



2023 Queensland Community Development Conference

SANDSTONE POINT, MORETON BAY REGION
MONDAY 16 – WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2023

Regenerating Community:
Getting Our Hands Dirty!

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Welcome from Mayor Peter Flannery

City of Moreton Bay is proud to host the 24th Queensland Community Development Conference and to be part of the tradition of bringing people together to inspire, celebrate and develop a shared approach to community change. This is the third time the conference has been held in our City, previously at Deception Bay and Caboolture.

There is a strong history of supporting community development practice in our city. The first Building Better Communities course was held in Burpengary in 1999. Howard Buckley will share the history of this course at this year's Les Halliwell Address. Council continues to support the delivery of the Building Better Communities course to inspire and skill residents to connect with others and work together to transform their ideas and aspirations for their community into reality. Council also supports community development by providing training and other initiatives for workers in our community services and allied sectors.

We are delighted to 'put up our hand' to host this conference. Bringing all this expertise to our city is a rare opportunity to 'Get Our Hands Dirty' together.

As the organisation for the conference progressed, Moreton Bay Regional Council became City of Moreton Bay. The renaming signifies the challenges faced by rapidly growing communities. Whilst change and growth is constant, we must prioritise the development of social infrastructure alongside physical infrastructure. Community connection is what gets us through good times and tough times, such as natural disasters, epidemics, and rapid rises in living costs.

I'd like to express my gratitude to the members of the Conference Coordinating Group: Tina Lathouras, Howard Buckley and Bailey Wemyss, representing Community Development Queensland; Chris Mundy, representing Neighbourhood Centres Queensland; and the Council's Community Development Unit.

The conference thrives on the experiences brought by presenters and other session leaders, alongside all participants. Thank you to all the presenters for bringing this event to City of Moreton Bay.

My appreciation goes to everyone who has committed to attend the conference. I hope you enjoy your time in our city and leave this conference taking with you inspiring new connections, enriching experiences, and fruitful learnings with you.



Acknowledgement of Traditional Custodians

City of Moreton Bay acknowledges the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi, and Turrbal peoples and pays respect to their Elders, past, present and emerging. Council recognises that the Moreton Bay Region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to its Traditional Custodians. Council is committed to reconciliation and working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future for the benefit of all communities within the Moreton Bay Region and beyond.

Additional accommodation and tourism information

More information on things to do and see and places to stay in the City of Moreton Bay is available through Moreton Bay Region Industry & Tourism (MBRIT).

Visit: mbrit.au

2005 Maleny Conference



2013 Deception Bay Conference



Community Development Queensland (cdqld.org)

Community Development (CD) Queensland is an informal network of people and organisations who have a passion for growing and sharing knowledge in the practice of community development.

As a not-for-profit organisation we aim to support:

- the creation of spaces for community workers to network with colleagues
- training and mentoring in community development
- the provision of policy advice to government about community development issues
- a biennial community development conference, seminars, learning related gatherings, research and publications
- connections across diverse sectors such as the environment, community arts, health, housing, local area work.

We have more than 900 practitioners and community development academics in our network. Please join our mailing list if you wish to receive news and updates about community development in Queensland.

The Queensland Community Development Conference has been held biennially since 1974 in different regional locations across Queensland.

The Community Development tradition in Queensland has maintained its role as a field of practice committed to a vision, and is rooted in values that include the pursuit of social justice and human rights. These aims begin when ordinary people commit to dialogue and solidarity building – through discussions at home, in their workplaces, with their neighbours, in their community groups and organisations. Driven by Community Development (CD) QLD and hosted by regional partners, the aim of the conference is to inspire, celebrate and develop a shared approach to citizen-led community development. CD is a field of practice that supports community members or citizens to bring about positive change in their local communities.

This state-wide conference is the main vehicle through which CD practitioners and community members can come together for professional development, to share stories of best practice, and to support each other in their community development and positive change efforts.

Neighbourhood Centres Queensland (ncq.org.au)

Neighbourhood Centres have had a long tradition of meeting together at the Queensland Community Development Conference since their beginnings in the 1970's.

After officially forming the Community Centres and Family Support Network Association of Queensland (CCFSNAQ) in 1997, the sector held their state meeting in the days prior to the Qld Community Development Conference. This state meeting was comprised of representatives of Neighbourhood Centre regional networks from across the state to talk about issues of importance to them and plan collective action.

