



Community Action Fund 2011 Report

Project Name:

Qld Rural Women's Network Barambah Branch - South Burnett Community Foundation

Briefly describe the project. (Maximum length 150 words)

To research and take the first steps to establish a community foundation in the South Burnett region. The funds were to provide administrative and meeting support for the community representatives.

The QRWN Barambah Branch has seed funding they wish to use to provide a legacy in the community and this funding was to engage more widely and explore the possibilities.

Briefly describe how you accomplished what you set out to do (Maximum length 150 words)

The project coordinators (Karen Seiler, president of the Barambah Branch QRWN and Georgie Somerset) called a meeting of the wider community, involving local government, business, community, industry and other not for profit organisations.

This group has now met several times and in March 2011 coordinated a visit to two community foundations at Buderim and Ipswich, followed by a visit in April 2011 to the South Burnett by the chair of Australian Community Philanthropy and the Stand Like Stone Foundation in SA, Sue Charlton, and the chair of the Broken Hill Community Foundation, Vince Gauci.

This visit gave an opportunity for the broader community to be involved and a dinner and breakfast meeting were held with over 50 people attending these events.

The travel for these speakers was funded by a community NFP and a clearer vision of the way forward has now been developed with strong community and industry ownership of the project.

Who benefitted, directly and indirectly from the project and how?? (Maximum length 150 words)

The coordinators benefitted from the support of a paid administration person, and the community will benefit in the long run as a Community Foundation is established.

The support of the SRC committee gave the coordinators the momentum and impetus to pursue this project and it became a priority in their lives, ensuring action as taken and follow through occurred.

This was crucial to actually getting it done and greatly appreciated.

Administrative support has now been offered by a community NFP as we work through establishing the Community Foundation, so effective transitional arrangements are in place.

Photos, testimonials of attendees and media reports of the project would be a bonus for the report.

Attached is a report on our initial meeting in October 2010, and photos of the breakfast meeting in March 2011



Georgie Somerset and Sue Charlton overlooking Lake Yallakool



Listening to Vince's breakfast speech at Captain's Paddock winery



Sue Charlton addressing the breakfast meeting



Vince Gauci addressing breakfast



Belinda Pennell, Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation, Jane Iszlaub, Wondai Kindergarten, Carl Rackemann and Georgie Somerset at the breakfast meeting



Guest Speakers Vince Gauci and Sue Charlton (right) with Carl Rackemann, Karen Seiler and Deputy Mayor South Burnett Regional Council, Keith Campbell.



QRWN Barambah Branch president Karen Seiler with QRWN members Mandy Bishop and Claire Kapernick



Steering committee member Georgie Somerset, Carl Rackemann, Karen Seiler and Tim Loth, Tarong Energy with guest speakers Sue Charlton and Vince Gauci

Group rallies to form foundation

A GROUP of community members dedicated to creating a legacy for the future of the South Burnett have been meeting recently to discuss the feasibility of establishing a South Burnett Community Foundation.

The group has had three meetings and has now formed working groups to progress the potential structure of the proposed organisation, engaging community groups, and future communication strategies.

The idea is the brainchild of local resident, Georgie Somerset and is being backed by the Queensland Rural Women's Network, the South Burnett Regional Council and several community groups and individuals.

"A community foundation is a



NEW GROUP: The community is banding together to discuss the feasibility of establishing a South Burnett Community Foundation.

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philanthropic organisation that builds a community's capacity for self-help," Mrs Somerset said.

"It can provide funds for community needs and facilitate partnerships between groups to find solutions to local issues."

"It is a community-based charitable organisation which develops the community's capacity for independence and self reliance."

For more information about the foundation contact Carolyn Stone on 4164 8147.