

# Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation

## BIEDO GENERAL & EXECUTIVE MEETING AGENDA 27 JUNE 2011

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Monday, 27 June 2011</b>	
<b>ARRIVAL TIME (Morning Tea)</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	
<b>START TIME</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	
<b>RESUME MEETING</b>	<b>12:30pm</b>	<b>BIEDO Executive Only</b>
<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	<b>2:30pm</b>	
<b>FINISH TIME</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>	
<b>VENUE</b>	<b>Main Meeting Room, BIEDO Building, 10 Moore St, Goomeri 4601</b>	
<b>PRIMARY MEETING TOPICS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Milestones and strategies for BIEDO projects</b></li> <li>• <b>Future BIEDO meeting dates consensus</b></li> <li>• <b>New partners, projects and strategies</b></li> <li>• <b>RDA funding opportunities</b></li> </ul>	
<b>9:30am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Opening</b>	
<b>1. Welcome from the BIEDO Chair</b>	David Carter	
<b>10.00am – 10:30pm</b>	<b>Key Partner / Observer Contributions</b>	
<b>2. Strategic partner programmes of relevance to BIEDO in 2011-2012</b>	Led by Julie McMurtrie or Tourism Queensland, FAWED (Food and Wine Region programme) & 'South Burnett FAWED'	Presentation will include time for Q&A and discussions)
<b>10.30am – 11:00pm</b>	<b>Key Partner / Observer Contributions, Continued</b>	
<b>3. Strategic partner programmes of relevance to BIEDO in 2011-2012</b>	'Growing the Burnett' (to be confirmed)	Presentation will include time for Q&A and discussions)

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<b>11.00am – 11:15pm</b>	<b>Short Break</b>	
<b>11.15am – 11:45pm</b>	<b>Key Partner / Observer Contributions, Continued</b>	
<b>4. Strategic partner programmes of relevance to BIEDO in 2011-2012</b>	Led by RDA Representative (to be advised)	Presentation will include time for Q&A and discussion)
<b>11.45am – 12.15pm</b>	<b>Key Partner / Observer Contributions, Continued</b>	
<b>5. Strategic partner programmes of relevance to BIEDO in 2011-2012</b>	Led by Ann McWhirter from [Lifeline] (to be confirmed)	Presentation will include time for Q&A and discussion)
<b>12:15pm – 1.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>All guest presenters are most welcome to remain for lunch with the BIEDO Executive</b>

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<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>BIEDO Executive Meeting</b>	
<b>6. Apologies</b>		
<b>7. Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	Minutes of the General Meeting held on 14 February 2011 at the Silver Lining Conference Centre, Wondai.	
<b>8. Financial Report</b>	NB: the Project Balance Summary & Profit & Loss Summary will be provided in the meeting papers. More detailed journal pages will be provided on email, but will not be in the printed meeting papers.	Reports in meeting papers. Reports in delegates' emails
<b>9. Correspondence</b>	Please see Inward & Outward Correspondence	Meeting papers.
<b>10. CEO's Report and Project Reports</b>	Discussion: Look at existing project milestones until Dec and strategic priorities in 2012.	
<b>11. Future Meeting Dates</b>	Establish an Annual Schedule Brief discussion on Peak Forums for 2011-2012.	
<b>1:30pm – 3:00pm</b>	<b>BIEDO Executive Strategic Discussion</b>	
<b>12. Objectives</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Brief Executive on current &amp; future projects, including existing milestones until December 2010 and Strategic Priorities in 2012.</li> <li>▪ Explore options for future projects and project priority actions.</li> <li>▪ Explore new partnerships or strategic opportunities.</li> <li>▪ Examine preferred systems, i.e. liaison and communication with the Executive, an annual meeting schedule.</li> <li>▪ Brief discussion on RDA funding partnership options.</li> </ul>	
<b>3:00pm – 3:15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	
<b>3:15pm – 4:00pm</b>	<b>BIEDO Executive Strategic Discussion, continued</b>	
	<b>Other Business Arising</b>	
<b>4:00pm</b>	<b>Meeting Close</b>	

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## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 14 FEBRUARY 2011

### General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 14 February 2011

**Start:** 10.15am

**Venue:** Silver Lining, Wondai

### Present:

### Members:

David Carter, Paul Francis, Jenny Todd, Andrew Bryant, Penny Kennedy, Judy Harvey

### Observers

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### BIEDO Staff members and contractors

Linda Silburn, Christine Smith, Belinda Pennell, Jenni Chew

## MINUTES

### Welcome

Welcome by Paul Francis.

