized by McKnight and Kretzman (1993). The study will also provide an excerpt of the women’s stories on how the simple and small community economic activities have been sustained and help them slowly go out in crawling situation of poverty that haunts them.

Alfredo Jeronimo Gutierrez and Helen Abbott
LAHO has developed a project unique in East Timor that provides local community members with alternative income generating activities. LAHO assists local subsistence farmers and villagers in the development of successful silkworm cultivation and silk production through a program of training, technical assistance, product development and marketing. This paper will look at the development of the LAHO project over the last 9 years, the successes and the challenges of building real sustainable economic alternatives for local communities within a newly independent nation and what the future holds as the organisation moves towards a community cooperative model of management.

Roundtable
Room: P4
Spirituality, Community and Economy – A guided interfaith conversation
Led by Dave Andrews & Nora Amath
This circle breaks new ground on old issues by utilising the great ideas in peoples’ religious traditions as resources for understanding and developing community centred economies.
1) participants will talk about notions of spirituality, community and economy in their tradition.
2) participants will talk about the link they see between spirituality, community and economy.
3) participants will talk about the ideas that they have found most helpful as frameworks for developing truly inclusive communities and really viable community centred economies.

Films
Room: P5
1. Think Global: Eat local
Directed and presented by Morag Gamble and Evan Raymond of SEED International, 2008
15 minutes
A celebration of local food systems in communities across the world. Think global: Eat local touches on many of the issues caused by and impacting upon our current unsustainable food system, and points to the relocalisation of food systems as a key strategy for working towards a more ecologically sustainable, healthy and socially just society.
2. Breadmakers
Director: Yasmin Fedda, 2007
11 minutes
At a unique Edinburgh bakery, a community of workers with learning disabilities makes a variety of organic breads for daily delivery to shops and cafés in the city.

3. Strong coffee: The story of Café Femenino
Director: Sharron Bates, 2007
48 minutes
Women in remote farming areas in Peru came up with the idea of Café Femenino, a project that would give them financial independence from the men in their community and within their families. Strong Coffee shows how Café Femenino—where coffee beans are grown entirely by women farmers—helps women in their own communities as well as reaching out to women around the world.

Workshop
Room: P1
Transition Towns: A practical, holistic approach to building community resilience
Sonya Wallace & Janet Millington
Australia’s first Transition Initiative, Transition Sunshine Coast, is part of a growing international movement of communities working to build local resilience. Focused on positive action and solutions, we work with community, key stakeholders and government to implement relocalisation strategies, energy descent action planning, community and government consultation and projects, resilience and diversity across community, government and corporate sectors. Transition Initiatives work to move from oil dependency to local resilience in food, water, energy, transport, housing, economics, trade, business, education, governance, health and many other categories relevant to each particular community. We are firmly focussed on action and making things happen through community action and government policy changes.

Workshop
Room: M7-8
Creating Australia’s Silicon Valley: Social Enterprise in the UK and Australia
Cheryl Kernot
Through an examination of examples of social enterprises and social businesses from the UK and elsewhere Cheryl will lead a discussion on what individuals, the third sector and governments can do to enable the growth of social innovation and Social Silicon Valleys in Australia.

Papers: Human Scale Economies
Room M5-6
1. Sustaining Communities and Architecture’s Role
Steph Zannakis
In discussing the creation of community-centred sustainable economies, the built environment and its role deserves attention. Architecture by virtue of design embodies lifestyle. It naturally follows that when looking for solutions to current local and global ills we need to collectively re-evaluate the fundamentals of our culture and the artefacts that perpetuate it. In turning a corner toward an earth centred community, where healing human/nature and human/human relations are of utmost importance, let’s ask ourselves what do we ‘need’ as both individuals and community to live well for both now and the long term future? Examples to be presented are from Australia’s rich history of intentional communities, eco-villages, cohousing projects, sustainable architectural theory as well as the presenter’s design approach to dwellings and community based projects appropriate to community development.

2. Human Scale Infrastructure and Transport Development
Ben Guy
A balance between urbanization and social, public spaces is crucial to the viability of a city. Urban environments should encourage sociability, vitality, efficiency, and a combination of users and uses. This presentation will discuss ways to ensure that quality public spaces are created at the human scale level, and support the development of great cities.

3. Intergenerational Collaboration: Bridging the Gap through Mentorship
Trina Mercer and Miranda Maddox
This paper will look at the social and economic successes of the Funship Internet Café in Harbour Breton, Newfoundland, Canada; a social enterprise involving a collaborative effort from many community groups to prevent social isolation amongst seniors and the preservation of heritage appreciation in youth.

12.30pm – 1.30pm
Lunch
Community Development Qld Meeting

1.30pm – 3.00pm
Parallel Sessions
Papers: Government – Corporate - Community Partnerships

Room: P17

1. Leading Change: Voices of community leaders
   Dave Beck
   This paper reviews recent research carried out with a group of grassroots community leaders in the West of Scotland, highlighting the differences and commonalities of their experiences of community leadership and social change. In particular it considers the formative experiences that impacted upon their direction in life, their beliefs and ideas about what it means to be a leader and how formal and informal learning supported their development in those roles. It also examines the role of formal and informal support networks and mechanisms in maintaining and developing their leadership roles and makes some provisional recommendations as to how people in these roles can be effectively supported.

2. Community Capacity Building
   Gary Craig
   Fifteen years ago, the term ‘community capacity-building’ (CCB) was not to be found anywhere within the policy literature. Now it is used world-wide, particularly in the context of urban policy, regeneration and social development. Based on two separate studies for the OECD, the paper argues that the term has been introduced as part of a political fashion but that in practice it is difficult to distinguish it from the practice of community development. A critique, drawing on experience worldwide, suggests that its widespread use represents a continuing failure of governments properly to engage in ‘bottom-up’ development, is built on a ‘deficit’ model of communities which fails to engage properly with their own skills, knowledge and interests, and helps to obscure structural reasons for poverty and inequality. Whilst the focus is on community capacity-building, it will also reflect on the relevance of the term for social policies worldwide, including health, housing and regeneration.

3. Mutual Respect: Early findings from the Centrelink sail project in Logan
   Greg Hall and Katherine Davie
   This presentation looks at a project to develop relationships with marginalised people who access Centrelink in the Logan area. It reflects on the project’s development and discusses how it identifies and meaningfully engages with people who are disconnected from economic and social participation. It looks at some early outcomes, which suggest that the project’s framework of mutual respect and ‘shared assessment’ of clients needs and goals has been successful in engaging with some of the ‘hardest to reach’ in the community.

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Papers: Sustainable Livelihoods

Room: P2

1. Local Economic Development and Remote Desert Settlements
   Ann Ingamells, Sarah Holcombe, Jeremy Buultjens & Deborah Rockstroh
   Distance from markets and from the mental maps of largely urban-centric policy making means that small and very remote settlements do generate economic models and practices locally. Whilst some settlements are clearly better positioned in terms of natural resources and opportunities to do this, others survive with only scant and patchy resources. This paper draws on research into sustainability of desert settlements in Australia over the past two years by Desert Knowledge Co-operative Research Centre. It is a preliminary attempt to identify elements of economic practice in small remote settlements that contribute to sustainability and to consider the kinds of models and policy support that are most helpful.

