



***“Australian Local
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Community Development –
an historical journey from
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years of 21st century”***

By Frank Hornby

“Australian Local Government and Community Development – an historical journey from colonial times to the early years of 21st century” is drawn from extensive research, the experience, commitment, deep knowledge and interpretative work of Frank Hornby.

Traversing the separate strands of innovation within local government in each state and territory and from colonial times, this publication demonstrates that local government responses to social and cultural development are not new, having their origins in the complex social and political events of the 19th century and the early years of the 20th century.

Drawing on the reflective commentaries from Paulo Friere, a Latin American pioneer in community development, committed to the enhancement of human dignity and well being and respecting the life experiences and knowledge of local people, Frank has significantly contributed to our collective appreciation of community development history and the evolution of community development within Australia, in recent times.

The Author

Frank has worked alongside many dedicated people to shape and build community and cultural development. His experiences include working with the New South Wales Department of Youth and Community Services, in the early 1970's as Youth Services policy and program officer; Townsville City Council from 1979 as social planner and then Director of Community and Cultural Services until 2006.

During this time Frank was national President of the Local Government Community Services and Development Association of Australia and undertook a nine month secondment with the Commonwealth Office of Local Government in 1989 to assist with rationalising commonwealth programs to local government

Frank also served in a voluntary capacity with the Australian Local Government Association's Community and Economic Development Committee, and three years with the Australia Council for the Arts - Community and Economic Development Committee. Partnerships and strong, effective communication between the spheres of government and the non government sector in community and cultural development has been a strong focus of Frank's work.



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