### APOLOGIES

Members: Cr Faye Whelan, Glenys Carter, Loris Doessel, Phil Harding, Joanne Murrell, Clowry Kennell, Rose O'Brien

Observers:

**Moved:** Jenny Todd      **Second:** Judy Harvey      **CARRIED**

### 13. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of previous meeting presented.

MOTION: That the minutes of the General Meeting held on 28 June 2010 be accepted

**Moved:** Paul Francis      **Second:** Jenny Todd      **CARRIED**

### 14. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: That the Financial Reports be accepted

**Moved:** Jenny Todd      **Second:** Paul Francis      **CARRIED**

### 15. CORRESPONDENCE

MOTION: That the Inward Correspondence be received and the Outward Correspondence be adopted.

**Moved:** Jenny Todd      **Second:** Andrew Bryant      **CARRIED**

### 16. CEO's REPORT AND PROJECT REPORTS

**All above reports as per meeting papers**

MOTION: Endorsement of Reports

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**Moved:** Paul Francis    **Second:** Jenny Todd    **CARRIED**

## 17. Major BIEDO programs - 2011

Linda Silburn reported on BIEDO's two flagship programs for 2011:

### 1. Beating the Blues

BIEDO is working closely with the North Burnett Action Group (auspiced by North Burnett Regional Council) which consists of about 30 agencies who are involved on an as-needs business. The key partners – North Burnett Regional Council, Lifeline, BIEDO, Eidsvold State School and community Elders will meet in the week of 14 February to map out the group's future priorities. Much of the initial focus has been on Eidsvold (this will continue for at least the next four months).

Another major focus has been the work done by Grace Gibson and Penny Kennedy with a proactive women's group (also in Eidsvold). Approximately 15 women are establishing a 'Cultural Centre'. It will become an art gallery and workshop, offering local indigenous women a safe place to practice their artistic skills and potentially sell their artwork. They'll also be encouraging tourists, who can watch them working (painting, weaving etc).

The main challenge for the Beating the Blues program is keeping the North Burnett Crisis Counselor funded. His official funding finished in December 2010, however GP Links has funded him for another six months. BIEDO will play an important advocacy role in helping to secure further funding for this vital service.

### 2. Clean and Clever

In 2009 the success of three sustainability pilot projects led to the launch of BIEDO's *Clean and Clever* regional eco-programme in 2010. The Community Permaculture Gardens, Funky Futures, and a Green Business project morphed into a strategic, multi-faceted programme which in 2011 will focus on four primary project areas:

- Nineteen 'Stage Two' **Community Gardens** fully integrated into school curricula and Healthy Community initiatives delivered by Blue Care, RHealth, Endeavour, Aged Care, Community Health, Qld Education and (in some locations) Youth Services, Lifeline and Landcare. The gardens promote healthy living, good nutrition, healthy eating and sustainable and responsible resource consumption (water, energy, waste management). Stage Three will commence in 11/12.
- **Clean and Clever Regional Strategic Plan (funded by DEEDI)** to transition the Burnett Inland to a 'Green Economy' over the next 10 years. This includes: a) Food Audits to assess localised food production, processing and distribution, export and potential changes to food production methods; b) Industry Audits to assess the potential to shift production and processing toward a 'green economy'; c) Market Scans to assess opportunities for market access of 'green' products, services and technology from the Inland.
- The gradual growth of the **Green Business** project: a) funding applications for businesses and local government to refit with eco-systems; b) the Family Footprints Challenge and Funky Futures Festival; and c) the launch of *Clean and Clever* quarterly newsletter
- **Support for regional and local events** that promote awareness and engagement in sustainable practice. The inaugural Funky Futures event provided land stewardship workshops, eco-information stalls and eco-markets, in an atmosphere of family fun. More than 2,200 people attended this event.