2. Not Just Goin’ Fishin’ on Palm
   Rachael Atkinson
   “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day, teach him how to fish and he feeds himself for a lifetime” may need to be expanded to include: “work with him on how to expand fish stocks, grow the rice and source the condiments, and he feeds himself, his family and his community for a number of lifetimes”. This presentation discusses the application of such an approach in a northern Queensland Indigenous community. The Palm Island Community Company (PICC) is a unique approach to building social and economic capacity within the community based on partnerships between community, government and market sectors. The presentation analyses the experience of this new governance approach and what happens when you broaden the vision to aim for more than simply ‘going fishing’. This paper explores some of the theory related to new models of partnering encompassing dimensions of: Sharing strategic directions and strategic outcomes – partners in thinking; Building capacity in communities and organisations – partners in making; Sharing service delivery and service development – partners in doing. These are the dimensions that need to be addressed to ensure new partnerships achieve more than simply teaching people to fish.

3. Resilience as a focus for CD.
   Helen Ross, Cath Rogers-Clark, Kath McLachlan, Christine King, Desley Hegney, Peter Baker & Elizabeth Buikstra
   Resilience has been little explored at community scale. We report components of community and individual resilience identified through a participatory action research study in southeast Queensland, and present a systems model showing relationships between these resilience-building factors and interactions between individuals, community, environment and economy in the resilience-building process.
Panel
Room: P3
Taking Down the Fences: Re-thinking ‘The Commons’ for diverse Australian communities
Elyse Rider, Brigit Walsh, Mikael Smith & Carol McDonough
This panel was put together by members of GreenFaith Australia, a new organisation in Victoria that brings people of different religions and cultures together to learn, discuss and act on ecological issues and themes. In both urban and rural situations and in relation to both micro and macro projects, The Commons is a useful and flexible structure for community centred management but requires creative and collaborative thinking in shaping appropriate projects and designs. This is the purpose of our panel. We discuss The Commons in Australia from historical, cultural, contemporary and visionary perspectives. We will discuss The Commons in relation to Australian multiculturalism and community building, in relation to current resource issues and policy, explore the contemporary relevance of The Commons from an Aboriginal perspective and in relation to reconciliation, and present a case study from one rural community in Victoria.

Roundtable
Room: P4
Fostering Magical Moments in Community Development Practice
Led by Cari Patterson
Together with session participants, we will explore how, whether, and when to create environments that facilitate these magical moments, and discuss the implications for community development practice.

Films:
Room: P5
1. Jarlmadangah: Our Dream (second screening)
   Directors: Cornel Ozies, 2007
   28 minutes
   In October 2007, the members of Jarlmadangah Community celebrated 20 years of a journey of self determination to fulfillment of a dream: of building a strong family community based on ideals many others around Australia have strived to accomplish. The importance of family, language and culture, of living connection with this pristine wilderness, comes together in joyful festivity through dance, art, song, language, land and the business of indigenous cultural tourism.

2. The Power of Community - How Cuba Survived Peak Oil
   Director: Faith Morgan
   Produced by The Community Solution, 2006
   53 minutes
   Cuba, an isolated island nation, rebuilt its quality of life following the collapse of cheap oil supplied by the former Soviet Union. This fascinating and empowering film shows how communities pulled together, created solutions, and ultimately thrived in spite of their decreased dependence on imported energy.

Workshop
Room: P1
Cooperatives: A ‘feel-good’ relic from the past or a realistic way of structuring our economic future
Howard Buckley, Gerard Dowling & members of the Praxis Co-op
Cooperatives have for many years been used by economic and community service entities to meet the objectives of their members. Those objectives sit within a co-operative tradition that promotes equality, enhances participation and imbues cooperation. The cooperative movement has reached across many sectors and many co-ops have proven to be strong successful entities in creating jobs and other economic activity. For example, a recent UN General Assembly report argues that they contribute an estimated 100 million jobs worldwide. With the many challenges emerging on the economic landscape as well as the “bigger is better” approach that is smothering smaller community-based human services, we ask the question: “Does the cooperative model offer an alternative that could be a bright light of optimism to help shape community centred approaches for the future?” This workshop provides a brief history of the cooperative movement, shares some stories of existing Co-ops here in QLD and explores what co-ops offer for the future.

Workshop
Room: M7-8
How Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) Supports Community-Centred Economies across the Asia Pacific Region
Dee Brooks & Ted Smeaton
This presentation will examine the benefits of participatory economies and the role of ABCD in supporting communities across the Asia Pacific Region highlighting successes of cross-sector partnerships in 15 different areas. The presentation will explore what is currently happening in Asia Pacific communities and how ABCD is impacting participants who have, or are shifting from deficit models to asset based models in creative and exciting ways!

Papers: Breaking New Ground
Room: M9
1. Community Development and the Mining Industry
   Pam Bourke
   This session tells the story of two specialised community development training courses for the community relations staff of the mining industry. The session will give an overview of the content of these courses and an insight into the experience of running them. The first is conducted on site at the request of industry, the second is on-line and based at UQ.
2. Approaches to Govt-Corp-Comm Partnerships through Leadership: The intersecting of global dialogue and systems change.
James Calvin
In this paper the starting point is that the field of community economic development is very expansive and at times incongruent given the range and divergence of theories, concepts, training and approaches advanced in institutes, colleges and universities. Around the world the changing and shifting circumstances of nations, cultural regions and communities presents significant challenges as well as opportunities at this juncture in the globalization journey. In this paper there will be several snapshots articulating several of the ongoing efforts in the United States, in Portugal, in the Caribbean and in Africa. While big policy discussions and discussants might add value, the forums often overshadow innovative and valid efforts made by local groups and organisations that are not invited to participate. In this paper, there is discussion about economic realities that have come together as change points that alter the critical role of community centered strategy implementation involving government, business, and communities.

3. Will Market Forces Help Us Make the Right Decision? Two ways to spend $10m
Karyn Bradford & Shirley Smith
In this case study we explore a community driven approach which not only addresses the devastation of the internationally renowned wetlands of Lake Alexandrina and Albert in South Australia but also addresses major social and economic issues through engagement of landholders and creation of new employment opportunities.
The ‘Shoreline – Partnerships in Bioremediation’ establishes, in partnership with governments at all levels and scientific agencies, a sustainable social enterprise which is a centre for community knowledge and research. The government model of market forces to deliver outcomes rips apart community networks, delivers completed task without engagement and long term sustainable economic, social and environmental outcomes.

3.00pm – 3.30pm
Afternoon tea

3.30pm – 5.00pm
Plenary session
Closing Ceremony

Summary, Declaration Launch and launch of learning fund.

Handover to next destination CD Qld conference

Closing Ceremony and Learning Fund Sponsor: BHPB
SPEAKER PROFILES In Alphabetical Order

**Helen Abbott** is LAHO’s Organisational Advisor. Her relationship with Timor-Leste began in 2003 through the Brisbane Timor-Leste Solidarity Group. She has been living in Timor since 2007. Helen graduated from UQ with a Bachelor of Social Work and Arts in 2002.

