



# BIEDO

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from  
the team at BIEDO!*

## Burnett Inland Economic Development Organisation

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## BIEDO begins brand new Social Enterprise

Does your community group need personalised cards, flyers or photocopying? How about media releases or editing? BIEDO is now offering these services to community groups, individuals and businesses through a new 'Social Enterprise' which will help fund our Rural Suicide Prevention program. Our personalised postcards cost just \$5per design (or 3 for \$10) and then 50c per copy for printing. All you have to do is send us your photographs and we'll turn them into unique cards for any occasion like a Centenary, Easter a 21st. Anything you like! Please contact Belinda Bowman at the BIEDO office on 4169 7851 to place your orders.



Here's an example of our Christmas Cards, but we can make them for any occasion. To order your copies, call Belinda Bowman at the BIEDO office on 4169 7851 or email [biedoadmin@burnett.net.au](mailto:biedoadmin@burnett.net.au)



## Councils working together to tackle Waste

Through our *Clean and Clever Project*, BIEDO is facilitating discussions between Councils of the Inland Burnett and Gympie region to tackle recycling strategies for the region. Working together are the North Burnett Regional Council, South Burnett Regional Council, Cherberg Aboriginal Shire Council and Gympie Regional Council.

To date, two meetings have been held, with more planned for 2012. Key discussion topics have included sharing information on current practices, future targets, the introduction of the Commercial Waste Levy by the Qld Government (1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2011), and the feasibility for various waste diversion opportunities within the regions. BIEDO is looking forward to helping the Council's continue their planning sessions and identifying future positive opportunities for our region.



Working together to find strategic solutions for waste in our region were from l to r (at front) Tanya Allen and Ian Wolff (Gympie Regional Council), Sue Paul (North Burnett Regional Council), Ian Coulson (South Burnett Regional Council), Andrew Beckett and Percy Stewart (Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council) and (at back) Tameka Gogerly (BIEDO Clean and Clever Officer), Sean Nicholson (Cherbourg ASC), Phil Harding (SBRC) and Peter Fletcher (Cherbourg ASC)

# North Burnett Action Group really does mean 'Action'

Since April 2010 a team of dedicated stakeholders including the North Burnett Regional Council, BIEDO, Lifeline, Eidsvold State School, Centacare South Burnett, QHealth, Wide Bay Mental Health and various federal and state government departments have banded together to tackle the issue of suicide and depression in the North Burnett.

The group identified 19 'Priority Actions' which were highlighted as vitally to help people manage the impacts of suicide and depression and also to help create communities where depression and suicide are less likely to occur.

The great news is that of the 19 actions, **17 have been achieved!** In fact, by April 2012 (two years since the formation of the North Burnett Action Group), it is hoped that all (bar one unfortunately) will be successfully completed and implemented. Just some of the actions achieved include:

1. Compilation of a thorough 'Social Wellness Audit' to identify all of the services that enable the North Burnett community to manage their wellbeing
2. Counselling services secured for a further 2 years and an expansion of Lifeline services in the region, including a new office in Eidsvold
3. Post Suicide intervention support secured— suicide trauma response group, 'Standby', will establish an office in Maryborough to provide support for North Burnett families and the community in case the worst occurs. The service was established following a request from the North Burnett Action Group. *Standby* also sought their own funding to set-up this new office and we'd like to congratulate them on their successful funding and welcome them to our region!
4. Increased focus on children and youth including the "Child Writes" program (see story at right). This program helped children create and publish their own book, raising their self esteem—the most important armour they can have in their sometimes challenging lives.

Work will continue on this important project. For more information contact BIEDO on 4169 7851.

## Eidsvold students become authors!

35 students in Years 3-8 at Eidsvold State School have become published authors after participating in a unique program called "Child Writes".

The project began in February this year after BIEDO secured a Regional Arts Development Grant through the North Burnett Regional Council. The grant helped bring creative writer, Emma McTaggart, of Boogie Books, to Eidsvold to work with the children and help them create their own picture books, while at the same time raising their self esteem. The children were presented with their books at a special launch in November. Copies have been published for national, state and local libraries and will also be flying around the world as e-books on Jetstar! Thanks must also go to the staff of Eidsvold SS who delivered the program over and above the challenges of delivering the daily classroom curriculum!



*Cassidy Collins of Eidsvold State School is thrilled to be a published author at just 10 years of age.*

Photo courtesy Sue Harris, Central & North Burnett Times

## Tell us about the foods you produce...

To help us understand more about food production in our region, BIEDO is conducting a 'Regional Audit of Food Production and Processing' - looking at everything from what we grow in our backyard veggie patches to food produced by our major primary producers. The Food Audit is part of our Clean and Clever program and aims to identify where food is currently being grown and processed (this type of information is currently not available). We hope it will uncover what we already believe is a wide scope of food production in our region. Information gathered will help to:

- 1) Protect food supply in our region— highlighted by the floods, and isolation experienced by some communities—the audit will help us be more informed during times of natural disasters, and assist SES and other emergency services to deliver of food.
- 2) Identify if this region could be a 'food basket' - the information may provide opportunities to expand food production in the region.

BIEDO has been actively promoting and distributing the survey at 'Growing the Burnett Inc' Fresh Food Forums.