Now known as Neighbourhood Centres Qld (NCQ), the peak body continues to work in partnership with the Queensland Community Development Conference

to bring Neighbourhood and Community Centres from around the state together at their Statewide Neighbourhood Centre gathering and foster a Neighbourhood Centre stream at the conference. The conference is a great opportunity for Neighbourhood Centres to come together and develop their place-based community-led expertise with others for the benefit of local communities in rural, regional, remote and urban areas.

A message from the Community Development Conference Coordinating Group

Welcome to the 2023 Queensland Community Development conference.

Every two years when the conference is being planned, a local region or community puts up its hand to host and curate a program for us. This will be our 24th conference, and it is wonderful to be gathering with you in the beautiful City of Moreton Bay.

This conference is a formal collaboration between the City of Moreton Bay, Neighbourhood Centres Queensland, and the Community Development Queensland network. Due to Covid, we last met face to face in 2019, so we are keen for the in-depth conversations and co-learning opportunities that are before us over the next days.

Thank you to everyone who supported the process with proposals and contributions. We are also grateful to our sponsors for contributing funds to run the conference, which helped us keep the costs as affordable as possible.

The conference theme, Regenerating Community: Getting Our Hands Dirty!, is acknowledging that it's been, and continues to be, complex and challenging to do this work. But we know our practice makes an impact as it seeks to effect change for the better in communities.

We hope that the conference is inspiring and rejuvenating for you.

In solidarity,

Naomi, Gail, Micah, Hanan, Chris, Bailey, Howard and Tina

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Accessibility at your Fingertips

Your comfort and accessibility are our top priorities:

	<p>Ear Buds: Forgot yours? No worries! Swing by the registration desk to grab a pair.</p>
	<p>Disability Parking: We've got ample spots, right on site. Can't find one? We'll be outside each morning, at the front door, by the car park, to answer any questions.</p>
	<p>Multiple Entries: Choose your adventure, but if you need the lift, it's waiting for you on the building's southern side to get to and from the Pumicestone Room and the Cellar.</p> <p>The Oyster Shed is a seaside gem you can easily get to. Take a scenic stroll across the lawn from the Hotel or zip right into its own car park. Either way, it's smooth sailing – just follow the flat pathway straight to the Shed!</p>
	<p>Find your way: No need for breadcrumbs – every room and space comes with its own sign to let you know exactly where you've landed. Plus, if you're a treasure map kind of person, there's one tucked into this Program just for you!</p>
	<p>Sensory Spaces: Courtesy of Bailey's treasure trove, we offer two sensory havens. Upstairs, you'll find a sensory-and-craft wonderland, while downstairs serves up a chill atmosphere with sensory items to explore.</p>
	<p>Personal Sensory Items: Need a sensory pick-me-up? Collect a personal sensory item from the registration desk. Spoiler alert: it's yours to keep!</p>
	<p>Lunchtime: Lunches are more accessible at ground level next to the Sandbar Deck, with the Waterview Bar also available across the lawn.</p>
	<p>Feeling peckish? Get your snack on without a hitch! Morning and afternoon teas and lunches are conveniently served at the accessible ground level by the Sandbar Deck. Want more options? The Waterview Bar is just a lawn-leisurely stroll away. Snacking made easy!</p>
	<p>Your wish is our command: Any prior food requests will be waiting for you with your very own name on it, at the Sandbar Deck.</p>
	<p>Any questions at the Conference: Your experience matters to us. We're all ears for any additional needs you may have! We'll be at the information desk, staffing each room and space or call us on 0419 501 281 or 0456 611 450</p>

– by Bailey Wemyss, Community Development Conference Coordinating Group

2019 Toowoomba Conference



Les Halliwell Address

25 Years of the 'Building Better Communities' Course – Developing the Craft of Community Building

A panel presentation led by Howard Buckley
– Community Praxis Co-op

In 1999, in the Caboolture Shire, a rapidly growing region north of Brisbane, a local councillor was grappling with the population growth in her area and asked the question 'how do we build community not just suburbs?'. This led to a course being developed by Community Praxis Co-op to bring residents together to explore how they could build community in their new suburbs. It was called the "Building Better Communities" training course.