**Mohammed Shakeel Abro** is a development professional and working in the sector since 12 years. He has his MBA (Hons) and MEC from IBA University of Sindh Jamshoro. In his volunteer capacity he represents Asia as the Board member of IACD U.K. At present He is working as Regional Head Sindh Province and leading provincial unit in Federal Govt. initiated project of one village one product (Aik Hunar Aik Nagar-AHAN). Under that, economic empowerment of artisans and landless and wageearners is the prime objective.

**João Aguiar** finished a high degree in Community Development and Mental Health in Instituto Superior de Psicologia Aplicada (ISPA), Lisbon in 2006. Since then, João has worked on a research project in ISPA about leadership and migration. He has worked in an NGO on a poverty alleviation and social, professional and community integration program, in poor neighbourhoods and rural communities; planning a partnership program for community development in poor urban neighbourhoods and building networks and partnerships to create opportunities for education and training for adults.

**Nora Amath** is founder and director of AMARAH, Australian Muslim Advocates for the Rights of All Humanity, a non-profit organisation based in Brisbane, Australia that advocates for a better world. AMARAH supports and encourages the positive engagement of Muslims on issues of concern for the whole of humanity. The philosophical essence of AMARAH is derived from a number of central Islamic concepts: taqwa (God-consciousness); tawhid (unity of God), amanah (trust), and khalifah (ambassadorship). The work of AMARAH is focused on 5 areas: Islamic Awareness, Human Rights, Civil Rights, Social Reform and Environmental Responsibility.

**Dave Andrews**, with his partner Ange, has lived and worked in intentional communities with marginalised groups of people in Australia and Asia for more than 35 years. Dave is interested in radical spirituality, intentional community and the dynamics of personal and social transform-ation. He is author of many books and articles, including ‘Christi-Anarchy’, ‘Not Religion, But Love’, ‘Building A Better World’, ‘Living Community’, and ‘Compassionate Community Work’. Dave and Ange and their friends started Ashiana, Sahara, and Sharan – 3 community organisations working with slum dwellers, sex workers, drug addicts and people with AIDS in India and they are currently a part of the Waiters Union, a community network working with Aborigines, refugees and people with disabilities in Australia.

**Anacoreta Panganiban Arciaga**, BSc, MSocWk, is As Prof in Behavioural Sciences Department-Community Development Program, De La Salle University-Dasmarinas & Program Manager, Livelihood and Enterprise Development Center, (LEDC) Inc. The presenter started her humanistic orientation in early life experiences in the rural community and was nurtured by exposure to community development work in a remote community where her sister worked helping communities in education/training and enterprise development.
SPEAKER PROFILES In Alphabetical Order

Rachael Atkinson is a proud Aboriginal woman of the Yorta Yorta tribe from Rumbalara in Victoria, Australia. Her early professional background was in social work, child protection and juvenile justice. In 2008 she was appointed General Manager of the Palm Island Community Company and she is also a founding member and chair of a recently formed NGO in Townsville – Life is More. For 9 years Rachel was CEO of the Townsville Aboriginal and Islanders Health Services (TAIHS) Ltd. an Aboriginal community controlled medical service which employs in excess of 100 staff. Rachel is a strong advocate for equal rights and for Aboriginal health advancement.

Halimah Azein comes from Sudan and lived in Kenya for more than 19 years before coming to Australia. Currently a Social Work/Social Science student, she aspires to be an international community developer/aid worker so she can make a difference in the world, especially back home in Africa.

Prof Peter Baker is with the University of Queenslands Toowoomba Rural Clinical School.

Cindy Lyn Banyai is a PhD Candidate at Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University. Her research encompasses rural development and evaluation; including projects in Indonesia, East Timor, Japan, and Philippines. She has facilitated JICA trainings for rural development and community capacity since 2006, and is working to establish the Institute for Community Design.

Dr Jo Barraket is Associate Professor of Social Enterprise at the Australian Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies. She has research and activist interests in social enterprise and community development, as well as the relationship between nonprofits and governments in the implementation of social policy.

Jen Barrkman has worked for over twenty five years as a group and story facilitator, community psychologist and oral historian.

Laura Beacroft no biography was available at the time of printing

Dave Beck is a lecturer in Community Development at the University of Glasgow in Scotland. His recent research has been around themes of social capital, community leadership and how learning can support sustainable social change. His background includes Community Development, housing and community adult based education. He is married and has 3 grown up children.

David Beurle is the founder and Managing Director of Innovative Leadership Australia, an Australian company specializing in rural leadership and innovative rural community economic development. The company specializes in working directly with community, government and industry leaders in the USA and Australia to stimulate leadership, innovative thinking and community engagement within rural and regional communities. David has extensive international experience in the agricultural industry, rural community development and rural leadership and for 8 years was the Principal Project Officer to the Western Australian Minister for Primary Industry. He is the recipient of State and International awards for innovation in program design.

Pam Bourke has worked in community development, affordable housing and social planning for the past 29 years. A significant proportion of that time she has held senior community development positions with Local Government. Currently she has been delivering Community Development training to mining companies nationally and internationally.

Karyn Bradford JP [Adv Dip Com. Services Management, Cert. VI training and Assessment] is a long term Milang resident and Coordinator of the Milang Old School House Community Centre which was the 2007 Australian Learning Community of Year. The Centre has developed a model of empowerment learning which constantly opens individuals, the community and region to new opportunities.

Dee Brooks is a Community Development Worker with the Family Action Centre based at the University of Newcastle. She is currently working on the ‘Disaster Planning in Park Communities’ project and coordinates the B.I.G. project (small grants for big ideas) with the Caravan Project. Dee is the Facilitator of the ABCD Asia Pacific Network.

Dr M. Anne Brown is a Senior Research Fellow at the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, UQ. Publications include Security and Development in the Pacific Islands: social resilience in emerging states, (ed., Lynne Rienner) and Human Rights and the Borders of Suffering: the promotion of human rights in international politics, (University of Manchester Press).

Rayleen Brown owns and operates a successful catering business in Alice Springs, NT. She specialises in using Australian bush foods in her business to provide a unique taste to the culinary delights she creates for her customers. Rayleen has a passion for bush foods and their cultural importance to Aboriginal people. Rayleen has generously contributed her knowledge and expertise to the Desert Knowledge CRC core project on Bush Foods and their cultural importance to Aboriginal people. Rayleen is a highly respected member of its ‘Bush Harvest’ Reference Group, supporting research in this area.

Howard Buckley (BCW, PGDip Soc Plan) is currently Community Praxis Co-op’s only full-time trainer and consultant. His work experiences include 6 years as a Social Planner with the Caboolture Shire Council and 20 years of work in the community sector with mainly neighbourhood centres & youth services. For the last 17 years he has lived in Maleny (in the beautiful Sunshine Coast hinterland) with his partner and children. Howard loves spending time with his family (including his crazy dogs), bushwalking, camping and reminding people that AFL is the real football.

Elizabeth Buikstra is a clinical psychologist, currently working in Cairns.

