

# Community Development Queensland Seminar

Last one for 2018!!!

**Date: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018**

**Time: 4pm-6pm**

**Venue: South Bank Campus of Griffith University Graduate Centre**

**Room: SO7 2.16- 2.18 - this is in the usual building behind the Ship Inn.**

*You will find the room behind the Ship Inn, and close to the Southbank end of the Goodwill Pedestrian Bridge. Please join us for a drink and catch up at the Ship Inn following the seminar.*



## Is there a Place for Place? Community Development, Place and Place Initiatives

Discussions about place and place based initiatives are gaining currency in governments, NGOs and even corporate sector.

In this seminar we consider the many ways of understanding place from a **community** perspective, and what it would mean to give a greater place to place, and to the communities for whom place is important, and has special meaning.

- What would it take for local communities to speak up for place?
- What do we, and could we, speak up for, what should we be protecting, what are the risks to place?
- How can communities go beyond playing a role in an agenda set elsewhere?

The session will take the form of short input from three people, listed below, followed by a facilitated discussion.

### **Grant Paulson**

Grant is an Aboriginal man, son of a Baptist Minister, and a trained clergyman. His day job is with World Vision, where he works with Warlpiri people, particularly at Lajamanu in N.T., Martu people in Western Desert and Young Mob in N.S.W. This work informs his search for a development framework which validates Aboriginal spirituality. This is also the topic of his current PhD work. The question underpinning Grant's work is "What are the fundamentals of community, where do culture, country, spirit and place fit?"

### **Fiona Hunt**

Fiona has been working with Qld communities for over 20 years. Her passion is creating processes and spaces with people excluded from the mainstream, advocating for systemic change, bringing diverse people together for purpose and supporting capacity in community services and networks. She has worked across Neighbourhood Centres, Housing, Homelessness, Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol sectors. She is currently Senior Project Officer with QCOSS in the Community Capacity and Engagement team.

### **Ann Ingamells**

Ann has taught, practised and researched various aspects of community and community practice for many years. Recently retired from her academic position at Griffith University, she continues her research and community involvement. Ann's research covers broad areas, but always with a community focus – from local Neighbourhood Centres to remote Aboriginal communities. She is a founder member of Community Development Queensland and convenor of the Coalition of Community Boards. She brings to discussions of place a particular focus on how local people find the support, structures and resources to discuss and act on local needs and aspirations.