The popularity of the course grew across Moreton Bay, Brisbane City and the Sunshine Coast and has now been delivered in many parts of Queensland. Howard Buckley has been involved in delivering many courses and through his rich 28 year history of community work in Moreton Bay tells the story of the craft behind the course.

Howard will present some key processes and content that the course has been built around. A key foundational principle that is established in each course is the notion

that "we cannot build community but we can create the space where community is built". The address will use observations from course participants revealed through formal and non-formal evaluation processes.

A panel consisting of five previous participants will share their perspectives of what the course has meant to them and their communities. One panel member, Jody will speak from her role as a community organisation host agency and the others from their perspectives as participants in three very different courses: Rebecca from Deception Bay; Feather from Pomona, and Nariah and Liam as High School students in Baringa.

The Address weaves the stories from participants and the processes and content of the Building Better Communities course. It will build a compelling case for more experimentation with community building as a craft we embody, not just a technical skill we learn, and the challenge to take this experiment outside of our realm of comfort.








At the Conference

MONDAY 16 OCTOBER	
9:00am – 4:00pm	Neighbourhood Centres Queensland gathering
5:30pm	Conference registrations open in Pumicestone Room
6:00pm – 7:30pm	Les Halliwell Address: 25 Years of the 'Building Better Communities' Course – Developing the Craft of Community Building <i>Light refreshments served. Restaurant closes at 8:30pm.</i>
TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER	
On arrival at 8:00am	Venue and conference registrations open the ground floor <i>We'll be opening the doors to welcome you from 8am on the Conference days. Coffee and tea will be available near the registration desk on the ground floor, with breakfast snacks on sale at the cafe.</i>
9:00am – 5:00pm	Conference Day 1
6:30pm	Conference Dinner
WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER	
8:00am	Venue and conference registrations open ground floor
9:00am – 4:00pm	Conference Day 2 (final) <i>Coffee and tea will be available near the registration desk on the ground floor, with breakfast snacks on sale at the cafe.</i>




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Time	Venue	Topic	
MONDAY 16 OCTOBER			
9:00am – 4:00pm	Pumicestone Room	Neighbourhood Centres Gathering	
6:30pm – 7:30pm Arrival from 6:00pm	Pumicestone Room (North and South)	1. Les Halliwell Address: 25 Years of the 'Building Better Communities' Course – Developing the Craft of Community Building Presenters: Howard Buckley, Jody Blackburn, Rebecca Bellis, Feather, Narliah, Liam <i>*Note: light refreshments will be served. The restaurant downstairs is open until 8:30pm if you wish to purchase dinner</i>	  
DAY ONE: TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER			
9:00am – 10:30am	Pumicestone Room (North and South)	Welcome to Country 2. Kitchen Table Yarn: Reimagining our Practice for First Nations Justice Presenters: Dave Palmer, Ann Ingamells, Mary Graham, Aunty Flo Watson	
10:30am – 11:00am	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	MORNING TEA	
11:00am – 12:30pm	Pumicestone Room (North)	3. "Together We Make a Difference: Citizen Led Social Change" A Reflective Practice Session Presenters: Carmel Daveson, Maggie Shambrook, Lynette Loffel, Tracy Adams <i>*Note: this session will start at 11:15am</i>	
	Pumicestone Room (South)	4. Help! I have Community Development in my Job Description. Community Development 101 (The Basics) Presenters: Helen Betts, Ann Ingamells <i>*Note: this session will start at 11:15am</i>	
	The Cellar	5. Exploring Intersectionality and a Local Government Access and Inclusion Community of Practice Presenters: Bailey Wemyss, Andrew Monaghan	 
	Sandbar deck	6. The Voice – holding space for a conversation about the Voice Presenters: Trish Ferrier, Stephen Corporal	
	The Pavilion	7. Loss, meaning, mortality and the creative arts Presenter: Mira Chorik	
	The Oyster Shed	8. Stories of Community Development in Local Government Contexts Presenters: Ellen Han, Elise Daw, Kylie Finigan, Darce Foley, Breanna McCarthy	
	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	LUNCH

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 For more details including session abstracts and bios, please see: cdqld.org/program