Dr. Ingrid Burkett is the Social Innovations Manager for Foresters. She has practiced, taught, researched and written about community economic development for over 15 years, both locally and internationally. She has worked across government, community and corporate sectors and taught community development at the University of Queensland for 8 years. Ingrid is the Oceania representative and Vice President of the IACD and is recognised as one of Australia’s experts in the fields of community and micro finance.
SPEAKER PROFILES In Alphabetical Order

Robin Clayfield has lived, worked and played in Community for most of her adult life and is an author, trainer and facilitator working both overseas and within Australia. Her key experience in Building Community Centred Economics is in 20 years involvement as a staff member and Trustee of Maleny L.E.T.s and 25 years as a Permaculture Practitioner and Designer with 18 years experience teaching Permaculture - which involves facilitating learning about ‘Local Economics, Money and Building Resilient Communities’. Robin is a member of a micro-finance system and many Co-operatives and community groups in Maleny working towards sustainable and abundant local economies and healthy, thriving community. She has been part of Crystal Waters Permaculture Eco-village since the plans were drawn up over 21 years ago and is now involved in the early stages in Australia of the Transition Towns Movement.

Jenny Cleary currently leads the Desert Knowledge CRC core project on Bush Products from Desert Australia. She has a background in community and economic development and a passion for the desert, where she has lived and worked for most of her life. She is currently undertaking a PhD where she is examining value chains in the bush foods industry with the aim of understanding how to increase participation of Aboriginal people in the industry.

Phil Connors works in the School of International and Political Studies at Deakin University, Victoria. His research interests focus on community development and sustainability, with a special interest in community economic development. Phil and his partner Jo are developing a permaculture property on three hectares in Opossum Bay, Tasmania.

Dr Darryl Coulthard is a Senior Lecturer, Deakin University, Victoria, School of Information Systems. Darryl is researching the barriers and opportunities for environmentally sustainable practice for small to medium enterprises. His current work involves the study of communities of practice and their ability to develop and support ethical practice. Darryl lives in Castlemaine Victoria with his wife and 4 sons.

Sue Counts Manager of Wanaka Wastebusters Inc, has 7 years experience developing Wanaka Wastebusters from a small garage operation to a large successful centre with a staff of 36 and a turnover of $1.6m., conducting reuse and recycling operations and a wide range of educational activities. She has been the national development officer for CRN and has recently inaugurated an ‘on-the-road’ recycling scheme for tourists in the province of Otago which is planned to go nation-wide.

Mandy Cox is the Social Enterprise Development Worker at Spiral and Refugee Women’s Leadership Project Worker at Community.

Gary Craig is Professor of Social Justice at the University of Hull, England and As Dir of the Wilberforce Institute for the study of Slavery and Emancipation. He was President of the IACD 1999-2008. He was a community development worker from 1967-1988 and an academic since, undertaking a wide range of policy research, particularly in the fields of community development, local governance, ‘race’ and ethnicity, poverty, inequality and deprivation. His latest (co-edited) book is Community Development in Theory and Practice, Spokesman Books, 2008.

As. Prof. Carol Dalglish has spent the last 10 years in the Faculty of Business at Queensland University of Technology, Australia, where she has been Acting Head of the Brisbane Graduate School of Business, MBA Director and Faculty Director of Internationalisation. She has taught, studied and consulted in Australia, England, South Africa, Mozambique, Denmark, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Canada. Carol is the author of several books on leadership and intercultural teaching and learning. Her research interests include micro-entrepreneurship in Africa, leadership development and intercultural teaching and learning. Prior to joining QUT, Carol held senior positions in the public service in Australia and the UK and spent 5 years as a management consultant.

Mark Daniels is Manager of Policy and Development at Social Traders. He has considerable experience in running and developing social enterprises. Social Traders was established in August 2008 as a social enterprise development agency; it exists to build the social enterprise sector in Australia.

Katherine Davie is a social worker who manages the Centrelink s.a.i.L. project in Logan, as well as supervising a number of Centrelink social workers in the Logan area. Katherine has a background working with disadvantaged communities in Australia and the UK.

Steve Dillon is the head of the QUT Creative Industries Department & author of the publication Music, Meaning & Transformation. Both Brian & Steve are ‘rockers from way back’ – can’t help themselves.

Gerard Dowling is a founding member of Community Praxis Co-operative – established in Brisbane in 1998 as an alternative organisational structure in a political economy that is increasingly structuring opportunities for developmental work as ‘consultancy’ and ‘project’. He has 10 years experience navigating this tricky territory and more recently working with Brisbane City Council exploring creative ways to engage young people in urban design, multicultural community, sustainability, active travel, social enterprise and e-citizenship.

Heather Downey is an experienced social worker. She is a rural specialist in Centrelink’s Rural, Climate Change and Murray Darling Basin Branch. She currently provides an outreach social casework service to members of small rural communities affected by drought and climate change. As a rural person, Heather is passionate in her commitment to community capacity building opportunities and to identifying local solutions to social and economic issues.
Belinda Drew has worked in the community sector in Queensland for over a decade in the areas of homelessness, disability, child protection and housing, holding a number of positions in social policy organisations and currently the CEO of Foresters. Belinda is a Board member of the Queensland Council of Social Service and holds various roles on advisory committees engaged in philanthropy and social enterprise.

Deb Driscoll has worked in community arts and as a youth worker for 13 years and has assisted people in bringing their unique voice alive through drama, theatre and community projects.

Osvaldo Elissetche was born on 1947 in Argentina. He is a Sociologist, Professor of Negotiation, Organizational Behavior and Social Change. Has international experience as a consultant in LAC countries. He is President of Asociación Civil Estudios y Proyectos, NGO devoted to local development programs. He is member of the Latin American and the Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization Network, CIVICUS, ISTR, LASA and CALACS.

Steve Fisher has been working in international development for the last fifteen years, specialising in community development, appropriate technology, small enterprise and conflict resolution and, more recently, community mental health. He is leader of the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre project on improving desert services.

Deborah Fry MA, MPH is the Project Officer at IACD. Deborah develops, coordinates and implements community development projects and is also responsible for coordinating and supporting policy initiatives related to community development. Previously, Deborah was the Research Director at the New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault (the Alliance). She has a MA degree from Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University and her Master of Public Health degree from Columbia University. Deborah was also a Fulbright Research Scholar from 2001 to 2002.

Sarah Gall is a musician, educator and activist whose work spans contexts from community enterprises and environmental campaigns to government organisations and university research and teaching. Based in Brisbane’s West End, Sarah is concerned with supporting diversity in urban environments and she pursues creative and intellectual projects to foster ethical economic and ecological practices.

Katherine Gibson is Professor in the Centre for Citizenship and Public Policy at the University of Western Sydney. She is an economic geographer engaged in rethinking economic concepts in the light of feminist and poststructuralist theory. Her research interests have been shared over three decades with Professor Julie Graham from the University of Massachusetts, USA, with whom she shares a collective authorial presence as J.K. Gibson-Graham. She has directed large action research projects with communities in Australia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines.

