

Community Builders Program: Paterson Cluster Muster





Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land - **the Gringai People**- and their continuing connection to land, water and community. In the spirit of reconciliation, we pay our respect to their Elders past, present and future for they hold the knowledge of an ancient culture, and aspirations for future generations.

Introducing Steph Walsh



Rural Aid Community Development
Program Manager



Gratitude Exercise

- Three things I am Thankful today?
- Something I am proud of?
- What I'm looking forward to tomorrow?

1. Being here in Paterson





Paterson.





Annual Paterson Town Walk





THE LANDING PLACE PATERSON, N. S. W











Quick Quiz

1. Name the
stunning park in
Paterson?



Quick Quiz

2. Name an Upper Hunter town that was once 'a private town'?



Quick Quiz

3. Ecclestone is famous for what anonymous public art collection?



Quick Quiz

4. Why is Torryburn famous in Australian heritage?



Quick Quiz

5. What famous and loved cricketer came from Alison?



Quick Quiz

6. Clarence is named after the Duke of Clarence, then King William IV. What was his nickname?



Quick Quiz

7. Tocal comes from the Wonnarua 'local' - what does it mean?



Quick Quiz

8. Name a famous winemaker who was an early settler of Gresford?



Quick Quiz

9. Where did the name 'Vacy' come from?



Quick Quiz

10. Name the person who left his wealth to create a agricultural training college for youth and an amazing heritage legacy?



Quiz Answers

1. Stunning park?- John Tucker Park
2. Private town- Vacy
3. Ecclestone art collection- Boot Hill
4. Torryburn- Dorothea Mackellar's iconic poem- "My Country"
5. Alison cricketer- Doug Walters
6. Nickname of duke of Clarence-Silly Billy
7. Total/Local- 'abundance'
8. Gresford winemaker- Dr Henry Linneman
9. Vacy-Cornwall, UK
10. Legacy- Charles Boyd Alexander,



Charles Boyd Alexander

CB Alexander Foundation
CB Alexander Agricultural
College
Tocal Homestead

2. Being with people who care!

'The greatest asset of any community is simply people who care'

Paul Born





**‘Great communities
don’ t just happen! -
They are created,
nurtured and sustained
by caring, connected and
involved residents.’**

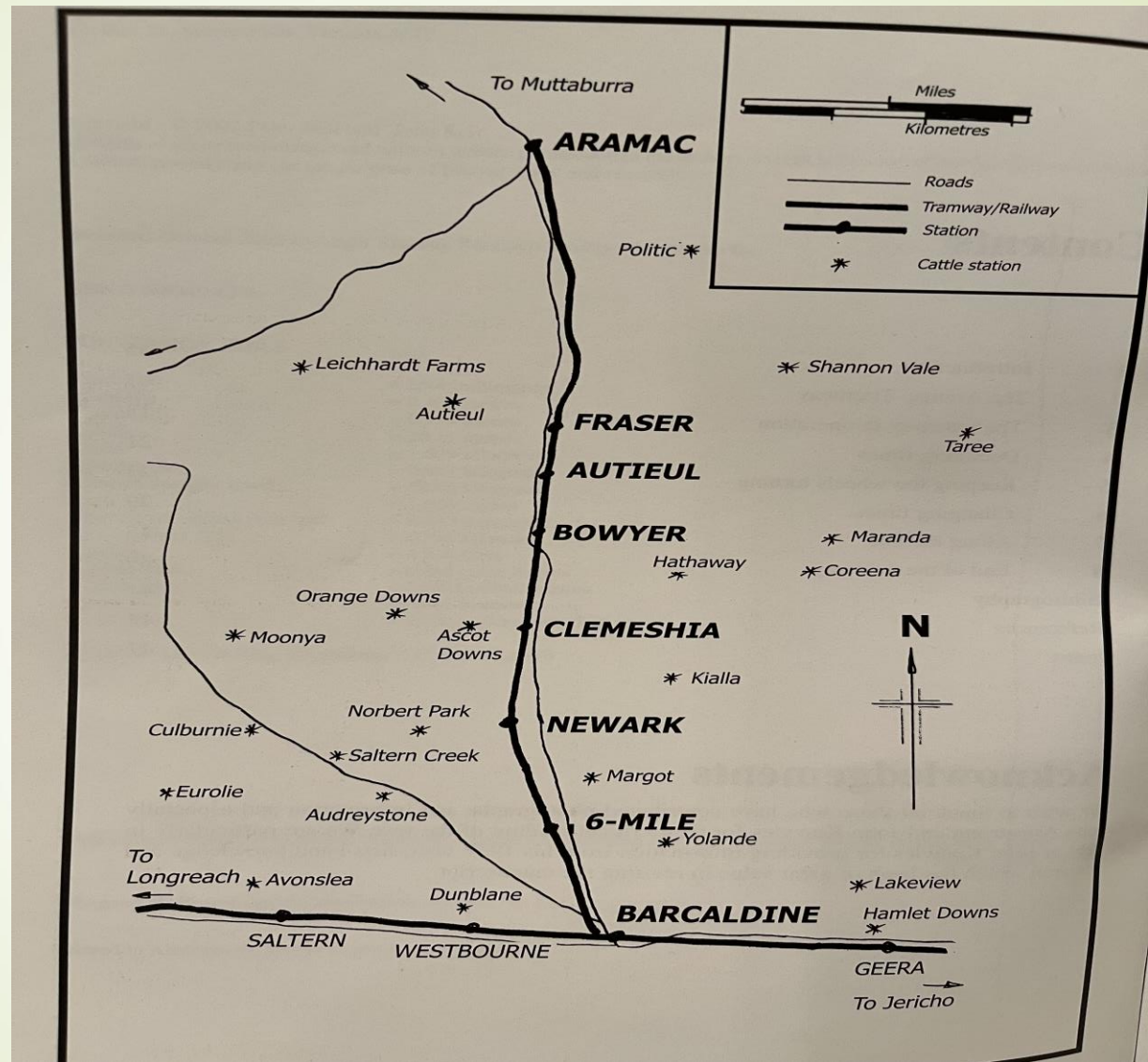
(Peter Kenyon)