This is a very large project and is funded by the Qld Rural Development Program (through DEEDI). The funding round will come up again in June and BIEDO will be applying to seek further funding for actions identified during this research phase.

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## 18. New Members

- Curra Arts Festival
- Monogorilby Hall and Management Committee
- Australian Brangus Cattle Assoc
- Blackbutt and Benarkin Community Council
- Burnett War Memorial and Assoc Inc
- Tableland Hall Committee
- Mundubbera Bowls Club Inc
- Yarraman Community Council
- Murgon Golf Club
- Mundubbera Rugby League
- Wondai Proston Junior Rugby League Football Club
- Curra Country Club
- Mundubbera Show Society
- Rocky Grove Creations

MOTION: Endorsement of new members.

**Moved:** David Carter

**Second:** Penny Kennedy

**CARRIED**

## 19. Flood Report

The group discussed the Flood crisis experienced by the region in December/January. Issues discussed included a) loss of income and infrastructure for primary producers; b) While most small businesses haven't been actually flood affected they have been severely hit due to lack of trade and loss of tourism income.

The group asked – What can BIEDO be doing?

Suggestions included:

- Gather data – BIEDO needs to gather data to help identify gaps in the system. This data can then be provided to government to lobby for support/grants. This local data can also be compared to the data gathered by State Government and other groups.
- Work closely with DEEDI and similar government groups to support their work and identify areas where BIEDO can help.

**MEETING FINISHED: 2pm (AGM ran in the middle from 11am – 12noon)**

**NEXT MEETING: TBA**

**Thank you to all for their input**

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## AGM MEETING MINUTES 14 FEBRUARY 2011

### AGM Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 14 February 2011

**Start:** 11am

**Venue:** Silver Lining, Wondai

### PRESENT:

### BIEDO Members:

David Carter, Paul Francis, Jenny Todd, Andrew Bryant, Tim Loth, Penny Kennedy, Judy Harvey

### BIEDO Staff & Contractors:

Linda Silburn, Christine Smith, Belinda Pennell, Jenni Chew

### Welcome

Cr David Carter, welcomed delegates, staff and contractors to the AGM.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Members: Glenys Carter, Loris Doessel, Faye Whelan, Phil Harding, Joanne Murrell, Clowry Kennell, Rose O'Brien

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

**Moved:** David Carter      **Second:** Paul Francis      **CARRIED**

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of AGM held on 31 August 2009.

MOTION: That minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 31 August 2009 be accepted

**Moved:** Paul Francis      **Second:** Jenny Todd      **CARRIED**

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT

MOTION: That the 2009/2010 Annual Report be adopted

**Moved:** David Carter      **Second:** Jenny Todd      **CARRIED**

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTION: That the audited Financial Report for 2009/2010 be adopted.

**Moved:** David Carter      **Second:** Paul Francis      **CARRIED**

### 5. CEO's REPORT

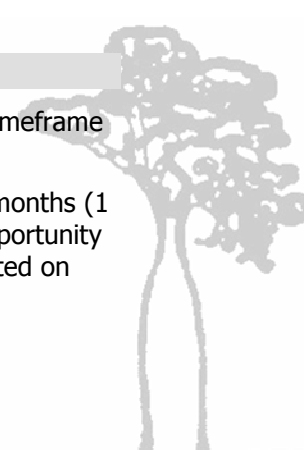
MOTION: That the 09/10 CEO's report be received

**Moved:** David Carter      **Second:** Judy Harvey      **CARRIED**

### 6. Board Meetings & Member engagement

Group discussion in regards to the frequency of face-to-face Board meetings and timeframe for 2011 'Peak Forums'.

The BIEDO meeting schedule will be altered in 2011, with open meetings every 6 months (1 North and 1 South). All members and observers welcome and will be given the opportunity to add discussion topics to the agenda. The schedule will be emailed out, and posted on BIEDO website. The Board will maintain monthly contact via teleconferences.



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BIEDO will host three peak forums in 2011. (The first was in Dec 2010: Employment and Training). Key topics for 2011 include Transport, Economic Growth and one other (TBA).