Mary Graham was born in Brisbane and grew up on the Gold Coast, she is a Kombu–merri person and is also affiliated with the Waka Waka group through her mother. She has lectured and tutored on subjects in Aboriginal history, politics and comparative philosophy at the University of Queensland and at other educational institutions around the country. She has produced a range of papers, principally on philosophical and political themes, some of which have been published in international journals. She currently does research work with Kummara, an Aboriginal community development organisation conducting a Stronger Indigenous Families project.

Fabricio Guaman was born in the city of Quito and trained in environmental sciences. He spent time in the Ecuadorian Amazonian where he learnt the kindness of the ancient knowledge of the Indigenous peoples. Sharing and living through community experiences he has supported several processes of resistance in defence of the natural resources and the rights of these peoples, such as the Guardians of Seeds Network (Red de Guardianes de Semillas RGS) which promotes the conservation and the use of organic traditional seeds and knowledge throughout the Tropical Andes. Fabricio has also been a part of the construction of the “House of the Tree”, an urban space that promotes a conscience of social, economic and environmental responsibility. Founder of the Cooperative of organic products “Zapallo Verde” that joins the field and the city.

Patricia Gunter is an Aboriginal healer, a wandjeri, located at Ceduna, South Australia. She and her family started an independent enterprise, Pampul Healing and Therapy Wiru, which offers massage therapy and bush medicine oil, in the style of the traditional Aboriginal healers. The Gunter family extracts oils from the local native plants and creates their own unique type of therapeutic massage oil.

Alfredo Jeronimo Guterres has been the Project Manager of LAHO since 2005. Having received training in Indonesia, he is one of Timor-Leste’s leading specialists in Sericulture. Previously, Alfredo worked as an interpreter with the UN. He is a local Baucau man, who speaks four languages.

Dr Ben Guy is the co-founder and director of Urban Circus, a Brisbane-based company that uses interactive 3D software to help design cityscapes and infrastructure in simulated models. Urban Circus is an international leader in virtual design and communication, and particularly focuses on the human scale and human capital and the balance between public and private spaces. This is especially important when it comes to proposed radical changes that involve new roads, busways, buildings and precincts. Ben has a PhD in Urban Design & Planning and a passion for great place outcomes and technology.
Suprayoga Hadi (Yoga) has nearly 20 years experience in the Indonesian National Development Planning Agency and is currently Director for the Special Area and Disadvantaged Regions. He is responsible for the Aceh-Nias post-tsunami and post-earthquake Yogyakarta–Central Java response, and strategies in conflict affected areas of Papua and Maluku. He holds a Doctorate in planning and development from the University of South California.

Greg Hall is Area Business Manager for Centrelink Social Work Services in South and West Queensland. Greg has been involved with a number of innovative projects engaging Centrelink with communities, including the rural call centre social work project and partnerships around children who have experienced domestic violence.

Prof Desley Hegney is Director of Research, Alice Lee Centre for Nursing Studies, the University of Singapore, and former Director of the Research and Practice Development Centre, a joint centre of the School of Nursing at UQ and Blue Care.

Nancy Heinrichs is the Executive Director of Nor’West Co-op Community Health Centre for the past 7 years. She has a BSW from the University of Manitoba. Nancy has extensive experience in the fields of Mental Health, Critical Incident and Trauma Debrief as well as many years of management experience.

Ann Hill is a doctoral researcher. Her action research project “Growing Community Food Economies” involves cross-cultural community engagement with a variety food initiatives in Canberra and Sydney in Australia and in Cagayan de Oro in the Philippines and explores ways of building resilient and sustainable food economies.

Dr Sarah Holcombe holds two part-time positions at CAEPR - as Social Science Coordinator for the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre (DKCRC) and as Research Fellow, primarily working on the ARC Indigenous Community Governance project (ICGP). The majority of Dr. Holcombe’s research has been in the Northern Territory as an applied social anthropologist. She has worked for both the Central Land Council and the Northern Land Council. Her PhD work in anthropology was undertaken in the Central Australian Luritja community of Mt Liebig (Amunturrngu), on the processes by which this settlement evolved into an Indigenous community.


Antonius Maria Indrianto (Anton) is the partnership strengthening adviser for the Yogyakarta-Central Java Community Assistance Program (an Australian Govt Funded initiative of AUD30million). He ensures ownership of government, implementing partners, private sector and community in the program. He has worked with INGOs in Timor Leste, Papua and Canada. He has studied non-profit organisational management at the University of Columbia in NYC.

Dr Ann Ingamells teaches community development at Griffith University. Ann’s research interests include community development, small community organisations, community sustainability, with a particular interest in Aboriginal communities and community building in greensfields sites. Ann has been undertaking research with Desert Knowledge CRC for the past two years.

Bill Irwin of Best Digital Video, Chewton, Victoria, father of a teenager, is making a third DVD with Lucy for our workshop showcasing Castlemaine as it is building community centred economies. Other short documentaries to be shown in the film festival are: Having a Go at Doing Something Different: Community Engagement in Community Action; Castlemaine and Social Ecology – Building a Sustainable Future.

Lisa Janke is a Community Development Coordinator with the Inkster Parent Child Coalition. She has worked with the Parent Child Coalition for 6 years. She holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba. Lisa is a trained facilitator of SafeTeen – an internationally recognized violence prevention and assertiveness training program. Lisa has over a decade of experience with innovative youth programming.

Yunsik Jeong worked for a self-sufficiency promotion centre 2000–2006. I have been both a manger of microfinance institution and a member of SEHBU since 2007. Now I am a director of a social enterprise, Nadah Art Band.

Nancy Johnston is a member of the Koinonia Savings and Loans Circle.

Esperance Kalonji comes from the Congo and is a mother of four. She is a qualified dressmaker and is currently establishing a design, alteration and dressmaking business. She is also working with local supporters to establish an aide and community development project to assist families seeking refuge in camps in Malawi.

Howard Karger is Professor and Head of the School of Social Work and Human Services, the University of Queensland.
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Cheryl Kernot is the Director of Teaching and Learning at the Centre for Social Impact at the University of New South Wales. Following her distinguished political career, Cheryl has spent the last five years working in the UK as a Programme Director at the Skoll Centre for Social Entrepreneurs at the Said Business School at Oxford University and as the Director of Learning at the School for Social Entrepreneurs in London. Her specialist role at the Skoll Centre was to assist and mentor start-up social businesses particularly in the delivery of innovative health services.

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Michelle Kirkbride is a Community Development Coordinator with Nor’West Co-op Community Health Centre. She has a Bachelor of Arts from The University of Winnipeg. Michelle has been working at Nor’West for 9 years in Community Development. She has worked with community groups, youth and other service agencies on a variety of community initiatives including Gilbert Park Going Places.

Prof Montri Kunphoomaari is based in the School of Social Development at the University of Naresuan. He has been educated in Thailand, the Philippines, the US and the Netherlands. He has worked in government and community settings and has published extensively in matters relating to community finance and capacity building.