Queensland town of Aramac



Aramac Tramway





Sarah lima



Cocky Bignell, Isisford and the Big Yellowbelly Stature





**THE BIG
YELLOWBELLY**

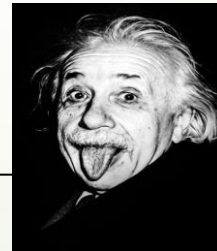
Isisford Sculptures to reel in the tourists



3. Another opportunity to learn something new!

*'Once you stop learning,
you start dying'*

- Albert Einstein



Here is Edward Bear
coming downstairs now
bump bump on the back of
his head, behind
Christopher Robin.
It is, as far as he knows,
the only way of coming
downstairs. But sometimes
he feels that there is
another way.
If only he could stop
bumping for a moment and
think of it.

(Winnie-the-Pooh)



Cameron Archer, Dungog Regional Tourism



FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE HOST COMMUNITY

1. As you drove towards the Host Community, what do you think of the messages from 20 kms out preparing you for what the town offers? Did you feel excitement?

2. How favourable an impression of the Host Community does the town's entrance statements provide?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
NEEDS URGENT SATISFACTORY EXCELLENT

3. After taking a five-minute drive through the Host Community without stopping, what was your first impressions?

4. Rate and comment on the overall appearance of the mainstreet/CBD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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What did you like most?

Rate and comment on the window displays in the mainstreet /CBD .

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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Workshop 1:

"Opportunities for Small Towns from Dark Skies and Astrotourism"

**Presenter: Carol Redford,
Founder, Astrotourism WA**



Refreshments, Conversations and Networking



Kokoda 25



Organiser- Jim Doyle





Bec Towers





....Community builders....by Bec Towers

Peter Kenyon
Leading the way
Community builders
Meet here today,

Supported program
By Rural Aid
Inspiring us
Communities made,

Taped into the
Bank of ideas
Sitting here
Supported by peers,

Bringing passion
Back to town
Making connections
From the grown,



Procrastination
Tucked away
Go a head
Volunteer today,

For if you
Only would
You can make
Your town good,

When we take all
That is said
Follow the footsteps
They lead,

If determined to make
This place more
Together we'll
Build it, I'm sure

-Bec Towers

Tambo Teddys



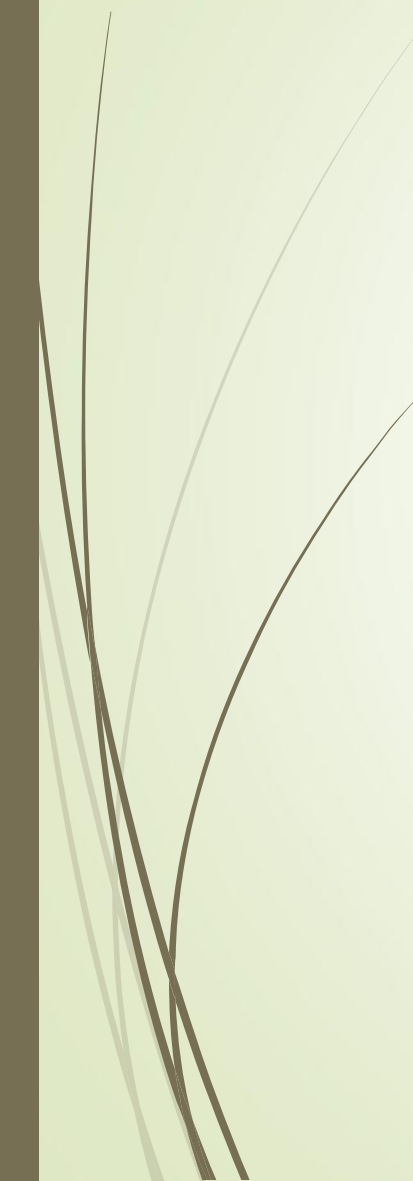
Colton
BAKED Bread
Traditional
WOOD FIRED OVEN

