

# Get Smart

## HIGHLIGHTS

Ray McLean

Jim Stynes

Genevieve Timmons

## Community Group Conference

Saturday, February 17th 2007

Ballan Mechanics Hall, Inglis Street  
Ballan

## LEARN

To write a funding proposal

About team work

To attract new volunteers

## HAVE

Fun

Be challenged

## Thanks for your feedback!

Thanks to everyone for their feedback from the survey. You will see that the conference name has changed. We received feedback that the term "all fired up" was offensive given the recent fires in Moorabool Shire. As the conference is to be held in February and it is likely to be another bad fire season we decided that the name should go.

We apologise to those people, particularly in Beremboke, for any offence we may have inadvertently caused.

Over 16 groups have given us feedback to ensure we are on track with conference planning. The highest interest was in learning how to write a funding proposal and meeting those people who could help them to write them! Project planning, developing partnerships, masterplans, succession planning and managing volunteers were also very much in demand.

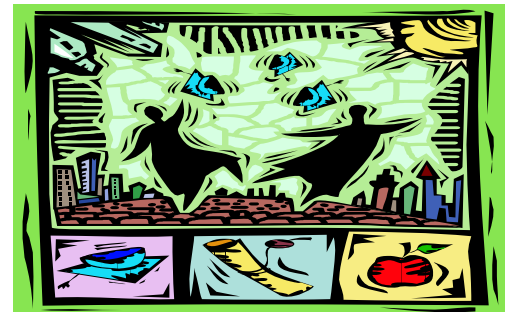
People overwhelmingly wanted the conference to be for one day with entertainment into the evening.

Our project planning group is working to bring you all this and more in your community conference.

And in your words:

***"Ensure there is plenty of mixture of ages and interest groups and not to much speaking at or lecturing to participants...."***

***"Our community would like this to be a learning experience and easy for a lay person to understand."***

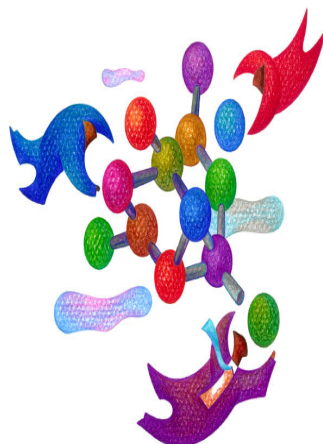


## NAME CHANGE

All fired up becomes

GET SMART

## How can you be involved?



Come along to a Project Planning Meeting and bring your ideas.

Come along to the conference.

Talk about it at your next Committee meeting.

Organise a few of you from your community group to come along to the conference.

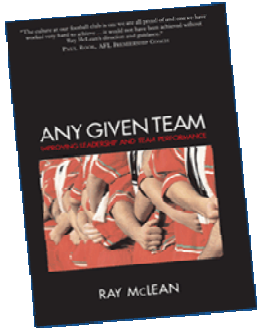
Book a group to come and listen to Jim Stynes.

If you would like further information please contact:

**Kate Diamond- Keith Moorabool Shire**

**Ph 53667100**

## Get Smart



**Ray McLean will facilitate the day for us and challenge us to create better teams.**

Ray McLean is a Director of Leading Teams Australia and has worked as a leadership and management consultant for the last 14 years. He also coaches and mentors a number of senior sporting executives.

Ray spent five years in the RAAF as a training and leadership officer where he redesigned the leadership and team development for the Airman Aircrew with the Maritime Patrol Group, from a theoretical course to an experiential/action learning model. He has a Bachelor of Education and taught physical education for eight years.

Ray has acquired powerful techniques and strategies that have been successfully applied by many of Australia's elite sporting teams and corporations, to develop outstanding team results.

Crossing over football codes and sports from Australian Rules Football and Rugby League to Rugby Union and Basketball, Ray McLean has worked with St George Illawarra, Adelaide Crows, The Waratahs and Sydney Swans, Sydney Kings, the Australian Basketball Teams, HSBC, Sensis, Country Fire Authority and Toyota.

The clear and concise messages delivered by Ray McLean for improving team performance are resonating beyond business and elite sport, revolutionising the way we approach team activities in general. He has been accredited for turning around the culture in a number of underperforming teams that have since seen their results soar to new heights.

Be prepared for some straight talking and some ideas that will provide us all with new challenges. Be prepared to work as a team!

## Jim Stynes

Born in Dublin, Jim Stynes was brought from Ireland to Australia as part of a Ron Barrassi inspired experiment in the mid 1980's to recruit Irish footballers for the Melbourne Football Club.

He has been described as "Australia's most successful sporting experiment." His football honours include winning the 1991 Brownlow medal; Melbourne Football Club Best and Fairest in 1991, 1995,

1996 & 1997 equalling the club record.

He has also made his mark in the lives of over 450,000 Victorian young people as co-founder of Reach, a charity organisation that provides a platform for young people to support other young people.