**ACTION:** Linda Silburn to provide Board and other interested members with relevant results from BMRG study to provide insights into the best way to communicate with members and engage them in BIEDO meetings/activities.

**MOTION:** BIEDO will hold two face-to-face general meetings/year (one in north and one in south). This will be supplemented by electronic communication.

**Moved:** Paul Francis      **Second:** Jenny Todd      **CARRIED**

## 7. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant.

**Chairman:**

David Carter nominated by Paul Francis, Second Jenny Todd Elected unopposed

**Vice Chairman:**

Paul Francis nominated by Jenny Todd, Second David Carter Elected unopposed

**Secretary:**

Andrew Bryant nominated by Judy Harvey, second Paul Francis      Elected unopposed

**Treasurer:**

Penny Kennedy nominated by Judy Harvey, second Paul Francis      Elected unopposed

Our sincere thanks and good wishes to our two outgoing Executive members: Loris Doessel and Jenny Todd. Both Jenny and Loris (Secretary and Treasurer respectively) have given generously of their time and energy, and offered their leadership and expertise to BIEDO for more five years. Their contribution is hugely appreciated and we send them our very best wishes and thanks.

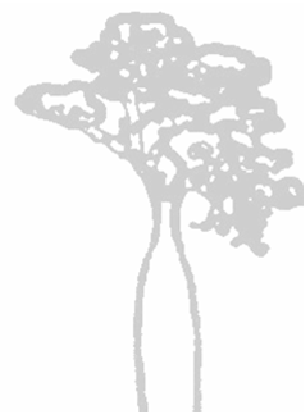
## 8. AUDITORS

**Motion:** That Stephen Blake be appointed as Auditor.

**Moved:** Paul Francis      **Seconded:** Jenny Todd      **CARRIED**

**MEETING FINISHED: 12 noon**

**NEXT MEETING: To be advised**



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## **FINANCIAL MONTHLY REPORTS JUNE 2010 – JUNE 2011**

(TO BE ADDED)

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## **SUMMARY INWARD & OUTWARD CORRESPONDENCE JUNE 2010 – JUNE 2011**

(TO BE ADDED)

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## **Inward Correspondence**

(TO BE ADDED)

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## **Outwards Correspondence**

(TO BE ADDED)

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BIEDO manages five (5) Strategic Programme areas. Projects and services are aligned with these strategic priorities, with reports presented for the following areas:

## **ECONOMIC RENEWAL**

THINK BIIG ECONOMIC PLAN FOR SOUTH BURNETT  
BUSINESS PILOTS

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

CLEAN & CLEVER  
COMMUNITY GARDENS  
NEXT GEN FARMERS  
RECOGNISING WOMEN FARMERS

## **COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

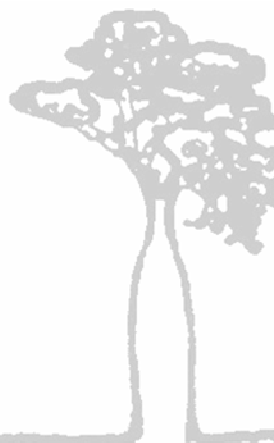
MURRI NETWORK  
BEATING THE BLUES  
WOMEN'S WELLBEING DAYS  
FLOOD RECOVERY COMMUNITY EVENTS  
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT & HEALTH ACCESS  
INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

## **REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION**

JOBS FUND COMMITTEE & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
AUSTRALIA

## **CAPACITY BUILDING**

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS  
MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS



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GRANT ANGELS (FUNDING ASSISTANCE)

GRANT OPTIONS: HEADS UP



## BIEDO MEETING PAPER REPORTS

### 1. ECONOMIC RENEWAL

THINK BIIG ECONOMIC PLAN FOR SOUTH BURNETT

**Background:**

**Progress:**

BUSINESS PILOTS

**Background:**

**Progress:**

### 2. SUSTAINABILITY

CLEAN & CLEVER

**Background:**

Clean and Clever is a strategic regional programme designed to assist the Burnett Inland to transition to an innovative and vibrant Green Economy (i.e. environmentally friendly products and services, and the use of energy, water, and waste efficient practices and technologies). In its current design framework, it is envisioned to have a 10 year lifespan, encompassing approximately 5 years for development and a further 5 years for consolidation, expansion and review.

