



New Community Quarterly

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 issue 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 published the second issue in our *sixth* volume with various CD-related contributions from conferences or drawn from people's varied local and global practices. The theme of the first issue of 2008 was '*Indigenous Peoples and Community Development*' and the next issues will offer contributions to '*Restorative Justice and Community Development*' and '*Community Development in Rural, Remote and Regional contexts*.'

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 \$50 dollars - for a total of over 280 pages of reading per year!!! Students pay \$25 and organisations at present pay \$95 per year. We have to increase these amounts for next year to \$110 for (funded) organisations, \$60 for employed persons and half that, \$30, for students / people on low income. As an incentive for members of AIWCW, we will keep the regular price for next year at \$50, hoping that many of you may decide to join about 500 subscribers across Australia.

Our contact details are:

P.O. Box 3079 Auburn, Victoria 3123
Phone (61 3) 9819 3239, fax (61 3) 9819 3439
Email: ncq@borderlands.org.au
Website: www.newcq.org

Jacques Boulet, editor.