Reach and Stynes work together to encourage teenagers to realise their potential and discover their purpose through being made to feel valued and special in a positive and supportive environment

**For more information go to:**  
[www.reach.org.au](http://www.reach.org.au)



**Jim Stynes as guest speaker— "Australia's most successful sporting experiment."**

## Writing funding proposals with Genevieve Timmons

These seminars will be lead by Genevieve Timmons, who has assessed thousands of funding proposals in her work as an executive with several Australian philanthropic foundations. She has delivered hundreds of training seminars and public addresses, nationally and internationally, on the subject of effective grant-seeking and grant management. She draws on more than 20 years of experience working on both sides of the table as a suc-

cessful grantseeker and grantmaker.

Genevieve worked for the Reichstein Foundation for over ten years, after working in the community sector in Victoria for twelve years in the areas of social policy, research and community development. She has a Masters Thesis on effective grantmaking for community advocacy and social change. Genevieve is a Fellow of the Williamson Community Leadership Program, and has com-

pleted a Senior Fellowship at the Johns Hopkins International Fellows in Philanthropy Program in Baltimore, USA .

She is a warm and entertaining presenter. She is no stranger to Moorabool Shire and is well remembered by local residents for assisting them to write the proposals that got the dollars to bring their projects to life.

These sessions should not be missed.

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## Ask me about.....

Not only will you have a name tag with your name and community group but you will also have an added tag that says "Ask me about....."

Feedback suggested you would like to increase your confidence in your own skills but also meet others who may be able to assist you at a later date.

The idea of these tags is to think about the skills

you may have as an individual or a group. Do you manage volunteers really well? Do you run an interesting and fun cocktail fundraiser? Do you know how to run a trivia night? Do you know how to involve young people? Did you organize an event? Do you know how to start a township committee? Do you know how to start a community newsletter? Do you know

how to keep your volunteers? Do you know how to welcome new people? Do you know how to raise money with scrap metal?

So put your thinking hats on and come up with your unique skills that others could benefit from. We look forward to hearing the stories and successes from your neck of the woods.



*"We have experts among us in how to solve problems. We just need to find easier ways to share this wisdom."*

## Situations vacant

Can you start to think of new ways of getting people involved in your group?

Current trends with volunteering tell us we need to involve people differently. You are more likely to get new people involved if it is for a time limited period. More likely it will be around specific projects like "cleaning up the river" rather than being on a Committee. Given this we are asking all groups to come up with

some ideas for short term involvement in your group.

### Situations vacant

We will have a situations vacant board where you can post your requirements. Do you have a particular project to advertise.

### Situations wanted

Likewise do you have skills you can offer. Maybe you can think about doing one hour a week for a group. If so put your ad up in Situations wanted.

### Wanted to swap

Or perhaps you could swap some skills. Have you ever thought of asking someone to help write a funding proposal and in return provide them with a meal. Some working mums are happy to do this but are often time poor. Sometimes making a meal can buy you a few hours of a funding proposal from a semi professional grant writer!



*Start to think differently about involving people in your group.*

## Making smart communities even smarter

There will be a number of themes in this conference. One will focus purely on funding proposals—how to write them; tips to getting it right.; networking; meeting the people who can assist. Then have a go at putting pen to paper.

Another theme will centre around volunteers and community participation. How do we get new volunteers? Did you know more people are volunteering but in dif-

ferent ways? Learn about these new ways. How can we be more creative and innovative? How do we support volunteers?

Another theme is the other "bits and pieces" that you requested. Risk management, project planning, masterplans, media savvy and more.

The fourth theme centres around creativity and connections. There are a number of exciting activities de-

signed to reinvigorate, inspire and get you thinking outside the square. Be prepared to drum, dance, paint or perform.

And when your head starts to spin have a game of bocce or carpet bowls.

It is impossible to attend all sessions so get a few of you together from your Committee or group. You can then take advantage of all there is to offer.



*Get smart and get creative.*

# Making great community groups even better



Community Group  
Conference



MACPHERSON SMITH COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

Community  
Development Team

February 17th 2007

## Project Aims

Provide a conference where experiences and learnings can be shared among people involved in community groups and committees in and around Moorabool Shire.

Facilitate the development of an ongoing exchange of information between community groups within the Shire.

Explore practical ways for communities, state and local government, local agencies and service providers to work better together for the benefit of communities,

Identify possible future training and networking opportunities for community groups and committees

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## Be quick for bookings—first in first served



### Booking forms & conference program

These will be available from mid November at Moorabool Shire Offices and they can be downloaded from:  
[www.monline.vic.gov.au](http://www.monline.vic.gov.au)

### Early bird bookings

If you book before December 20th 2006 it will cost \$15.00 per person. After this it will be \$20.00 per person.

### Guest speaker only

If you wish to come along to the Jim Stynes session only the cost is \$12.50 before December 20th 2006. It is \$15.00 after this date.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

### Where can I make payments?

You can make payments at either Ballan or Bacchus Marsh Shire offices. Payment needs to be made with cheque, credit card or cash with a completed booking form.

### Need more information or forms?

Please contact:  
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