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# COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

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**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014**

9.00am – 4.30pm

Parkview Room, Adelaide Pavilion,

Cnr. South Tce & Peacock Rd

Adelaide SA 5000

# KEY THEMES

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE: THE VALUE PROPOSITION

This workshop will demonstrate how taking a community governance approach, including working in partnership with communities, builds better relationships with communities. Because community governance helps organisations tap into community knowledge and support, it is also an important tool for making better and more cost-effective decisions, and improving service delivery - a win-win for everyone.

## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE: THE WORKSHOP

This one day workshop will provide an overview of good practice internationally looking at both statutory and non-statutory forms of community governance. It will show how different stakeholders are taking the lead ranging from councils, to higher tiers of government to the private and community sectors, all focused on working with communities to improve community outcomes. At the end of the workshop you will have a good understanding of the options available for you and your organisation, whether as an officer or a citizen. Benefits will include learning how community governance can assist the better management of organisation programmes and expenditure, improve relationships which citizens and communities and enable better outcomes for your communities.

# SPEAKERS

## PAUL LIESTNER

Paul is the Neighbourhood Program Coordinator for the City of Portland Office of Neighbourhood Involvement. Before joining the city, he served as a neighbourhood activist in Portland for more than 17 years holding leadership positions in his neighbourhood association and district coalition and serving on many citywide advisory groups and policy committees. He also served for eight years as the research director of the City Club of Portland - coordinating citizen-based public policy research. He has recently completed a Ph.D. exploring the efficacy of citywide community involvement systems and drawing on the experience of Portland.

## PETER MCKINLAY

Peter has worked for many years as a researcher and adviser on local government and local governance and is working closely with the Institute of Governance and Policy Studies developing a research programme on local government and local governance. In pursuing his interest in local governance, Peter has worked extensively with the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, and been sole or lead author of a number of reports on community governance for both Australian and New Zealand peak bodies.



## COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP PROGRAM

TIME	DURATION	TOPIC
9:00 - 9:30am	30 mins	<b>Meet and Greet</b> Registration, tea and coffee
9:30 - 9:45am	15 mins	<b>Welcome and Introduction / Scene Setting</b> Introductions, housekeeping and objectives
9:45 - 10:45am	60 mins	<b>An overview of developments with community and neighbourhood governance covering:</b> -How residents and ratepayers preferences are changing - from electors, to consumers to participants in decision-making. -An overview of international experience from place making, to localism to 'urban regime theory' to North American neighbourhood associations, New Zealand community boards and Australian initiatives. -How higher tiers of government are working directly with communities - Australia's DHS Better Futures Local Solutions initiative, Healthy Victoria Together, New Zealand's Social Sector trials and more. -Implications for local government - who governs? Are we shifting from representative democracy to electing facilitative leaders? Issues of scale, representation ratios and the respective roles of elected members and management. -The community governance value proposition - it's not just about local democracy; it's about better use of community resources, enabling co-production and much more. Speaker: Peter McKinlay, Executive Director McKinlay Douglas Ltd, lead author of the ACELG report 'Evolution in Community Governance: Building on What Works', and author for the NSW independent local government review panel of 'Community-Level Governance: What provision should be made and/or mandated in local government legislation?'
10:45 - 11:15am	30 mins	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:15 - 11:45am	30 mins	<b>Session Two:</b> A statutory approach to community governance: -Thames-Coromandel District Council case study
11:45 - 12:15pm	30 mins	<b>Session Three:</b> Community banking as an exemplar for community governance -Bendigo & Adelaide Bank Ltd community banking case study
12:15 - 1:15pm	60 mins	<b>Lunch</b>
1:15 - 2:30pm	75 mins	<b>Session Four:</b> A non-statutory approach to community governance drawing on Portland Oregon's 40 years' experience: -How to build and maintain a network of self-identifying neighbourhoods (including capacity, capability, resilience, legitimacy, and representativeness). -The role of neighbourhood associations in facilitating better planning and expenditure by local councils and higher tiers of government. Speaker: Paul Leistner
2:30 - 3:00pm	20 mins	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3:00 - 4:00pm	60 mins	<b>Session Five:</b> Small group exercise – decide when and how we should promote community/neighbourhood governance in our own Council areas
4:00 - 4:30pm	30 mins	<b>Open forum:</b> -Group feedback -Recommendations