Kathy Landvogt works in the Social Policy Research Unit of Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service in Melbourne, where she is engaged in action research, policy research and system advocacy on issues related to living on low income. Kathy is a social worker with experience in service delivery, management and consultancy in both the State Government and community-based organisations including disability and generic community services. She has been a social work educator and a facilitator of women’s community education groups. Kathy completed her PhD at UQ on the topic of community-based women’s groups.

Jill Lang Director Queensland Council of Social Service, believes in the ability of QCOSS to play an influential role in working towards a fair and more socially just Queensland. She has also been Chair of the Queensland Community Services Futures Forum since 2006.

Tina Lathouras and Morrie O’Connor have extensive experience in the community service sector - in practice and governance roles; in the areas of disability support, neighbourhood centre work and policy advocacy. At the University of Queensland Morrie has taught the subject “Community Economic Development: Local & International” and Tina is currently undertaking doctoral studies investigating community development and structural dimensions of disadvantage and practice.

Dennis Lim is a member of the Koinonia Savings and Loans Circle.

Connie Loden is the President-CEO for Heart of Wisconsin Business & Economic Alliance, coordinating community economic development in Wisconsin USA. Connie’s passions include working with leadership and community economic development programs, locally and internationally, to build community capacity. Connie serves as President of the Community Development Society and previously as president of Wisconsin Rural Leadership Program and Wisconsin Rural Partners. Her work in community economic development has been recognized with a multitude of state, national and international awards for excellence in her field.

Antoinette Lombard is Professor and Head of the Department of Social Work and Criminology at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Her teaching and research interest lies in the fields of social welfare, social development and policy, community development and social work education. She is the programme manager of the MSW (Social Development and Policy) programme. She published a textbook on community work and development in 1991 and has published numerous articles in scientific journals. She is the chair of the Standard Generating Body (SGB) for Social Work in South Africa and the vice chair of the Association of the South African Schools of Social Work (ASASWEI). Prof. Lombard is a board member of the Consortium for International Social Development and serves on the editorial committees of two international and one national journal.

Dr. Susan Machum is Canada Research Chair in Rural Social Justice and As Prof of Sociology at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She has been Executive Director of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick and worked for Canada World Youth, an international development education and exchange programme, for which she developed the Environmental Leadership Programme.

Donnie Maclurcan runs Project Australia – a national organisation developing an online incubator for social innovation - and is completing a PhD at the University of Technology, Sydney, assessing nanotechnology’s global consequences. Donnie is passionate about alternatives to the ‘growth paradigm’, appropriate technology, open source design and permaculture.

Dr. Wilson Majee works as a Community Development Specialist for the University of Missouri Extension, USA. Wilson was born and grew up in Zimbabwe where he attended the University of Zimbabwe and graduated with a BSc in Economics in 1990 and a MSc in Economics in 1992. While in Zimbabwe, Wilson served in numerous senior-level positions in both the private and public sectors. In 2003 Wilson joined the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA, where he graduated with a PhD in Development in 2007. His dissertation research explores the potential role of worker-owned cooperatives in the creation of social capital in resource-limited communities.

Lucy Mayes is a neophyte film maker and a community consultant with background in local government, in economic development and also in innovative youth programs for which she received a Paul Harris Rotary Award. Rural Woman of the Year 2008 runner up for Victoria, a lawyer and social worker, Lucy is committed to encouraging transformative growth and creativity, well-being in times of rapid change, developing healthy diverse interconnected communities sustainable in livelihood and lifestyle in their changing landscapes.
SPEAKER PROFILES In Alphabetical Order

Ian Maynard is Divisional Manager, Corporate Services having joined Council in April 2005 as Executive Manager Strategic Procurement. Ian has extensive management experience and has been responsible for driving significant cost savings in Council and previous Private Sector roles. Ian has a BSc (First Class Hons) from UQ and has undertaken the INSEAD Advanced Management Programme (France). Ian also holds directorships on the Boards of City Super Trustees Pty Ltd and TradeCoast Land Pty Ltd and United Way Queensland.

Carol McDonough is a community designer and organiser passionately committed to local water futures for survivability of seriously at-risk farm-town communities. A member of GreenFaith Australia, currently she is Convener of Water Is Life, Mount Alexander (WILMA), a Steering Committee member of both MAP2020 the Shire Community Plan and Transition MA.

Christine McDougall works with leaders in many fields, corporate and political, challenging them to stay within the highest levels of their own integrity.

Nick McGuire, Logan Office of Economic Development, has spent the past 10 years working in the Economic Development field, across a range of different Local Government Areas. Nick became passionate about developing the concept of “local economies” during his time at Beaudesert Shire and has continued this work at Logan City as part of a regional push in this area.

Sally McKinnon Ethos Foundation, contributed to the establishment of the Ethos Foundation and now helps to coordinate the Ethos Consulting Service and Building Sustainable Small Business program. Sally has been involved in the environment and sustainability movements for 20 years as a communicator, educator and researcher and now also writes poetry and personal essays.

Kath McLachlan is a community developer with Community Development Services, Stanthorpe.

Kenneth McLeod is a learning facilitator, change strategist and cultural innovator. His current major project is the development of an innovative transition leadership development program.

Joanne McNeill has been involved with social enterprise for many years and is a keen advocate of the model. Previously, her roles have included Senior Communication & Consultation Specialist with Sinclair Knight Merz and Network Relations Manager for the pilot of the Prime Minister’s Community Business Partnership initiative.

Dr Rose Melville Senior Lecturer, UQ. Rose Melville’s primary interest area is in non-government and community sector organisation research, with a current focus on youth and political participation.

Janet Millington is a qualified school teacher with Master of Education, co-author of The Outdoor Classroom, accredited sustainable systems design teacher, practitioner and consultant. Experienced community facilitator, business woman and coordinator of Transition Sunshine Coast. Co-writer and co-facilitator of Transition Town Training programs across Australia, together with Sonya.

Prof Koichi Miyoshi is a professor in the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies and has worked for over 35 years in the field of international development with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). For the past 3 years both authors have been involved in implementing JICA training programs in Japan on community capacity and rural development for developing country officials from Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Tim Muirhead for over more than 20 years Tim Muirhead, of the “CSD Network” has amassed wide experience in all aspects of community development, working with all spheres of government, the non-government sector and community groups. Tim works in a wide range of capacities, from volunteering in local community groups through to advising various government departments. Tim has worked extensively with Aboriginal communities.

Helena Norberg-Hodge is the founder of the International Society for Ecology and Culture, a non-profit organisation concerned with the protection of both biological and cultural diversity and education for action. She is also a member of the International Forum on Globalisation, an alliance of 60 leading activists, scholars, economists, researchers and writers formed to stimulate new thinking, joint activity and public education in response to economic globalisation. For her work as Director of the Ladakh Project, Helena Norberg-Hodge shared the 1986 Right Livelihood Award, otherwise known as the ‘Alternative Nobel Prize’.

Morrie O’Connor and Tina Lathouras have extensive experience in the community service sector - in practice and governance roles; in the areas of disability support, neighbourhood centre work, and policy advocacy. At the University of Queensland Morrie has taught the subject “Community Economic Development: Local & International” and Tina is currently undertaking doctoral studies investigating community development and structural dimensions of disadvantage and practice.