Clean and Clever has six goals:

- Enhance the regional economy, individual industries and businesses within it, through access to growth markets that increase income, or through improved efficiency, productivity and sustainability.
- To help businesses become aware of 'green' options that may reduce their costs or enhance their income and productivity.
- To make clear any relevance of Clean and Clever options to business viability and profitability, as well as any risks, to ensure that enterprises can make informed decisions.
- To assist any business that is 'ready to go', by walking alongside, helping the enterprise to source specialist information or assistance that they need through the process.
- Co-ordinate stakeholders into a co-operative network, where shared objectives become a basis for collective action.

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- To integrate individual enterprises, networks and agencies' choices with strategic regional objectives and actions.

## **Progress:**

BIEDO has recently put together a Draft Clean and Clever Action Plan, outlining a number of initiatives that could be implemented in the Burnett Inland. These actions were drawn from in-depth interviews with a number of businesses across the region, assessing which sustainability measures are already implemented, future planning and defining limitations. These interviews also gave a clear indication of the understanding and perceived relevance of environmental issues to business owners, as well as their priorities.

A consumer survey was also completed by a proportion of local residents across the region as an indication of their understanding of environmental issues and their priorities when purchasing goods and services. This was undertaken as a means to assess the willingness of residents to purchase a wider range of 'green' goods and services if they were more readily available in the Burnett Inland (i.e. organic meats from a local butcher or a hair salon that recycles water and uses natural products), and how much extra they are willing to pay.

The Plan also contains successful initiatives from businesses, industries, governments and community groups in Australia and overseas that could possibly be adapted and adopted by businesses in the Burnett Inland. Many business owners were eager to become involved with the Clean and Clever project and have subscribed to the Clean and Clever Newsletter for further correspondence and information. They were also interested in helping the Burnett Inland become a 'Region of Excellence' in sustainable business and industry.

We are currently gathering project partners who are able to deliver aspects of the plan through their current actions and objectives. This will allow BIEDO to play a supportive role and assist with the formation and co-ordination of networks that are vital to this project.

Meetings have been scheduled during June and July to discuss the Clean and Clever project and subsequent Action Plan with both North and South Burnett Regional Councils.

Tameka Gogerly  
Clean & Clever Project Officer

## COMMUNITY GARDENS

Each fortnight, in my role as a BIEDO 'Garden Angel' I visit 7 small country schools for one hour to assist in developing a vegetable garden and bush tucker area. The schools are hoping to teach their students the value of growing and eating a range of healthy foods.

In these practical sessions, the students undertake a wide range of activities: they may be recycling scraps as compost or for chook food; raising vegetable seeds or propagating herbs; planting seedlings into no dig beds; making and using organic fertilisers and pest controls; harvesting their produce and preparing

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it for cooking. The students are keen to taste their produce and are noticeably proud of their achievements.

The sessions are proving to be a fun way to learn about the effort required to grow one's own food and the seasonal aspect of food. In each session there is an activity to suit any child's interest – be it watering, digging, increasing the worm population, harvesting, measuring, recording the yields, wrapping or preparing the harvest for distribution, or making labels for the crops. The children get involved while talking about what they've learned elsewhere from their parents or grandparents gardens.

The sessions allow students to think about the variety of food, herbs, edible flowers they could taste and grow for themselves at home while offering them the skills to start their own gardens if they wish.

Therese Dalton  
INSERT THERESE'S POSITION

## **Background:**

BIEDO, and partners, (the State Schools, and SBRC) have initiated 18 community gardens throughout the North and South Burnett.

These gardens are based on totally sustainable management principles, and where they are based in schools, are fully integrated into the schools' curriculums. They are an excellent means to educate future consumers and decision-makers re: the need for water and energy conservation and innovation, sustainable land & resource management, and effective waste management.

## **Progress:**

The schools involved in this project in the South Burnett are now running regular workshops in their gardens, with the help of Community Garden field officer Therese Dalton and RHealth nutritionist Berneice Hilly. The most recent of these are pasta making workshops, which are proving to be very popular and helping to build enthusiasm and participation in the gardens from parents and the public. Biggenden school garden in the North Burnett is a prime example of the enthusiasm and entrepreneurship shown in many of the gardens. The students and volunteers are growing and selling strawberry runners, eggs and produce to raise funds for chook food and materials needed to expand their garden.

