



New Community Quarterly

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For those of you who haven't come across the (New) Community Quarterly yet, let me start with a bit of history. *Community Quarterly* started in 1983 by *People's Projects*, a publishing project of Employment Working Effectively Inc. It appeared during the heyday of government attempts to use community development as a strategy to enlist the efforts of activists, volunteers and 'true-believers in the bottom-up approach' to assist with addressing problems like unemployment (especially amongst young people), multicultural work, environmental involvement, etc. It kept going for seventeen years as the only specialist community development journal in Australia, mostly produced by volunteers, totalling 51 issues. Fading energy and the virtual destruction of community development programs under the conservative governments of the 90s led to its suspension in 2000.

In 2002, a collective of people based at or associated with the Borderlands Cooperative, relaunched the journal as the *New Community Quarterly*.

We start from the premise that the 'development of community' is something our world, our nation, our local sites and places and we as individuals need fundamentally if we are to survive as a species with a sense of dignity, justice and responsibility. The journal aims to promote education and to stimulate discussion about theories and practices of community development, to foster a sense of community through the establishment of networks of community activists, practitioners and learners in Australia and Oceania. Each of the four yearly issues includes (refereed and non-refereed) contributions to a set theme, a section with other refereed articles related to community development-at-large, network news – local, state-wide and national as well as international, and news about relevant happenings across the world, including new books, conferences and other events, important news in the political and economic realms, poetry, letters, etc.

We just finished publishing the third issue in our volume *nine* (as you can see, we're a bit late... again... as you know, we're just a bunch of volunteers who try to keep the journal going and that applies to many of those who contribute articles and other bits of useful news as well... so thank you for your patience!!!) is on (adult) education with a strong emphasis on Paulo Freire's approach of 'consciousness raising'. The fourth issue – appearing early 2012 – will have some focus on CD in remote, rural and regional areas. The themes of all issues which have appeared since 2003 (as well as those having appeared in our predecessor journal, the *Community Quarterly*, from 1983 till 2000) are on our website, www.newcq.org.

The issues for the year 2012 (our 10th anniversary!!!) are planned as follows: #1 ***Economic Crises, Social Justice and Community Development***; #2 ***Cooperatives, Credit Unions, Social Enterprises and Community Development***; #3 ***Sustainability, Local Government and Community Development***; #4 ***Community Development in rural, regional and remote areas***.

We strongly believe that ***all*** community and welfare workers should be – at least – interested in community development theories and practices – even if their job description makes no reference to it. People are always already members of a community and it is imperative that (future) community sector workers become aware of what could be meant by the concept and the reality covered by it.

A full-year 'regular' subscription is \$60 dollars - for a total of over 280 pages of reading per year!!! Students and low-income subscribers pay \$30 and organisations at present pay \$110 per year. As an incentive for members of the ACWA, we keep the regular price for next year at \$50, hoping that many of you may decide to join about 500 subscribers across Australia (and help us increase numbers so that we can do a better job at what we do).

Jacques Boulet, editor.