



APPENDIX 3

Sample Brochure of Community Projects



WHAT ARE COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS?



When communities draw on their own resources they can respond to issues in exciting new ways.

Community Partnering supports innovative community responses:

- *voluntary initiatives
- *co-operative enterprises
- *financing alternatives
- *not-for-profit initiatives
- *self-employment & small business



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Voluntary initiatives.....



The local community, with support from small and large businesses and the La Trobe Shire Council, builds a community playground.

A local park in Morwell has few facilities.



Retrenched and retired workers establish a tool library where people on low incomes can borrow tools and obtain advice about household repairs. Tools are donated by local businesses and people also donate broken tools that can be used for parts.

Retrenched and retired workers have skills they want to contribute to their community.

Groups of single mothers meet once a week to cook meals. The meals are eaten fresh, or frozen for use later. The mothers contribute money each week and local businesses give discounts.



Single mothers struggle with the demands of cooking for their children every night.

Through Technical Aid for the Disabled people with varying levels of skill volunteer to build customised devices. Disabled people are charged only for the materials. Groups like Rotary and Lions help with donations.



People with disabilities need customised devices to help them with everyday life.

Co-operative enterprises....



The community responds by forming the Yoeval Community Hospital Co-operative Ltd. They raise money for expanded health and aged care services. The Co-operative has over 250 shareholders.

A public hospital in a small town in Central New South Wales is closed.



Families are assisted by a local community group and businesses to build large backyard fishtanks. Sun-fish are bred for home consumption or market sale. A group of families form their own co-operative as a way of increasing market production and generating employment.

A local community has high levels of poverty and few employment opportunities.

The Mirboo North Newspaper Co-operative is formed. Over 50 people contribute each week to the publication of the paper. With the closure of the last bank branch a co-operative has formed to provide financial services in conjunction with Bendigo Bank.



A local newspaper in Gippsland is threatened with closure.

Financing alternatives...

A group of farmers collectively manage a sheep flock on behalf of the local health service. The yearly wool cheque is used to help support the health service.



Funding for local health services in a small town in Western Victoria is cut.



Over 110 young people each contribute a minimum of \$12 and form their own credit union. A group of young unemployed people who are members of the credit union borrow money to start their own baseball cap and t-shirt printing business. Local businesses help with supplies and equipment.

Young people find that financial institutions are not responsive to their needs.



In New Zealand, the Dunedin YWCA sets up the Angel Fund to lend small amounts of money to women on pensions and benefits. Money is donated to the fund or lent by individuals and businesses.

Women on pensions and benefits cannot borrow money from financial institutions.

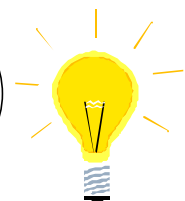
Not-for-profit initiatives...

Work Focus Inc. runs a range of initiatives, eg, retired workers train young people at risk of homelessness in woodworking skills; people on a 'work-for-the-dole' program rebuild a pearling lugger; and local artisans are helped to become self-employed. Support comes from large corporations and all levels of government.



High levels of unemployment follow the restructuring of the power industry in the Latrobe Valley.

Fig Tree Community Garden is established on vacant Council land. People with disabilities, older people, children and others grow vegetables and flowers. People on Community Service Orders assist. In order to become self-financing herbs will be grown commercially.



In Mooroopna via Shepparton people with disabilities want to be more active in their community.

Self-employment & small business developments....



A high school student organises dance parties and books local bands. The young person is now a music promoter and band manager in Dandenong, employing 9 young people full-time and another 100 part-time and casually.

There are few dance venues in Dandenong for young people interested in alternative music.



A local saw miller in Yarram comes up with an idea for a new milling technology that makes it cost effective to grow and harvest native timbers. The timber is used in award-winning buildings, and the technology is being exported overseas.

Local environment groups are concerned about the spread of pine plantations and the cutting down of old growth forests.