



Notre Dame Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series

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'Innovative, Creative Community and Ecological Economics Projects in Broome'

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Presenter: Anne Jennings

Abstract

There is a call from many towns across Australia and beyond for community-based projects that respond to declining local social, economic, and environmental lifestyles. This presentation is in the form of storytelling - stories of creative activities in Broome that demonstrates alternative, locally generated approaches to transformative change. It commences with a project 'from the past', the Bishop Raible Cooperative, which set the scene for the innovation and collaboration that is still evident in the town today. Case studies discussed include Agunya's social enterprise; Saltwater Country's rodeo; Theatre Kimberley's community art and circus; Incredible Edible Broome; Kimberley Community Scheme's government and community partnership; the Broome Markets contributions; and Broome LETS, a new community currency project. What these projects have in common is they involve local people contributing to their ecosystem and lifestyles – that is looking after their own people, economy and natural environment within their own 'backyards'.



Biography

Anne Jennings has been a community development practitioner and researcher in regional Western Australia for 30 years. She holds a social science degree, a masters in ecologically sustainable development and is now undertaking a PhD through the Nulungu Research Institute, exploring “Community Development for Ecological Conversion” in her local community of Broome. Anne’s passion is working with community groups to assist ‘bottom-up’ community initiated social, economic and ecological change. She is a Country Correspondent for the International Association for Community Development, based in Scotland; on the National Board of Australian Community Workers Association and until recently on the Advisory Board of Catholic Earthcare Australia. Anne is also on the Editorial Boards of both the *Australian Journal of Community Work* and *Whanake: The Pacific Journal of Community Development*, based in New Zealand.