Time	Venue	Topic	
DAY ONE: TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER (continued)			
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Pumicestone Room (North)	9. Equitable Community Development Practice Frameworks: Fostering Justice for First Nations People Presenters: Delma Dorman, Nicci George, Alexandra Stowers, Pina Asekona, Laraine Hinds, Paula Callaghan, Tina Lathouras	
	Pumicestone Room (South)	10. Planting the seeds of resilience: Measuring community development pathways to stronger communities Presenters: Dave Scott, Jen Fredricks, Jess Sattler, Karen Purdy	
	The Cellar	11. The key role of community economics – celebrating 25 years of Community Praxis Co-op and Nundah Community Enterprise Co-op (NCEC) and 50 years of E.F. Schumacher's Small Is Beautiful Presenters: Richard Warner, Peter Westoby, Rachael Donovan	
	Sandbar deck	12. Behind the Scenes Partnerships: Growing capacity by supporting people's organisations Presenters: Sharon Gingell, Cate Ryan	
	The Pavilion	13. Listen For... Game. Change your bias, change the future Presenters: Nick Takavadii, Jan Elston	
	Poinciana Deck	14. Coffee Shop Yarning – Yarning Circle Presenter: Stephen Corporal	
	The Oyster Shed	15. YOL1000 – a youth-focused place-based change project in Mackay Presenters: Lauren Pattie, Dorne Wallace	
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	AFTERNOON TEA	
3:30pm – 5:00pm	Pumicestone Room (North)	16. Community leading the way: Three developmental stories Presenters: Alison Maclean, Kristy Hill, Richard Warner, Tanya Stevenson	 
	Pumicestone Room (South)	17. Growing Community – Abundant Tools for Dynamic Organisations Presenter: Robin Clayfield	
	The Cellar	18. Social and Environmental Sustainability in a changing world – experiences from practice Presenters: Trish Ferrier, Christine King, Dorne Wallace, Alex Skinner	 
	Sandbar deck	19. Wam baalabiny karleep koorliny: strangers coming into other people's communities Presenters: Dave Palmer, Jennie Buchanan	
	The Pavilion	20. Eunoia: Collective Narrative Arts for Women's Empowerment Presenters: Priyanka Hemmadi, Tina Lathouras	
	Poinciana Deck	21. Reflective Practice in Local Government Presenter: Tim Burns	
	The Oyster Shed	22. On the Veranda – Practice workshop – First Nation CD workers share and explore key elements of their practice in communities Presenters: Emily McConochie, Kylie Waldren	
5:00pm – 6:00pm	The Cellar	23. Be brave, be bold, and be a volunteer with your body for tomorrow's plenary Presenter: Deanna Borland-Sentinella	
6:30pm	Pumicestone Room (North and South)	CONFERENCE DINNER	

