

Tingha Regeneration Inc (TRI)

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Regeneration Program

Renewing the Town on Living Rocks



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About Tingha

Shown in one Academic Study in recent years as the third most disadvantaged community in **Australia statistics showing that Tingha's unemployment rate is three times the regional average** and individual income is less than half indicate that this is the ideal location to show how the Natural Science of Holistic Community Regeneration works. Tingha, like many other small communities in the shadow of larger growth centres, has gone through more than 130 years of fluctuating change in its colourful history. Tingha once had a population of 8,000 (now under 1000) but successive mining activity in the district has not of itself provided a path to economic sustainability. Over the years, not much has been put back into the community.

Tingha's move towards Regeneration

In April 2008 - under the leadership of Guyra Shire Council Economic Development Manager, Bob Neville - **Tingha's community embraced the message of a Natural Science of Holistic Community Regeneration**. A Plan was established identifying key resources, opportunities, challenges and needs. In order to consolidate direction, the Tingha Regeneration Committee was established. By August 2008 - the Council relinquished the role of Economic Development Manager, so Bob Neville found a new Sponsor - Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (part of the Uniting Church in Australia) to make Tingha into a Holistic Community Regeneration MODEL for Australia. A 4 year Program commenced in Sept 2008

Tingha Regeneration Incorporated

By December 2008, substantial planning and relationship building was under way, along with identification of many Community and Economic Development Projects. In order to maintain and increase the momentum for change, at its January 2009 Meeting, The Tingha Regeneration Committee voted unanimously to become Tingha Regeneration Incorporated (TRI) - and as they say: **"the rest is becoming history"**. TRI is administered as a joint cultural body - representing all dimensions of **Tingha and district's community**. It functions under a unique **Code of Common Unity (Code of Conduct)** which ensures that Meetings are focused and productive and unable to be disrupted with non-agenda issues. This provides a formula for real achievement.

About the TRI Logo

The distinctive TRI Logo presents the image of solidarity clearly apparent in one of Tingha's most amazing "living rocks". This rock will be the central focus of a major project to create Australia's largest Rock Garden over the next few years. The slogan "Renewing the Town on Living Rocks" combined with the graphic, symbolizes the "Living Strength" of growing support for Tingha's Regeneration Program as a MODEL for thousands of other small communities throughout Australia and beyond.

The Role of TRI

Tingha's Regeneration Program represents the entire Community, Social, Economic and Environmental dimensions of the regeneration goal - under what is identified in the Natural Science as the "Tree of Community Regeneration". This tree identifies 12 branches of community needs requiring ongoing cultivation. TRI identifies individuals who are interested in supporting each Branch and facilitates projects through committed teams of Project Drivers, once Projects have been tested, planned and fund-sourced. Beyond this, the primary function of TRI is to provide common unity, strength and a voice for change in what has been a largely fragmented and dysfunctional community. This dual cultural representation enables the community speak and move together - which in the past has been seemingly impossible.



Membership of TRI

Membership is open to anyone in the community who is invited or whose formal request for membership is accepted and provided they are prepared to accept the Organizations Code of Common Unity. While it is appreciated that not everyone in small communities is able to attend meetings, a floating membership structure ensures that attendance to TRI's monthly breakfast meeting is strong and highly supportive. While membership is free to community members, TRI encourages and accepts donations from community members towards its general administration. Funds are also raised through donations to the Community's Tingha Rocks Newsletter.

Reporting of TRI Progress

Progress of the Tingha Regeneration Program is reported in the regularly published Tingha Rocks Newsletter - regularly printed and distributed in the district. All Newsletters are also available on the website, www.tingharocks.com.au - along with a month-by-month summary of progress on the "Program" page of the website. From February 2009, Minutes from the monthly TRI Breakfast Meetings can also be viewed on the website.

About the Tingha Rocks Website

Our website is our primary communication medium with the whole world. We want the whole of Australia to follow and witness Tingha's progressive transition into the "gem" of our Region - thereby providing a highly encouraging example for others to follow. We want to show that no matter how great the challenge facing any small community, provided that the Natural Science of Community Regeneration is understood and applied, change is always possible - relative to available resource, opportunities and will. The website not only provides increasing information about the Program, it also features an amazing Photo Gallery of the many positive things that make Tingha unique. Many of the Photos have been taken by Program Facilitator Bob Neville, while TRI Publicity Officer Christine Hall has done a magnificent job in developing and maintaining the site.

Our objective is to make this one of the most visited Community Development Websites in Australia.

About the Tingha Rocks Newsletter

Our Community Newsletter puts regular hard copy updates about the Regeneration Program directly in the hands of our District Community. The name Tingha Rocks was chosen by the Community itself and while distribution to the public is free, donations are appreciated and Page Sponsorship is welcomed and encouraged. The Publication has been very well received and circulation has grown from Tingha coverage of 350 copies to well over 1000 copies throughout the whole district, including to Southside Inverell, to many Aboriginal residents who have strong links to Tingha.

Would you like to be one of our supporters - even in a small way ...or perhaps become a committed Partner in Positive Progress..? [See over..!](#)



How you can help

You can help to create Australia's Community Regeneration Model

Tingha Regeneration Incorporated (ABN 44965018250) welcomes Supporters and Partners in what we believe will be the most successful Community Regeneration MODEL Australia has seen for a long time. Further, we believe it can and will set a new standard of Community Development for a dual-cultural community. Support and Donations are welcome in any of the following ways. * We use *Paymate* to process all our payments and your financial details are not stored on any Computer. You don't need a Paymate account to make a donation online.

Become a Supporter

As a Supporter, we will send you a formal receipt and our "Supporter – Tingha Regeneration Program Certificate of Appreciation".

1. Donate \$10 or more if you wish

* Pay online at www.tingharocks.com.au/supporter.html

OR:

Send Payment by Cheque or Money Order to: Tingha Regeneration Inc.

PO Box 27 Tingha NSW 2369 (Your contact details will remain strictly confidential)

2. Donate to our Tingha Rocks Community Newsletter.

While our Newsletter is freely available on line and as hard copy to the Tingha Community and District, we invite you to take out an Annual Donation Package from anywhere in Australia. As such, we will forward you a copy via mail, as well as send you an email to alert you when each edition is on-line. We will also provide you with email updates of key milestones as they are achieved.

Why...? We not only want to keep you informed, but we also want to inspire you so that other communities (even your community) can benefit through our example. Your support helps us to produce the newsletter and to maintain our Website and more.

Annual Newsletter Donation and Subscription: Mailed anywhere in Australia:

\$50 per year - We will send you a formal receipt and your Certificate.

* Pay online at www.tingharocks.com.au/supporter.html

OR:

Send Cheque/Money Order to: Tingha Regeneration Inc. PO Box 27 Tingha NSW 2369

Mark your request: NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION/DONATION and include your return mailing address, phone and Email Address (Your contact details will remain strictly confidential)

Become one of our Partners in Positive Progress:

1. Arrange to send/donate produce, products or services that we can use in any of our Community Regeneration Projects or use to raise funds towards any of our Projects

2. Become a Corporate Supporter of one of our Regeneration Projects.

Contact us to discuss current project options. As a Partner in one of our Projects your support will be significantly acknowledged and greatly appreciated.

To become a Partner in any of the above three ways, please contact us:

Telephone (02) 67233590 or Email tingharegeneration@bigpond.com

OR visit us on line at www.tingharocks.com.au/partners.html

Some of our Partners in Positive Progress