José Ornelas, is an As Prof with Aggregation at the ISPA Instituto Superior de Psicologia Aplicada in Lisboa – Portugal. His first doctoral degree was at Boston University in Psychology and the second doctoral degree at the University of Oporto in Portugal. Over the last 25 years he has developed research and practice in the field of Community Psychology, particularly in the domains of community mental health and interpersonal violence prevention. Ornelas has been a member of two National Commissions, one the reform of the mental health system, and another for higher education reviewing Psychology Curricula.
Juliette Alifa Osumaka comes from Congo and would like to establish a shop that sells African foods, clothes and beauty products. As President of the Congolese Women's Group, Juliette is kept busy representing the needs, interests and talents of women in the Congolese community at forums and gatherings.

John Owen is just happy to see his name in lights.

Cari Patterson and Jean Robinson-Dexter The 2008 IACD Conference took place in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada. The organizers have a broad range of experience working in communities and brought it together in planning for the event, which led to the best possible synergies. As the group gelled, we found ourselves open to the magic and creativity that we saw emerging from working and thinking together and we celebrated as it wove itself into our conference design and took its own form and space. It is this openness to magic that we each bring to the presentation. Cari and Jean are Directors of Horizons Community Development Associates in Nova Scotia, Canada.

Rob Pekin is the founder of Food Connect; a revolutionary food distribution enterprise that works in collaboration with local farmers to set up a risk sharing relationship with city folk. Robert is a born and bred former Organic Dairy Farmer who has also set up some of Australia’s most efficient and productive Vegetable farming systems. He has seen the tragic decline of the Cooperative movement and the destruction caused by the corporatisation of the Food System. He is on the world committee of URGENCI and has been one of the pioneers in a revolution to radically change how food is produced and distributed.

Kris Plowman has worked as a scientist, ecologist and facilitator in universities, state and local government and the community sector.

Keith Popple is Professor of Social Work at London South Bank University, UK. He is author of Analysing Community Work: its theory and practice (Open University Press, 1995) and joint author with Paul Stepney of Social Work and the Community: a critical context for practice (Palgrave, 2008). He was Editor of the Community Development Journal from 1998 to 2003 and continues as an Editorial Board member. He shares with Marj Mayo the role of Community Development Journal rep on the IACD Board.

Maria Epik Pranasari (Epik) is the livelihood adviser for the Yogyakarta-Central Java Community Assistance Program. She is responsible for YCAP livelihoods programs and ensuring strategic linkages between communities, public-private sector, Corporate Social Responsibility and government. Epik has worked for INGOs and multilaterals (including UNFAO) with a particular interest in fair trade and organic farming through her studies in Sweden.

Brian Procopis is a member of the Lifeline Social Inclusion/Community Engagement team where he uses music to engage and offer a voice to members of marginalised communities. Brian co-chairs Sweet Freedom Inc – the non-profit social justice record label with Steve Dillon. Brian & Steve are ‘rockers from way back’ – can’t help themselves.

Corrine Proske is the Community Finance & Development Manager, NAB. She is responsible for managing community partnerships focused on helping low income Australians access financial services.

Susan Quay is a senior project manager at CCA with a focus including strategic community development and project management. Previously, Susan worked on the planning, management and delivery of large scale projects and international sporting events and was formerly the Manager of Recreation at the WA Ministry of Sport and Recreation.

Dr. Margot Rawsthorne lectures in Community Development at the University of Sydney. She has a broad range of research interests, including geographic distribution of disadvantage, rural community development and international exchange. She is a co-founder of the NSW Community Development Network, a branch member of the IACD.

Tina Reid Executive Director, NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations (NZFVWO) has a strong commitment to increasing the capacity of the community sector and increasing understanding and recognition of the part it plays in social development in New Zealand. She plays a number of roles in several national collaborative projects, designed to strengthen the sector and improve relationships between the community and other sectors. Tina comes from a community development background and has worked in a number of volunteer, governance and paid roles in a number of voluntary organisations as well as a Community Development Advisor at both Wellington City Council and the Department of Internal Affairs.

Elyse Rider has worked in community development in Australia
and internationally. She is currently on the board of directors of the Borderland Cooperative where her project work is based. Elyse is a PhD candidate at Monash University where she is researching the emerging intersection between the interfaith dialogue and green movements. Elyse is the current Chair of GreenFaith Australia, an organisation she was active in founding.

Kevin Robbie has over 15 years experience in the third sector in the UK. He worked for Forth Sector – www.forthsector.org.uk - one of Scotland’s leading social enterprises for over 10 years and was Chief Executive for 7 of those years. He has acted as advisor to over 30 other social enterprises around development issues. Within SVA, Kevin is responsible for developing the social enterprise hubs, supporting the development of social enterprises that create employment for people marginalized in the labour market and developing approaches to measuring social added value.

Deborah Rockstroh is an educationalist and PhD candidate with Southern Cross University and the Desert Knowledge Cooperative Research Centre, with research interests in material culture and appropriate technology, sustainable development of social, ecological and built environments and learning and capability in human development. Her thesis explores (a bioecological model of) the cultural and creative development of agency and how this applies to technology transfer in Aboriginal community housing in remote desert settlements.

Prof Cath Rogers-Clark is Head of Department (Nursing and Midwifery) and Sister Elizabeth Kenny Chair in Nursing at the Uni of Sth Qld.

Dr Fay Rola-Rubzen is the Core Project Leader of the Desert Knowledge CRC’s Desert Biz™ core project and Associate Professor at Curtin University of Technology. Fay is an economist with a strong background in economic modelling, rural and regional development, capacity building, community development and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Helen Ross is Professor of Rural Community Development in the School of Integrative Systems, at UQ. She is an interdisciplinary social scientist specialising in community roles in environmental management. Her research themes include resilience, co-management, Indigenous natural resource management and social impact assessment.

Michelle Sainsbery is National Microfinance Manager, Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service. She has 16 years experience in community settings with a focus on the development of practical responses for low income consumers. Michelle has a Bachelor of Business, Graduate Diploma in Adult Education and Master of Social Science.

Tiago Seixas has an underdegree in Community Development and Mental Health in ISPA Institute and a Master Degree in Community Psychology. Tiago has been working for the last 5 years with Homeless people with whom he has been developing strategies for community capacity and psychosocial integration. Is current a professor at ISPA and vice-president of Portuguese Association for the Study and Community Development.

Pat Shannon As Prof/Chair Waihemo Wastebusters Inc., has over 30 years experience, practising, teaching and researching in the field of community development in a variety of settings. His most recent work has been action research into developing a ‘best practice’ model for deliberative community governance of central/local partnerships through a range of active case studies. He is also involved in the development of Waihemo Wastebusters and the collaborative development of a regional district-wide network of community recycling and community building groups.