SOLD
OUT

OPEN
8:30 am
5:00 pm

Colton's Bakery- Between Ellison and streaky Bay, SA

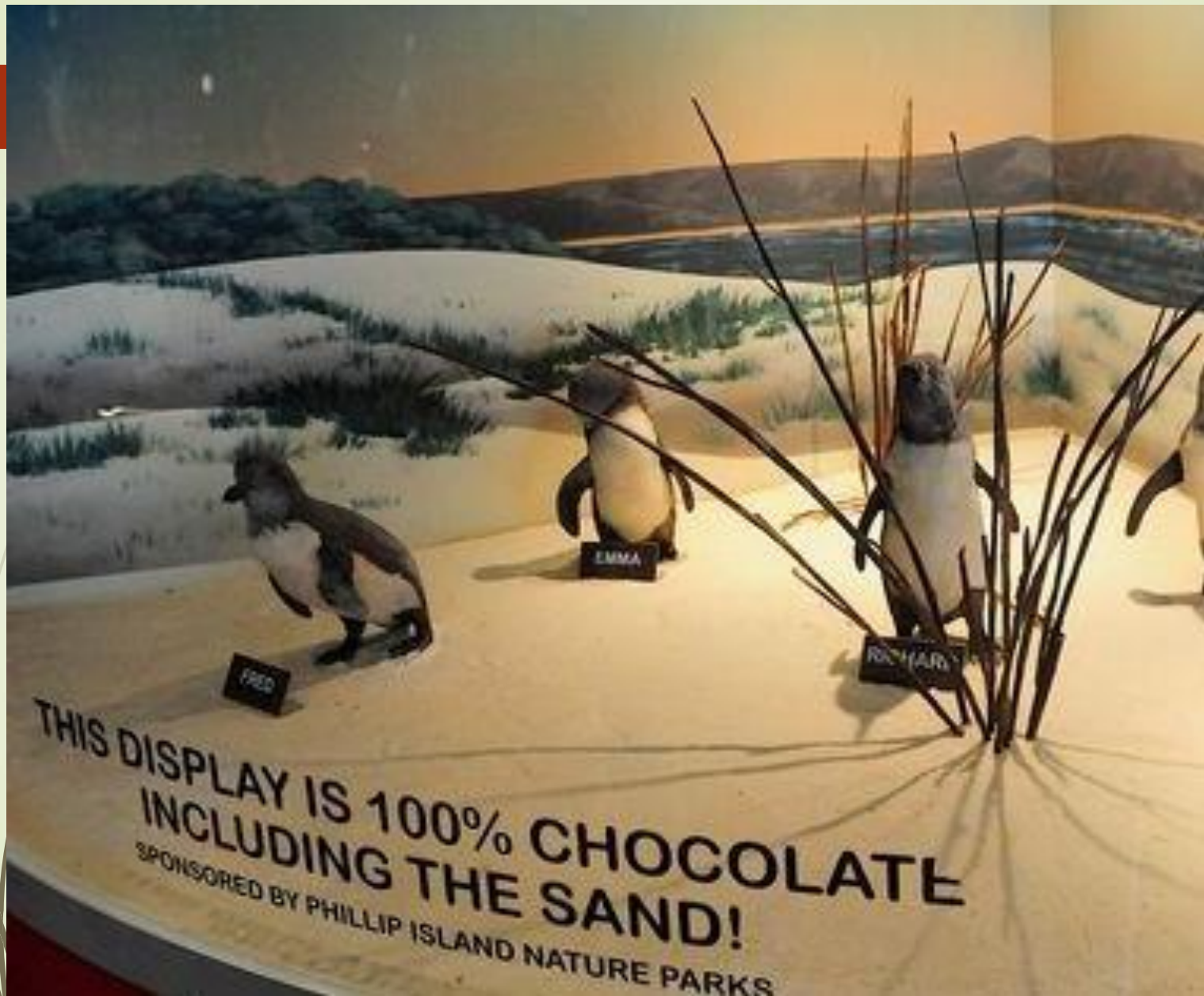






400kg
of Chocolate
every
3 minutes













CHOCOLATE

Caution Hot

Dark Milk White



Three Two One



Panasonic







Toilet Door Poster

Don't Just Sit There!