**Contact Tameka Gogerly on 0400 723 070 if you'd like to be involved or have any questions.**



*Tameka Gogerly, BIEDO's Clean and Clever Officer, helps Tracy Rockemer of Boobyjan with her Food Audit.*

**Expression of Interest...** There are so many ways your business or group can be involved in "Clean and Clever". One of them is to **participate in a "Clean and Clever Business Assessment"**. Our **Clean and Clever Officer**, Tameka Gogerly can provide a consultation, site assessment and full report outlining achievements, practical solutions to current practices and potential costs savings (where applicable). The first hour is free (\$55/hour to complete the report and any necessary research). We already have ten businesses lined up for the New Year... why don't you make a booking too!

**Just give Tameka a call on 0400 723 070 or email [biedocleanandclever@burnett.net.au](mailto:biedocleanandclever@burnett.net.au)**

## Date Claimers! BIEDO's Women's Wellness Days 2012

We're pleased to announce that the BIEDO's Women's Wellness Pamper Days will be back again to spoil our rural women! 2012 will be our 5th year and once again they'll be held in community halls across the region.

Our Rural Services Officer, Karen Seiler has put together a series of great days, which aim to give our rural women the chance to relax, learn new skills, catch up with friends and just de-stress for a few hours.

We believe rural women are the cornerstone of their families and their communities and these special days support them with an enjoyable relaxing few hours and lots of helpful information. Mark these dates in your diary:

Proston	7 February
Tansey	8 February
Maidenwell	13 March
Wooroolin	14 March
Mondure	27 March
Durong	28 March
Kilkivan	17 April
Ironpot	18 April
Boobyjan	27 April
Manumbar	1 May
Kumbia	15 May

We hope to see you there! To find out more, please contact Karen on



## New 'Grant Angels' get their wings

BIEDO's first "Grant Angel Bootcamp" was held in November with eight women from about the Inland Burnett (and beyond including Gin Gin and Toowoomba) learning the skills of grant writing and officially earning their "Angel wings".

The women spent four days learning the skills and finer details of good grant writing. Many thanks must go to Nicole Connolly from Stanwell and xx from SBRC for helping the new Angels understand more about the grant process.

BIEDO is always looking for local people to take on "Grant Angel" work. For more information about future Bootcamps and how you can be involved, please contact our office on 4169 7851.

*Our new grant angels from l to r Beryl, Donna, Tamara, Serenette, Jacq and Tina along with BIEDO Client Services Officer Belinda Bowman and Admin Assistant Theresa Thornhill.*



## BIEDO Community Permaculture Garden Project continues to grow!

BIEDO would like to thank all our community permaculture partners for their continued passion and dedication to the garden project. The good news is that we're looking forward to working with all the schools, community gardens and garden 'friends' again in 2012 with planning for next year's program well underway. In fact, we're looking forward to expanding and improving the program.

We thought you'd like to see just how much our gardens have grown!

Below are some 'before' and 'after' photos from Biggenden State School.

Wow! That veggie patch looks amazing!



# Grants “Heads Up”

## 1. Action on the Ground (Dept Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry)

**Funding:** Program funding of between \$55 000 and up to \$385 000 (inc GST) may be allowed in the first two financial years of a project (2011-12 and 2012-13) with a maximum of up to \$110 000 (GST inc.) in subsequent financial years (2013-14 and 2014-15). The maximum amount of funds that may be applied for in a single application is up to \$605 000 (GST inc.) over the four financial years to 30 June 2015

**Closes:** 8 February 2012

**Priorities:** To assist individuals and groups of landholders and research, industry and farming organisations across Australia to trial and demonstrate on-farm ways of reducing agricultural greenhouse gas emissions and/or increasing and maintaining carbon stored in soil.

**Who can apply?** Landholders, research, industry sectors, non-government, government and farmer ‘care’ ‘grower’ group/organisations and/or consortiums to undertake on-farm projects. Action on the Ground grants are targeted towards the Australian agricultural sector.

**Further Information:** [www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/action-on-the-ground](http://www.daff.gov.au/climatechange/carbonfarmingfutures/action-on-the-ground)

## 2. Gambling Community Benefit Fund

**Funding:** Up to \$35,000

**Closes:** 28 February 2012

**Priorities:** To help not-for-profit organisations provide community services or activities that benefit the community.

**Who can apply?** Applications must be from Queensland-based organisations.

The majority of Queensland not-for-profit community organizations are eligible to apply for a grant, either in their own right (if incorporated) or through a sponsor (if not incorporated).

**Further information:** <http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au/grants>

## BIEDO Online

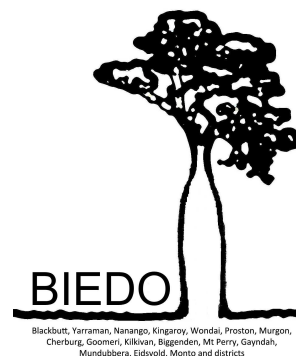
The BIEDO website continues to grow and now has heaps of useful tips and ideas for business, community groups, grant seekers and community gardeners. So get online and check it out...

[www.biedo.org.au](http://www.biedo.org.au)

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‘BIEDO Business Services’



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