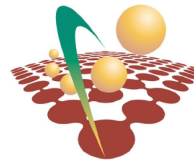


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# Community Practitioner Short Course

**Professional Development Short  
Course for Community Practitioners**

**March 14-16, 2006  
University of New England, Armidale**

The Community Practitioner Short Course is a comprehensive 3 day professional development program for community and economic development practitioners working in local government, community organisations, community centres, and state or federal agencies. The Short Course will equip you with practical “how to” understanding and skills.

The Short Course covers “real world” issues in community development using case studies and practitioner experiences from Australia and overseas. It provides a wide range of tools community practitioners can use in community engagement, economic analysis, supporting community action, and fostering community participation. The Short Course provides up to date information and techniques as well as extensive sharing of experiences and knowledge between participants.



## ***Features:***

- **Community case studies,**
- **Guest speakers,**
- **Methods of community engagement,**
- **Contemporary issues in communities,**
- **The role of government in community development,**
- **The roles of a community practitioner,**
- **Accessing funding and resources,**
- **Economic analysis and economic development,**
- **Evaluation and measurement of community outcomes,**
- **Fostering leadership and entrepreneurship,**
- **Conflict management,**
- **Encouraging participation.**

The Short Course will be conducted by Dr Jim Cavaye, one of Australia's leading community development practitioners and educators. Jim has assisted a wide range of local communities across Australia. He has a Ph.D. from the United States in community development and is an international speaker and author.

Over 200 people have attended the Short Course in Queensland, Victoria and Western Australia with an average participant rating of 6.1 out of 7.

*“Congratulations and thank you for the manner in which the Community Practitioner Short Course was conducted. I thoroughly enjoyed the program and meeting other practitioners. The confirmation of knowledge and application, together with new learnings was a major plus for me. Thank you once again.”*

Lester Lewis, Department of State Development and Innovation, Queensland.

*“I found your course to be a most valuable learning exercise and hope to utilise the knowledge in my role here at Council. It was good to not only to hear your insights, but also have input from other attendees, as well as the excellent case studies.”*

Mark Bignell, Logan City Council

# *Program*

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
Understanding community dynamics.	Group development and fostering community organisations.	Community economics.
The elements of a vibrant community.	Leadership and entrepreneurship in communities.	Role of the community practitioner.
The principles and processes of community development.	Case Study	Power and conflict management.
Case study	Community development methods.	Case study
Understanding and managing community change.	The role of government in community development.	Access to funding and resources.
Contemporary issues in communities.	Contemporary issues in communities.	Measurement and evaluation of community outcomes.

Each day begins at 9am and finishes at 5pm. Day 3 finishes at 4pm.

## *Cost*

\$ 690 (GST inclusive). This includes:

- Comprehensive notes,
- Lunch, morning tea and afternoon tea each day,
- Excellent venue.

Travel and accommodation are at the participant's expense. We can assist with arranging accommodation and a list of conveniently located, affordable motels can be forwarded.

## *Registration*

**Registration is via the internet.** To register please visit [www.ruralfutures.une.edu.au](http://www.ruralfutures.une.edu.au) then click on *Community Practitioner Short Course*.

## *More Information*

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