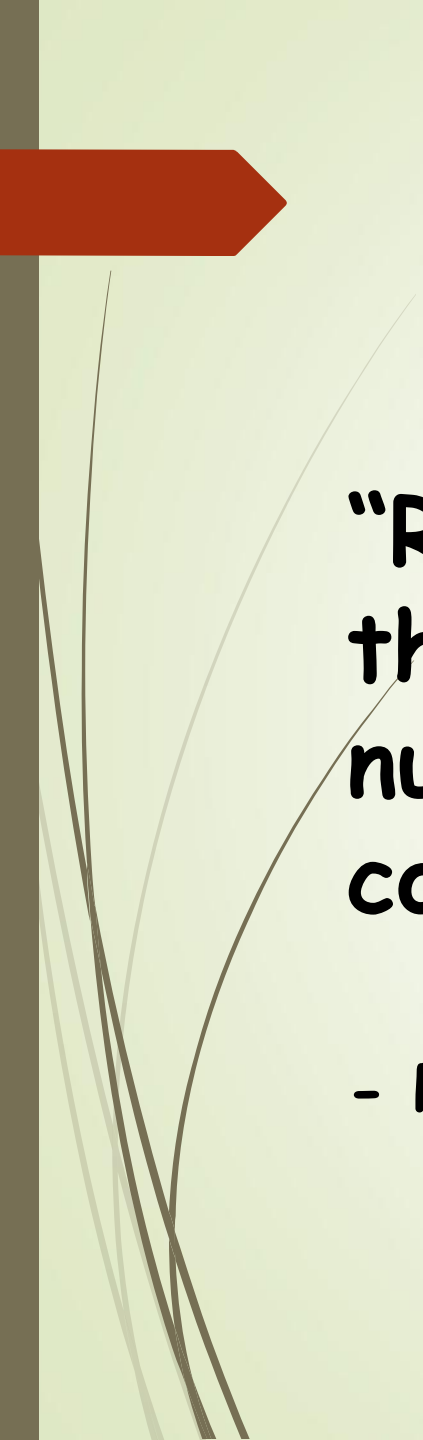
Look at the seven things
you can't miss before you
leave our town.....

Workshop 2:

**"It's all about
relationships"**

Presenter: Peter Kenyon





“Relationship building refers to the process of building and nurturing meaningful and mutual connections with others”

- Peter Kenyon

Mike Green



“Building social connectedness and relationships is the fundamental action in community building”

Margaret Wheatley



“Relationships are all there is. Everything in the universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation. We have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone”

Margaret Wheatley



“Despite current ads and slogans, the world doesn’t change one person at a time. It changes when networks of relationships form among people who share a common cause and vision of what’s possible. This is good news for those of us intent on creating a possible future. Rather than worry about mass, our work is to foster critical connections.

We don’t need to convince large numbers of people to change; instead, we need to connect with kindred spirits. Through these relationships, we will develop the new knowledge, practices, courage and commitment that lead to broad-based change”



Jonathan Lomas, Canadian Health Services Research Foundation

'Public health practitioners give much attention to screening, immunisation, lifestyle changes, or risk-factor modification ... millions of dollars are committed to alleviating ill health through individual intervention. Meanwhile we ignore what our everyday experiences tells us, ie, the way we organise our society, the extent to which we encourage interaction among the citizens and the degree we trust and associate with each other in caring communities is probably the most important determinate of our health'.

Lianne Dalziel, Christchurch's Mayor



"We found it was more important for people to have relationships with their neighbours than a stock of emergency supplies."

Beechworth, Victoria





**"Beechworth in the early
1980's, if there was a car
parked in the main street on
a Sunday morning, everybody
was wondering who got locked
up or who got laid!
Today, your lucky if you can
get a park"**

Tom O'Toole



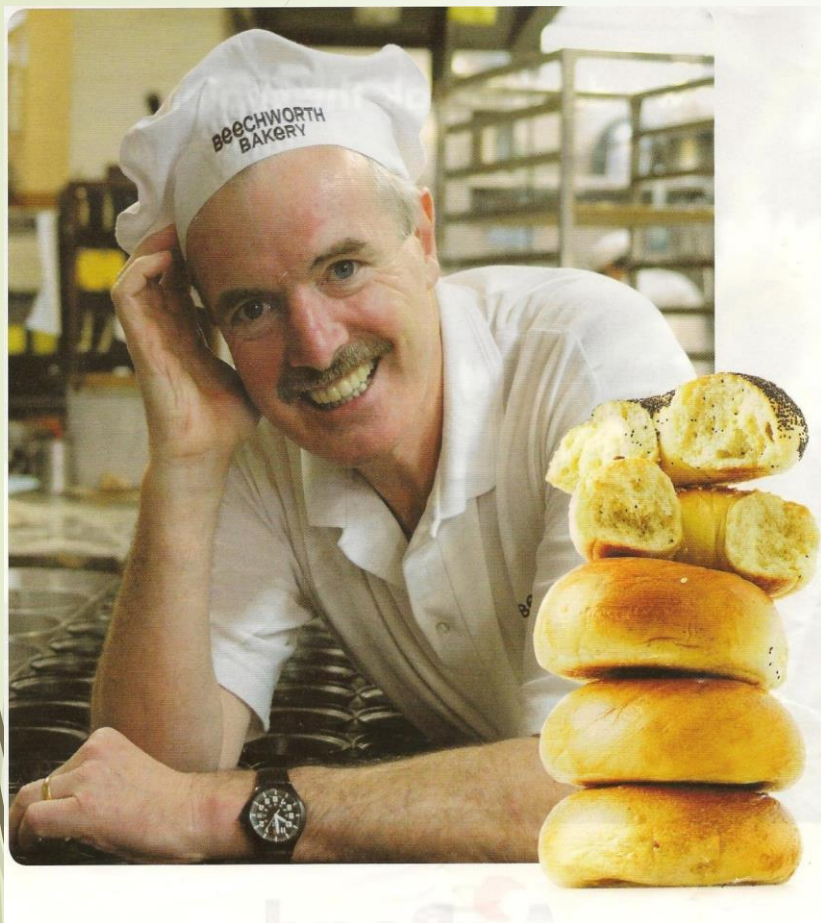


BEECHWORTH BAKERY



10.00am at the Beechworth Bakery

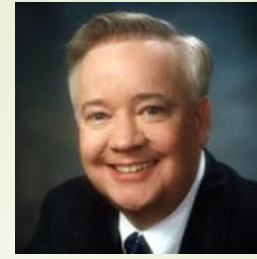




How do you
make dough
Tom's way?