## NEXT GEN FARMERS

In September and October last year 18 young farmers committed to do training in areas which would assist them to become champions for climate change and sustainability in their communities and to mentor peers as a follow-up. This process has been delayed considerably as a result of the huge impact felt from the summer floods, as well as the usual November – January down time. Four of these young people have finished their training and are involved in mentoring their peers. The remaining farmers have nominated and have dates in place for workshops. Workshops farmers are attending as part of their commitment include Soil Biology; Private Forestry; Land Management; Climate Variability and Maximum Achievement Training.

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## RECOGNIZING WOMEN FARMERS

### **The Southern Cherbourg Group:**

Marilyn and Sylvia have 7 women engaged in growing & planting native trees. More planting will be undertaken but they group on a large amount of land located at Silver Lining (a foundation for indigenous development and BIEDO partner). The women's group has also been given access to the extensive propagating facility at Silverlining, as well as some supervisory support from the Nursery Manager.

The women were planning a camp in January to engage in several days of sustained leadership development activities / workshops with Penny Kennedy. Due to flooding and other unforeseen events this will now happen in May.

### **The Northern Eidsvold Group:**

Two (2) Eidsvold women came forward during a 'yarning circle' organised by DEEDI & expressed a vision to establish a women's indigenous cultural centre where their art and craft could be displayed, workshopped and sold.

A subsequent meeting to gauge interest among the wider community saw 9 women turn up all expressing excitement about the idea. The women talked about the skills they had, the skills they need, and logistics of pulling it together.

They aim to include in the centre, a retreat / a workshop where the women can work on their art in peace and safety, pass on traditional knowledge to the younger women, and also strengthen community networks and connectivity.

The art & craft produced by these ladies includes basket making using materials harvested in the bush, condiments made from bush tucker and art work depicting the story of how the climate is changing and how to use the land well.

Grace Gibson  
Sustainability Officer.

## **3. COMMUNITY RENEWAL**

### MURRI NETWORK

#### **Background:**

The Murri Network Project is a partnership between BIEDO, Silver Lining Foundation, the Indigenous Knowledge Centre, Cherbourg Aboriginal Council and a diverse range of Indigenous community service providers throughout the South Burnett.

Murri Network is funded through the Federal Government – Jobs Funds and aims to ensure indigenous people in the South Burnett have the skills and confidence to enter and remain in professional employment or niche self-employment.

The project also aims to better prepare regional companies and businesses to engage with, and retail indigenous employees and contractors.



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## **Progress:**

Project Coordinator: Andrea McGee

10 participants completed Work Experience  
3 x Administration Assistants at Bunya Wakka Wakka  
7 x Labourers at Silver Lining Foundation

30 participants completed accredited & non-accredited Training  
These include:

- Work skills at Silver Lining Foundation
- White Card Training
- Manual Handling Training
- Chainsaw Tickets
- First Aide Certificates

Murri Network Partnerships include:

- Silver Lining Foundation
- Bunya Wakka Wakka
- Tarong Energy
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Council
- Cherbourg Economic Development Officer
- South Burnett Regional Council
- CTC Employment Services
- Employment Services Queensland (ESQ)
- South Burnett Job Match
- APM
- Redcross
- Education Qld – Indigenous Project Officer
- Cherbourg PaCE

Andrea McGee  
Murray Network Coordinator

## BEATING THE BLUES

### **Background:**

### **Progress:**

## WOMEN'S WELLBEING DAYS

For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Women's Wellbeing Days have rolled out across the district.

Over 400 women have attended the 9 Wellbeing Days held this year. Not only do women receive timely and relevant information on these days, they also have the opportunity to network and strengthen local connections with neighbours and service providers.

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I would on average make at least one referral to counselling services at each of the Wellbeing Days.

This opportunity to feel connected is particularly important in recent times, as many of our rural communities have experienced unexpected trauma and uncertainty through the recent flood events.

