

# Mackay, Queensland **OCTOBER 22-25**

## Place-Based Solutions for Stronger Regional Communities and Economies: exploring the role of social infrastructure and collaborative practice

**Monday 22 October 2018: 9:30am – 4:30pm**

Regional Social Development Coalition, RSDC, is very proud to be partnering with **SEGRA** 2018 to bring you a Community Forum as part of the 2018 National **SEGRA** Conference.

Since 1974, RSDC has been providing community development and social infrastructure planning in Whitsunday Isaac Mackay (WIM) region, drawing together community organisations to address concerns and unmet needs as identified by communities across the region. RSDC's core purpose is to empower people and to make our regional communities better places to live. We do this by fostering collective action, collaborative planning, strong relationships and connectedness.

In 2018, RSDC received an Australian Government Building Better Regions grant for our "Strengthening Communities in WIM" project, aimed at enhancing community leadership and cohesion to build stronger, more resilient regional communities across WIM region. Through a range of community engagement activities with, and support for, small not-for-profit organisations, the project is strengthening regional interconnectedness, building community leadership and capacity, facilitating collaborative partnerships and advocating for identified regional issues.

Part of this Strengthening Communities project was a commitment to hold a regional development conference event that would bring together people and organisations from across WIM region. The idea of this event is to explore how we can work together and smarter to improve sustainability and viability, so that as small not-for-profit organisations we can continue to contribute to the needs and wellbeing of our communities, both separately, and regionally.

We believe that locally based and locally managed organisations know their own communities best and are vital to building connectedness. And so the theme for our Community Forum is "Place-Based Solutions for Stronger Regional Communities and Economies".

At the Community Forum, we will be exploring and defining Social Infrastructure and asking how this can be better built in regional communities. We will also explore the link between Collaborative Practice and Social Infrastructure, showcasing 4 regional examples. There will be ample opportunity for participation, discussion and networking during the day.

We look forward to welcoming you at the Community Forum 22 October 2018.



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## Program Highlights

Opening Remarks: The work of RSDC across Whitsunday Isaac Mackay Communities

**Marie Cameron, RSDC**

“Role of QCOSS in supporting Regional QLD communities” & “Exploring Collaborative practice in a regional context & relevance to Social Infrastructure”

**Mark Henley, Chief Executive Officer, QCOSS**

“Exploring the meaning of Social Infrastructure” & “The Interconnectedness of the Social and the Economic”

**Keynote speaker Prof Allan Dale, James Cook University, Centre for Tropical Environment and Sustainability Studies**

“How do we build Social Infrastructure & Collaboration well, in regional communities”

**Expert panel and facilitated question time**

**4 options for Spotlight Conversations and facilitated group discussion**

- 2 showcasing WIM Regional social Infrastructure – A PLACE BASED RESPONSE

- 2 showcasing examples of WIM Regional Collaborative Practice - A PLACE BASED RESPONSE

“What are the important next steps to succeed with Place Based solutions”

**Facilitated group response**

**Networking opportunities throughout the day**



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