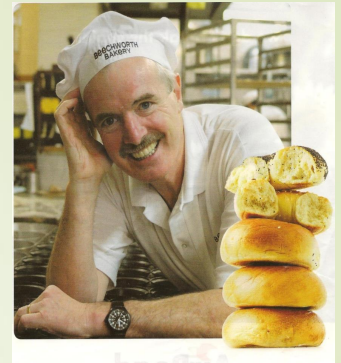
Michael LeBoeuf



**"We are not in business
to build products or
services. We are in
business to build
relationships"**

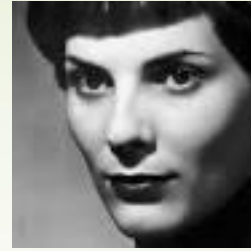


Tom's Key Relationships



- ❖ Customers
- ❖ Staff
- ❖ Other businesses
- ❖ Suppliers
- ❖ Local Community

Jane Howard

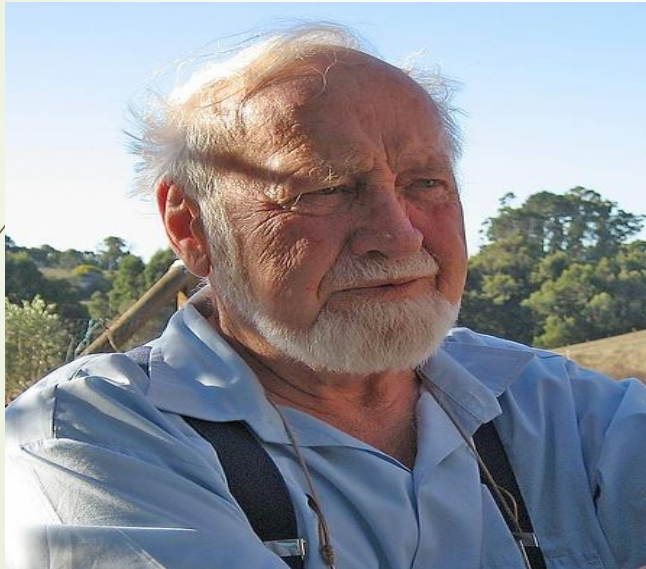


"Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family. Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one"

Eight Tips for Building Strong Relationships

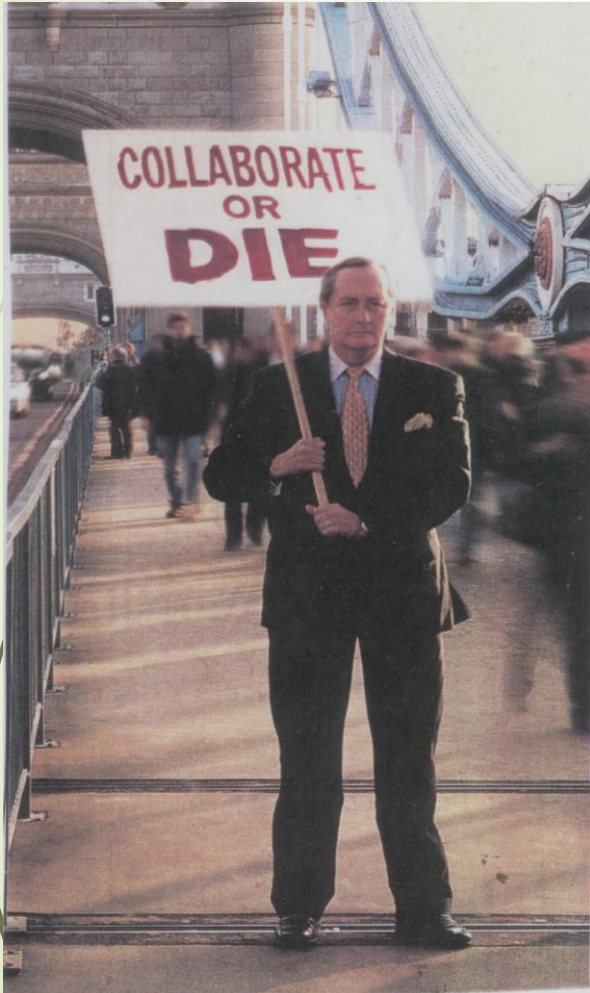


1. Believe in collaboration and the need for others



**Bill Mollison, a founder of
the Permaculture Movement**

**"I can't
save the
world on my
own...it will
take at least
three of
us."**



"If you want to go faster, go alone. If you want to go further, go together."

