



## **PRESS RELEASE 22 JULY 2011**

### **SEED FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS AWARDED**

The Brunswick Heads Community Economic Transition Plan (CETP) Management Committee has recently announced the successful recipients of the \$2K seed funding set aside for small CETP flagship projects.

The response to the funding opportunity was very positive considering there was such a short time frame. Six applications were received for projects from a variety of community organisations – an upgrade of Pilgrim Park, a village gateway sign, garden to market mentoring, foreshore pathways for all, a community hall kitchen upgrade and a disaster alert package for Brunswick Heads residents and visitors.

Pieter Verasdonck from the Dept of TIRIS, which has funded the CETP project, joined the selection panel. The panel decided to split the \$2000 between 3 organisations.

\$1000 was allocated to the disaster alert package, which will support our very capable SES, Marine Rescue and VRA teams with fridge magnets, one-stop website information and signage to a designated meeting points. The Brunswick Heads Public School will receive \$500 to teach children to grow, prepare, market and cook healthy food, and \$500 seed funding will assist the Progress Association with a kitchen upgrade in the Memorial Hall.

While these amounts won't cover the total cost of any of the projects, the sums will at least provide the organisations with some seed funding which they can use as leverage for grant funding or matching fundraising efforts.

New project working groups are springing up everywhere since the CETP workshops and community and business people have been seen collaborating in cafes around town for the last couple of months to progress their projects. These include an all abilities family park & bike track, a nature sculpture walk in Torakina, buy-local campaigns, youth projects and the establishment of a community garden, just to name a few!

Brunswick's new "Taking Care of Brunswick" Community Economic Transition plan for 2011-2016 is now taking shape and is due to be launched in September. A user friendly booklet will accompany the plan. Just like the previous 5 year plan, this plan will not sit on the shelf. It will be full of practical ideas and strategies that will make Brunswick Heads a better place to live, work and play. It will also prepare our town for the big issues that face us now and in the future.

CETP Project Managers, Penny Watson and Robert Rosen, are keen to have all the project outlines or plans in by email by Friday 29 July so that they can be included in the document.

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