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DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER			
7:30am – 8:30am	Sunset Deck, BIG4 Sandstone Point Holiday Resort	24. Local government workers brekkie get together	
7:30am – 8:30am	Outside (Pavilion)	25. Encountering Country on its own terms Presenters: Rachael Donovan, Peter Westoby	
9:00am – 10:30am	Pumicestone Room (North and South)	26. The stories we share: Letting our bodies tell the stories Presenter: Deanna Borland-Sentinella 27. Reimagining Community Development for the Future: Contestations and Opportunities Presenters: Peter Westoby, Carmel Daveson, Naomi Spooner, Em James, Tina Lathouras	  
10:30am – 11:00am	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	MORNING TEA	
11:00am – 12:30pm	Pumicestone Room (North)	28. Lived experience inclusion at the heart of CD responses to homelessness Presenters: PJ Humphreys, Ana Greenfield, Jody Blackburn, Rachael Donovan, Ian Campbell, Kim Romanova <i>*Note: this session will start at 11:15am</i>	 
	Pumicestone Room (South)	29. Beyond the Doorstep. Doorknocking as an intentional method to strengthen neighbourly connections. Presenters: Sandiellen Black, Paula Callaghan, John Maume, Aunty Teresa Clancy Power, Jill Peters, Zarin Nikaein Yazdi with interpreter Giti Tatar <i>*Note: this session will start at 11:15am</i>	
	The Cellar	30. Necklace – Autobiographical Tales from a Forgotten Suitcase (Visual Theatre) Presenters: Isabel Stankiewicz	
	Sandbar deck	31. Creating Impact: Regenerating your Community through Community-led Initiatives Presenters: Tanya Stevenson	
	The Pavilion	32. Critical conversation: No lounging around: First Nations and Community Development Practice – A safe space to yarn, listen and bring questions Presenters: Emily McConochie, Helen Betts, Maria Tennant, Anne Brown	
	The Oyster Shed	33. Strengthening and Sustaining Community Development – Visioning for a Community Development Institute Presenters: Carmel Daveson, Susan Allan	
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	LUNCH	
1:30pm – 3:00pm	Pumicestone Room (North)	34. Holding the Community Development Vision in a Neighbourhood Centre – 30 years of Action Learning Presenters: Trish Ferrier, Caroline Cuckson	
	Pumicestone Room (South)	35. Crafting Community Development into Everyday Practice Presenters: Susan Allan, Heather Ellis, Helen Betts	
	The Cellar	36. Compassionate communities, community development and end-of-life/bereavement – two stories and practice reflection Presenters: Helene James, Peter Westoby, Mandula Barta, Cara Doherty, Jancine Hurst	 
	The Pavilion	37. Jam Circles: turning produce into community Presenters: Kelli Dendle, Mira Chorik	
	The Oyster Shed	38. Artful Community Development Presenters: Jennie Buchanan, Dave Palmer	
3:00pm – 3:15pm	Waterview Bar and Sandbar Deck	AFTERNOON TEA <i>*Note: Pick up your cuppa and food and make your way to the Pumicestone Room for a 3:15pm start</i>	
3:15pm – 4:00pm	Pumicestone Room (North and South)	39. Final plenary (tying the threads) Presenters: Jennie Buchanan, Dave Palmer, Maggie Shambrook, Helen Betts, Pasifika Families,	

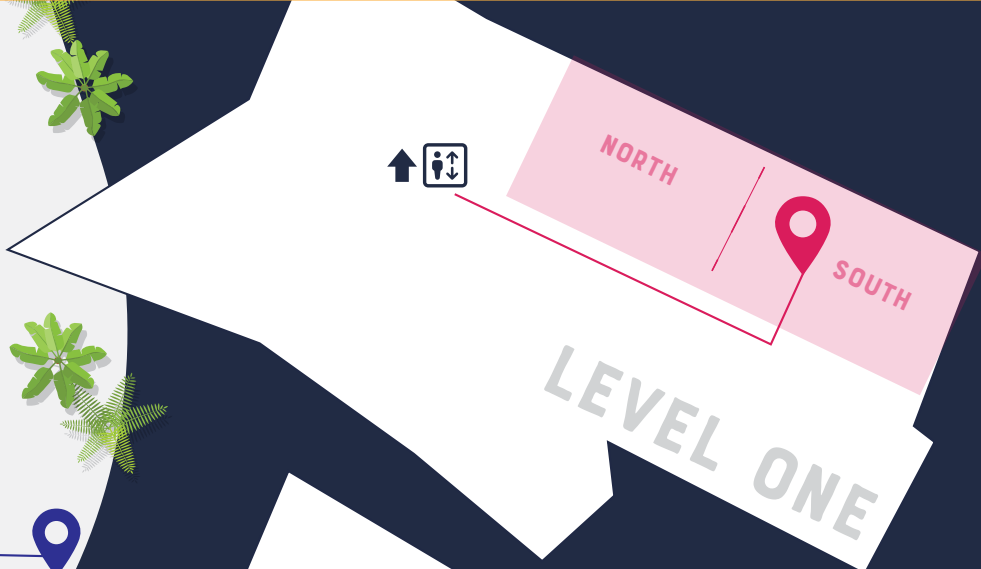
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Venue map



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|  WATERVIEW BAR |  FIG TREE |
|  POINCIANA DECK |  THE PAVILLION |
|  SANDBAR DECK |  PUMICESTONE ROOM |
|  WATERS EDGE |  CELLAR |
|  RUSTIC ARBOUR |  OYSTER SHED BEACH CLUB
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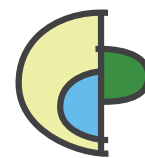
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IN APPRECIATION

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