The fact that many of our farmers have struggled with drought conditions in 15 of the last 20 years, and having then to cope with a flood event has left many anxious and stressed.

There has developed a level of expectation with community that these days will continue, with some women planning their health checks around the Wellbeing Days happening in their area.

The days provide useful information on:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Nutrition
- Women's Health
- Financial Health
- Local Health Services
- Local Government happenings
- Centrelink Services
- Instruction on Foot care

Services and experiences offered on the day include:

- Pap smears and women's health issues
- Health check (blood pressure, BMI, ect)
- Foot care
- Masseurs
- Colour therapy sessions
- Yoga
- Tai Chi
- Mindfulness
- Foot massage
- Instruction on acupressure and reflexology
- Facials

The Days are run in partnership with Centacare South Burnett and the Downs and West Community Support.

Presenters and support include:

- Qld Rural Women's Network (volunteer helpers)
- Mobile Women's Health Nurse
- Community Health Nurses
- RHealth Nutritionist
- TAFE
- Graham House
- Regional Councillors
- DEEDI
- BMRG
- Bushland Therapies

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The impact these days have on the wellbeing of women attending are reflected in the following comments:

- "A very enjoyable day. Good information for us all."
- "Had a great time. Talked to a lot of people I wouldn't normally have. Got a lot of information from the different speakers."
- "I think these pamper days are very good for the community as it brings folks from all areas together to converse about their problems and find they are not alone."

## FLOOD RECOVERY COMMUNITY EVENTS

As a member of the South Burnett Rural Links Group (members include BIEDO, Centrelink, DEEDI, QRAA and Centacare South Burnett), we have held 3 Flood Recovery Community BBQ with 199 farming community members attending. The first BBQ provided community with face to face contact with flood relief agencies such as:

- Centrelink RSO,
- Farm Financial Adviser,
- Regional Councillor,
- Salvation Army,
- Centacare,
- BIEDO Rural Services Officer
- Grant Angels.

The second round of BBQ's were low key family focussed events, providing communities with the opportunity to get together and strengthen, as their comments reflect.

- "If possible repeat this in 3-4 months, most people no income for another 6-9 months. Great get together nights. Kids had a ball, also parents"
- "It was a great effort at bringing the community together, well done!!"
- "Thank you for a great afternoon relaxing"
- "Good opportunity to get together and catch up"
- "Good to see your neighbours"

### Individual and Family Support

Since commencing the position in mid January, I have supported over 30 farming families, helping them to access flood recovery benefits, advocating on their behalf, assisting them to access services and support and referral to counseling. The effects of the flood event continue to impact our rural families on several levels, with loss of cash flow and infrastructure as well as heightened levels of anxiety and stresses on relationships.

Karen Seiler  
Rural Services Officer

## COMMUNITY TRANSPORT and HEALTH ACCESS

### Background:

### Progress:

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## INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CENTRE

### **Background:**

### **Progress:**

## 4. REGIONAL CO-ORDINATION

### JOBS FUND COMMITTEE and REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA

### **Background:**

### **Progress:**

## 5. CAPACITY BUILDING

### COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

### **Background:**

### **Progress:**

### MEDIA & COMMUNICATIONS

#### **Media:**

During February, March and April, media coverage has been achieved for BIEDO on the following topics:

- New Look Board
- Women's Wellness Pamper Days
- BlazeAid volunteers needed
- Garden Sculpture winners
- Adam Wilson Soil Biology Workshop

#### **Newsletters:**

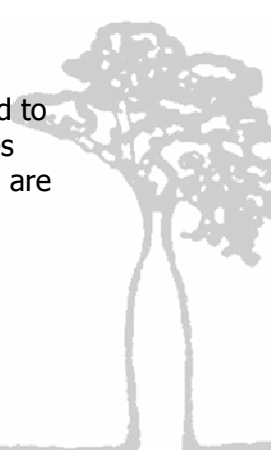
Since February, several newsletters for BIEDO and specific projects have been produced including:

- 2 x general BIEDO newsletters (Feb & April)
- 1 x North Burnett Action Group (April)
- 1 x Clean & Clever (March)
- 1 x Next Gen (April)

#### **Website:**

The website underwent some changes in March, with the main menu reworked to focus more on the needs of the end-user. This has resulted in some new pages being created and the website being much easier to navigate. Currently, there are still some pages to be completed (eight). Our web designer, Lance Birch of Firewave, is also completing a new "Membership" section which is ready to be launched. Between February and May there have been 1493 unique visitors.