(African Proverb)

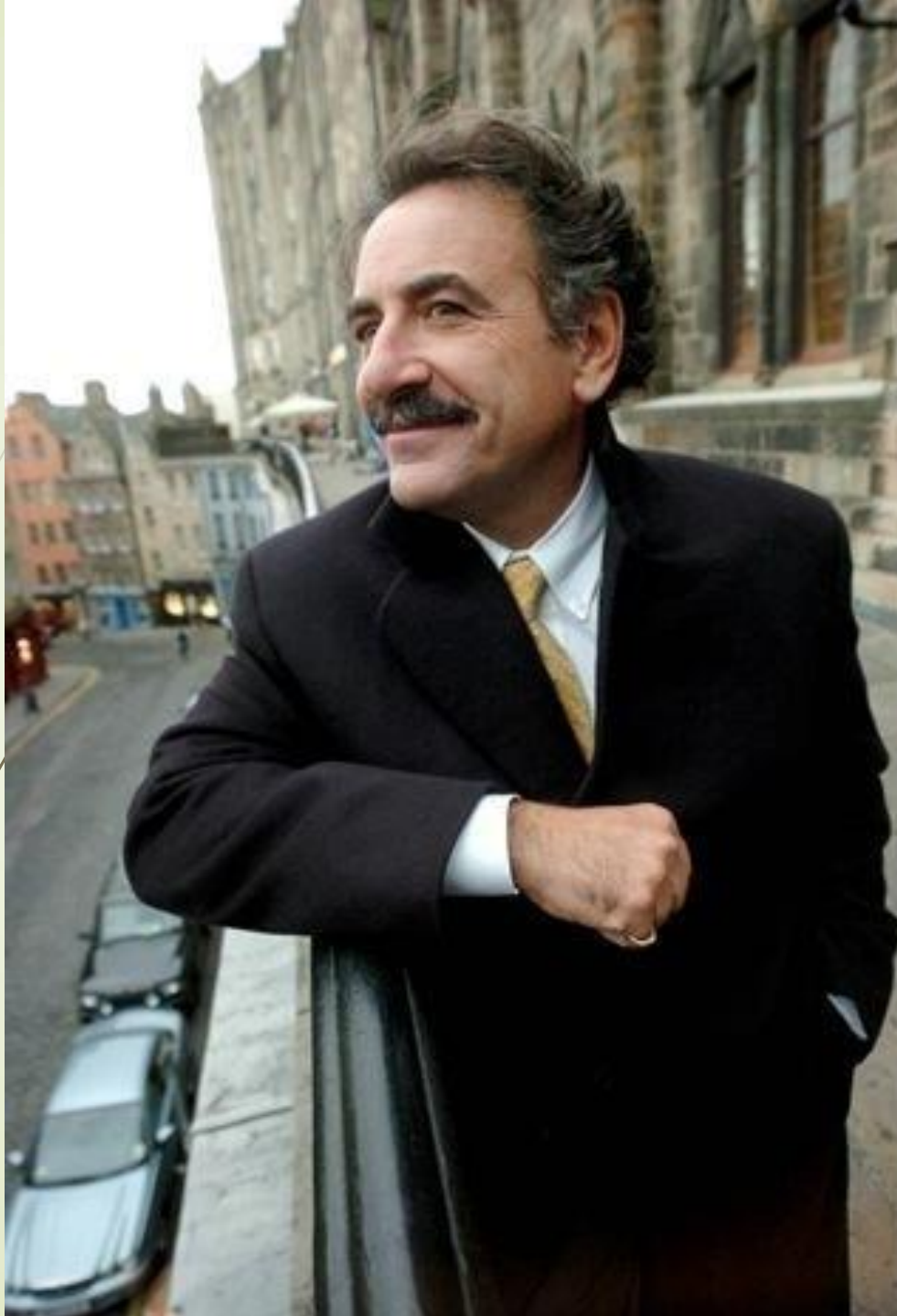


**2. Be genuinely interested
in others and their opinions
and ideas**

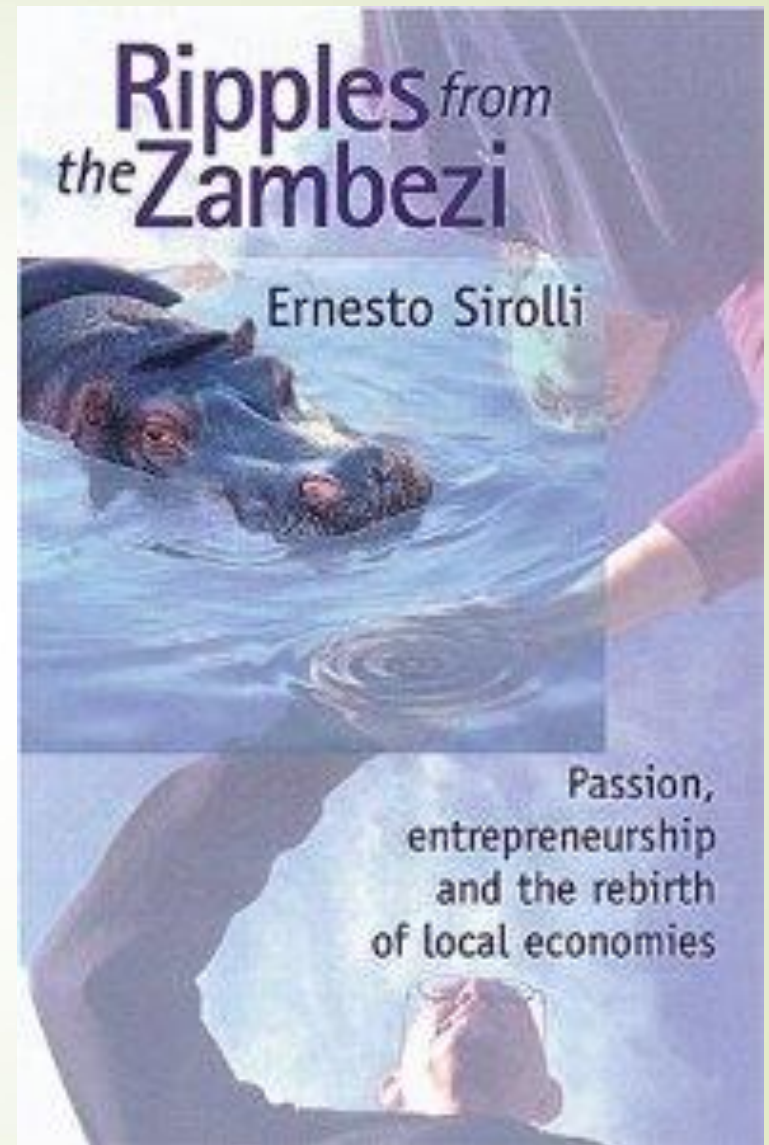
**“Love people and be
obsessively curious
about them!”**

-Peter Kenyon

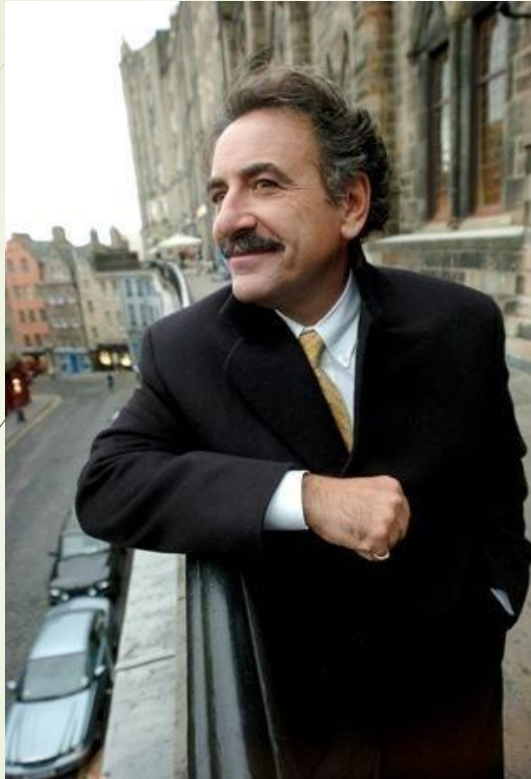




**Ernesto
Sirolli**



Ernesto Sirolli



'The future of every community lies in capturing the passion, imagination, and resources of its people'.

3. Develop true empathy, understanding and real connection.

**“Building relationships is
more than knowing others,
it's making people feel
understood”**

- Tanveer Naseer



Brené Brown



"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard and valued; when they can give and receive without judgement and when they drive sustenance and strength from the relationship"

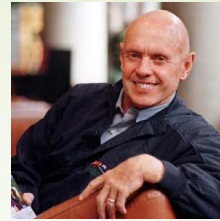
4. Strive to build trust

“Relationships move at the speed of trust, and social change moves at the speed of relationships”

-Jennifer Bailey



Stephen Covey



“Without trust we don't collaborate; we merely coordinate, or at best cooperate. It's trust that transforms a group of people into a team”

Brené Brown



“It turns out that trust is in fact earned in the smallest of moments. It is earned not through heroic deeds, or even highly visible actions, but through paying attention, listening, and gestures of genuine care and connection”

Jeremy Tiers



"Be genuine. Don't pretend to be interested and excited because you want something from the other person...and don't just reach out when you need something"

5. Don't rush it - it takes
time to build trust and
mutual respect

Some simple advice-

*"You are in too much of a
hurry! You will not see
progress there till you have
eaten a bag of salt with us"*

6. Foster a culture of gratitude and respect through small thoughtful and appreciative gestures that acknowledge and uplift others.

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel”

-Maya Angelou



7. Build your conversation competency skills and become an active listener.

“Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand”

-Brenda Ueland



Stephen Covey



"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."

