

Stories from the back paddock:



Community Building in the Pyrenees Shire

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Community Building Demonstration Program Initiative

- Improve the social, economic and environmental circumstances of communities,
- Develop active partnerships with stakeholders,
- Strengthen the capacity and cohesiveness of communities and to
- Use bottom-up and joined up approaches to community development



Pyrenees Community Building Project

- 11 core activities:
 - establishing a community portal
 - developing a shire wide weed management plan
 - re-introducing government services to Snake Valley
 - researching the delivery of government services to communities
 - developing the Beaufort Community Action Network (BCAN)
 - preparing community action plans
 - providing seeding grants to support community building initiatives
 - developing training and skills in the community
 - involving youth and aged in community activities and
 - consulting and developing project plans for remaining communities in the shire



Community Building Process

- Community Building Organisers:
 - Continuity of personnel
 - Local government support
 - Role of the committee
 - Community champions
- Community:
 - Community readiness



Key Issues

- Implementing community building activities:
 - Shared understanding
 - Early 'runs on the board'
 - Ability to engage disparate groups
 - Nature of planning
 - time



Implications for future

- Key learnings
- Role of local government in the Pyrenees Shire