#### **Promotional Material:**



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BIEDO's 'postcards' were updated this quarter, with revisions made to: "About BIEDO", "Beating the Blues", "Community Permaculture Garden Project", "Regional Coordination" and "Grant Angels". New cards were produced for "Murri Network", "BIEDO Website", "BIEDO Newsletters" and "Clean and Clever – Green Economy"

Belinda Pennell, BIEDO Media Officer

## GRANT ANGELS (FUNDING ASSISTANCE)

### **Background:**

### **Progress:**

## 6. "HEADS UP" FUNDING UPDATE

### **Future2s Make a Difference! Grants**

Funding: 3 or more grants of \$10,000

Closes: 2 August 2011

Priorities: Future2's grants focus on the under 25s who may be financially disadvantaged, homeless, juvenile justice offenders, drug or alcohol dependent, disabled or Indigenous. Grants are awarded to projects and programs in the areas of financial literacy, skills training, work experience, community service or mentoring.

Who can apply? This program is open to submissions from charitable organisations that have the support of the Financial Planning Association (FPA) membership.

Further Information: [www.future2foundation.org.au](http://www.future2foundation.org.au)

### **Disaster Relief Financial Assistance**

Funding: Emergent Assistance Grant - \$170 per person, up to a maximum of \$850 for a family of five or more

Essential Household Contents Grant - \$1705 per adult, up to a maximum of \$5120 for a couple/family

Structural Assistance Grant - \$200 per safety inspection by accredited inspectors, up to \$4200 to meet the cost of reinstating services to Australian Standards by qualified tradespeople.

Mortgage Relief Loan – Interest free loan up to \$20,000 repayable over 10 years. Repayments are not required over the first 12 months.

Closes: Ongoing

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Priorities: Financial grants are available as a "safety net" for families and individuals affected by a disaster.

Who can apply? These financial grants provide a contribution to families and individuals who are not able to meet the cost of replacing or repairing uninsured essential household goods and / or their owner occupied residence without government assistance. Income and Assets Tests and further eligibility requirements will apply.

Further Information: [www.communityservices.qld.gov.au](http://www.communityservices.qld.gov.au)

## **Events Queensland Regional Development Program (EQRDP)**

Funding: Various

Closes: 5 August 2011

Priorities: The program aims to extend the flow of economic and social benefits of events to regional Queensland and is committed to enhancing existing events in regional Queensland, as well as helping to establish new events. Event organisers are able to apply under QERDP for funding that will support the growth and development of their event. Funding could be for anything from wages for personnel, marketing, and visitor facilities (eg temporary infrastructure)

Who can apply? Events must be located in Queensland, outside of the Brisbane City Council area. The event must be organised by a formally constituted organisation or group which has a written agreement with a formally constituted organisation to provide an auspice.

Further Information: [www.eventsqld.com.au](http://www.eventsqld.com.au)

## **Arts Queensland Development and Presentation Grants**

Funding: Up to \$50000 per applicant

Closes: 31 August 2011

Priorities: Supporting one-off collaborative projects that will result in excellent, innovative artistic work with public outcomes and benefits for Queensland communities.

Who can apply? This program is open collectives and not-for-profit organisations for initiatives including new work, exhibitions, productions, industry development and cultural engagement.

Further Information: [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au)

## **Regional Arts Fund: Community Project Program – Round 2**

Funding: \$5000-\$30,000

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Closes: 12 August 2011

Priorities: Assistance is available across all artforms for projects which promote excellence in regional arts development, improve access to the Arts for regional Queenslanders, recognise cultural diversity and raise the profile of the arts within regional communities.

Who can apply? Applications from Individuals or unincorporated organisations must be auspiced by an incorporated not-for-profit organisation registered in Queensland. All applicants or auspicing bodies should have an ABN.

Further Information: [www.incommunities.qac.org.au](http://www.incommunities.qac.org.au)