Charlie Hough



"Listen to everyone. Learn from everyone. Nobody knows everything, but everyone knows something"

Mary Lou Casey



**“What most people
need is a good
listening to”**

William Greider



"Creating a positive future begins in human conversation. The simplest and most powerful investment any member of a community may make in terms of community building is to begin talking with other people as though the answers mattered"

Margaret Wheatley



“One of the things we need to learn is that every great change starts from very small conversations held among people who care”

Celeste Headlee:

10 ways to have a better conversation

TEDxCreativeCoast · 11:44 · Filmed May 2015

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Celeste Headlee
discussing
"conversation competency"



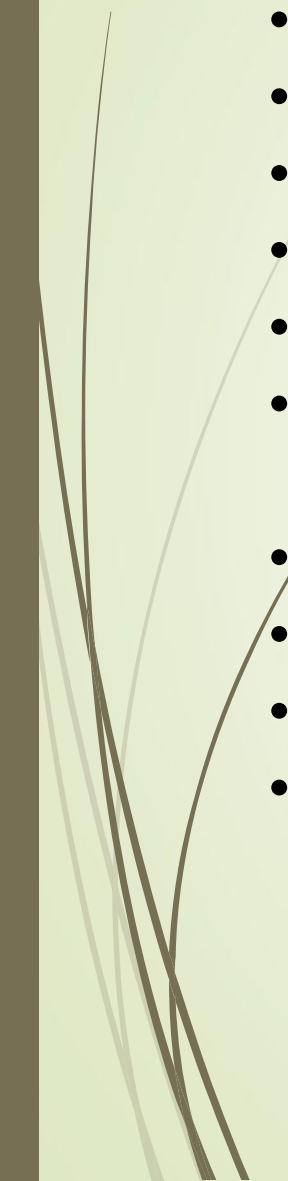
10 Ways to have Better Conversation

1. *Don't multi-task - be in the conversation*
2. *Don't pontificate - assume you have something to learn*
3. *Use open ended questions*
4. *Go with flow*
5. *If you don't know, say you don't know*

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6. *Don't equate your experience with theirs- all experiences are individual*
 7. *Try not to repeat yourself*
 8. *Forget the details*
 9. *LISTEN*
 10. *Be brief*



10 Tips to Better Conversation

- 1. Don't multi-task- be present
 - 2. Don't pontificate
 - 3. Use open-ended questions
 - 4. Go with the flow
 - 5. If you don't know, say you don't know.
 - 6. Don't equate your experiences with their experiences
 - 7. Don't repeat yourself
 - 8. Get out of the weeds- forget the details
 - 9. LISTEN!
 - 10. Be brief
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Celeste Headlee



**"Always be
prepared to
be amazed!"**

Julie McCoy



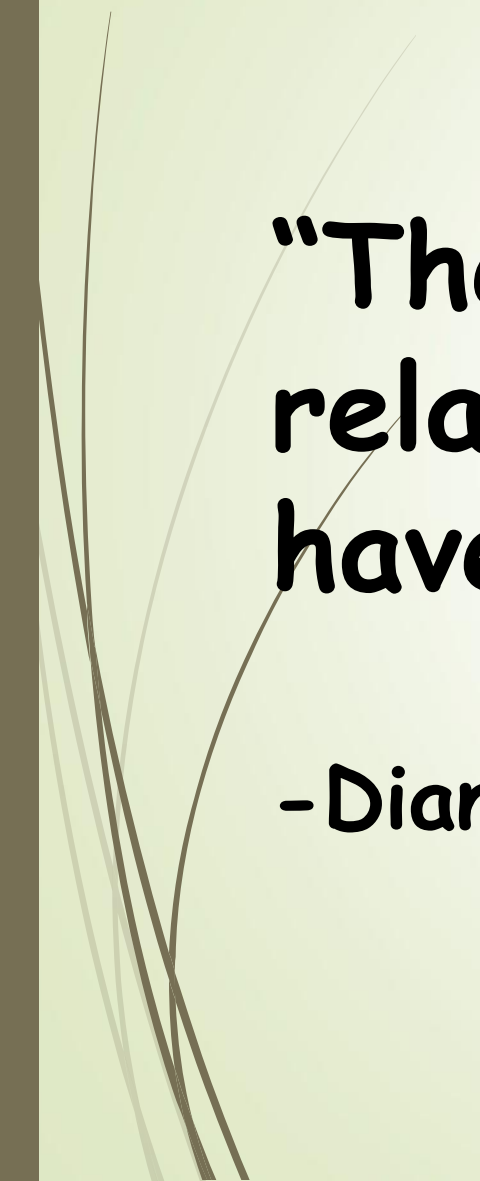
"Strive to become a known resource that people know, like, trust and listen to. This takes time and commitment"



6. Treat yourself as a best friend!.

"The most important relationship is the one you have with yourself"

-Diane von Furstenberg





Questions?

Comments?

Kokoda 25



Organiser- Jim Doyle



Next Cluster Muster



➤ **Wed 11
September**

➤ **Pre-Evening Workshop in Stroud -Tues 10 Sept- 6.30-8.30pm
Theme- 'What's community Building All About?'-
Jim Diers**

Inaugural National Small Town Reinvention Conference



Pickering Brook, WA

Dates- 17-20 September 2024



Lunch Time and Networking!