Ted Smeaton is a community enthusiast and a builder of community organisations and civil society. Ted has worked in Australia and Asia assisting communities and agencies to come up with innovative ways of stimulating community and social renewal. Ted is the Chairperson of the ABCD Asia Pacific Network.
SPEAKER PROFILES In Alphabetical Order

Mikael Smith is Managing Director of Australian Aboriginal Management Solutions (AAMS) and has many years experience working in Aboriginal Affairs in Victorian and nationally. Mikael’s NGO and not for profit roles include Co-chairperson - Reconciliation Victoria, Treasurer – Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation, Member of the Northern RAJAC, Trustee Opening the Doors Foundation and Co-chairperson - Parliament of the World’s Religions Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Committee and the Victorian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce Committee. AAMS own a majority share of Black Olive Productions (formerly “the Outback Cafe”) in partnership with Mark “the black” Olive and is the only 100% Aboriginal owned and managed Pty Ltd catering and tourism company in Melbourne.

Shayna Smith is an Assistant Director of the Fair Trading Policy Branch in the Department of Justice and Attorney-General. Shayna is the Qld representative on the Consumer Credit Code Management Committee and became the Chair of the Qld NILS reference group in late 2008.

Shirley Smith [MBA, BA (Yth.Aff.), Dip YL, Cert IV Training and Assessment] works with the Milang Old School House Community Centre.

Sharon Solyma, Gold Coast City Council Economic Development, is new to the “local living economy” family in SEQ and brings with her a winding trajectory of experience in tourism, academia, environment, music industry, business, holistic health, the not-for-profit sector and local government.

Fiona Stager is co-founder and Manager of Avid Reader Bookshop and Cafe in West End, Brisbane. Established in 1997, Avid Reader is a leading independent bookshop with a reputation for its strong commitment to community. Fiona is the President of the Australian Booksellers Association. She lives in West End with her family, five chickens and two native beehives.

Naomi Stenning is originally from Maleny in Qld. She holds a MSc in International Cooperation Policy from the Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University in Beppu, Japan and is now a doctoral candidate at the same institution.

Dr Donovan Storey teaches Development Planning at the UQ with a focus on urban governance, management and informal settlements in developing countries, especially the Pacific Islands. Much of his research has investigated new forms of urban governance, planning and citizenship which lead to progressive cities of inclusion.

Joyce Taylor arrived in Australia in 2003 from Liberia. She is studying Social Sciences at Australian Catholic University, works part time and is a mother. She has been the Chairperson of the Liberian United Women of Qld for 6 years.

Maria Tennant has been involved in community development for over 25 years. During this time she has worked as a CD worker, housing worker, manager, public servant, teacher and community planner in a variety of organisational settings. Most recently she was involved in the establishment of the Sunshine Coast Housing Company, a social enterprise for housing and community economic development.

Allan Tranter is co-director and a founder of Creating Communities Australia – a leading community consultancy in Australia and overseas. He has developed diverse expertise in social planning and social marketing and a passion for community well-being. Allan is in high demand as a keynote speaker due to his ability to stimulate, provoke and challenge.

Dr Shann Turnbull is a co-author of Building Sustainable Communities: Tools and Concepts for Self-reliant Economic Change, author of Democratising the Wealth of Nations and A New Way to Govern: Organisations and Society after Enron. A Harvard MBA, Shann has founded a number of corporations with some becoming publicly traded.

Polly Walker is of Cherokee and Settler descent and grew up in New Mexico on the traditional land of the Mescalero Apache. Her experiences there led to a passion for and commitment to cross cultural community work. She has lived and worked in Australia for 13 years. Her work focuses on the interface between Indigenous and Settler cultures. She is currently a postdoctoral Fellow with the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, and works with a number of community groups within Australia and The United States, exploring culturally appropriate and sustainable ways of transforming conflict.

Sonya Wallace has a background in state government: communication, emergency and strategic planning. Qualified in sustainable design systems and sustainable agriculture. She is the Coordinator of Transition Town Eudlo and Transition Sunshine Coast.

Brigid Walsh has a BA from the University of Qld and has long experience in public and corporate administration and industrial relations. She is currently Secretary of GreenFaith Australia and her major interests are The Commons, Water and Networking.

Paul Warner no biography was available at the time of printing.
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Dr. Peter Westoby is a Lecturer in Community Development within the School of Social Work and Human Services. He has worked in development practice within South Africa, PNG, the Philippines and Australia. He lectures in community development theory/practice, methodology, frame-working and training.

Rod Williams is Bundjalung man from nth NSW who has pursued a private sector career that extends across the industrial relations, financial, mining industries and small business development at both the national and international levels. Holding a Bachelor of Business from the Elton Mayo School of Management, University of SA, Adelaide. In 1993 Rod decided to leave corporate life with Normandy Mining in Adelaide to start Gongan Consultancy with the major aim of developing a business framework that gives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the right to participation, empowerment and ownership. Central to developing any business direction was to facilitate the cultural/ economic balance appropriate to the individual, family or the community aspirations.

Ross Wiseman presently works at Peakcare Inc, Queensland’s child protection peak agency. He manages an action research project aimed at sustaining small NGOs in Queensland’s Child Protection Sector. Ross has worked in the community services sector for most of his career, primarily in the fields of community housing, community and sector development, industry training and organisational governance.

Sarah Wright has worked with farmers and community groups in the Philippines, Cuba, Australia and the United States. She is a lecturer in geography and development studies at the Uni of Newcastle in Australia where she specializes in food security and food sovereignty, post-colonialism and critical development.

Steph Zannakis B.App.Sc.(Environmental Design), B.Architecture

Healing self/societal and human/nature relationships is central to Steph’s journey of discovery in this life and in particular his practice of architecture. Developing an ethical practice of being in the world relative to the context of climate change, peak oil, planetary resource consumption and the notion of what could be a rich, collaborative, local and meaningful sustaining lifestyle is the path with heart Steph is seeking to walk.
The Building Community Centred Economies logo unites several elements which convey the theme of community. Circles are used as the foundation of the logo, to reflect the vision of the conference to create a vibrant meeting place where communities can come together and share ideas to work towards developing community-centered sustainable economies.

The three larger circles represent the diversity of the conference participants – government, corporate and community organisations. These are linked by larger lines, signifying the equal platform that is created to share ideas. This central circle is surrounded by a traditional Aboriginal dot style to represent Indigenous Australians, and the Jagera people of the land where the conference is held.

The main theme of the cover artwork is centred around community and location. It reflects people working together, diversity, community and local economies.

One of the main elements represents Brisbane, the location of the conference. This is depicted through the Brisbane River, travelling from Indooroopilly to Brett’s Wharf. The Brisbane River is an icon of Brisbane and is the ideal symbol to represent the city.

The outer red circle represents all participants and contributors, from different countries and sectors, united and connected by a common theme of community development and creating solutions for a sustainable economy.

All paths lead to the main focal point, the conference. This position is a true representation of where the location of the conference is held, at the Convention Centre in Southbank, in relation to the river. The yellow lines that travel out from the centre are the outcomes and ideas that will be taken away from the conference and back to their respective countries, organisations and communities.

Gilimbaa was born out of a passion to work with Indigenous art and story-telling and the elements they can bring to contemporary design and communication. It has been a pleasure to contribute this body of work to the conference, and to help in some way to extend the vision and message of community-centered economies for a sustainable future.

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