



# Tingha Rocks

## Community Newsletter

for the Town of Living Rocks

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### Our young people are our future But who will lead by example?



Welcome to edition 2 of  
Tingha's own "Rocks"  
Community Newsletter

Check out the great features  
and news in our special  
Young People's Edition.

Did you know...?  
Tingha "Rocks"

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This year's Tingha NAIDOC Celebration typified the spirit of cooperation that can change our community - some of our youth can show us the way (See page 3) - Special thanks to the Members of PCYC for their great support.

### Tingha's Main Street Redevelopment We'd like your ideas

Tingha is going to see "Community Economic Gardening" in its full context. It's time to begin the process of planning just how we want Tingha to look progressively over the next few years and we invite everyone to have a part in its development initially with great ideas. We want to progressively transform Tingha into one of the most attractive and "busy" and job-available towns for its size in the region. The potential is here, we are close to larger centres and we can do much to make our community very attractive but first we need to plan this coherently. **Continued Page 4**



The first task is to create a visual concept of just what our Main Street area can look like. Please give us your ideas, concepts, themes for making our main street attractive. See continuation of article on page 4 and get involved:

**I was pleased to receive a fax recently from Keith Spicer which presented a vision by Sarah Anderson on behalf of the Tingha Christian Fellowship Centre Youth Group.**

The letter shown below says it all and shows a great deal of maturity and desire to see our young people get a positive start.

This has to be a most important part of our Community Strategy for Tingha's Regeneration and I commend Sarah and the Group for their vision. – BUT- the whole community needs to support this effort. Thanks for forwarding the letter to me Keith. As a result of Sarah's letter, Naomi Munro has formally applied for a Grant on behalf of the Group to help sustain regular positive youth meetings over the next 12 months. Building on initial support from PCYC, the aim is to progressively increase the leadership strength and capacity of this young group.

## Tingha's Youth leading the way

Our youth are our future – plenty are setting a good example but are we all doing the same for them?



The Group will also be looking at establishing a more formal structure and Business Plan, with the ultimate aim of establishing a sustainable Youth Centre. If you have any equipment that you do not use which might be useful to the group, or if you would like to contribute, please contact Sarah on the numbers below.

TO whom it may concern:

I Sarah Anderson am writing on behalf of the Tingha Christian Fellowship Centre's Youth group. I am writing in regards to a weekly youth night in our community . We believe that it is necessary in Tingha. The majority of the youth here have been or are suffering from drug and /or alcohol abuse, crime and/or violence. Our community has accommodated this for too long, so now is the time for us as a community , to step up and regenerate our town.

My group members and I recently completed a 3 month Christian Outreach and to see how other young people are making such a positive influence on the younger people in their community has inspired us to create our own youth service here, but we hope to take it one step further and create a Youth Centre along the Way. With the support of you as respected community members, we will be able to for an impressive proposal for both short term and long term funding to the right people.

The youth are the next generation and we as older role models need to come together and help prepare them for the future .We need to be encouraging and supportive to these youth. Currently the group and I are supporting the youth night with our own personal finances as we believe that something was needed in our town as soon as possible. If you agree with the outline, could you please provide a letter of approval that we could send away with our proposal.

If you have any inquiries please feel free to contact me on: Mobile: 0434377980 Work: 67233264

Yours truly  
Sarah Anderson

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# DARE TO DREAM

A Youth Feature for the young and especially the “not-so-young”



**Young people are our most valuable and yet so often our most overlooked seed, so how can we make our youth an integral part of our community's future heritage?** I have heard many people of my own generation say “what’s wrong with kids today?” Well who is to blame if kids are faced with pressures today that we never knew twenty or thirty years ago? They have only inherited a world that we have polluted in every way.

We see many people of my generation who don't understand youth of today. They hate their music and they hate their apparent irresponsible attitude to life, money, non-commitment and apparent lack of respect. Yet underneath they are no different to you and me. They have needs, they have dreams and passions about how they would like their life to be, about the things that they want to do and see. Yet when they see how their peer generations have exploited their inheritance by selling it and them into economic slavery and environmental destruction, they are sadly disillusioned and no wonder at it?

But what can we do to convince them that life in their home community can indeed offer a most positive future when so many of them feel so trapped and so unfulfilled? If we watch our children slide deeper into social and economic quicksand and criticize them for not climbing out, what kind of example are we, especially if we dug the pit into which so many of them have fallen? This need not happen. There are those who do care, those who do understand the anguish of our youth. However, their's is often a lonely and difficult battle faced with surrounding indifference.

Government Agencies and trained social workers have a part, but far from the complete answer. The problem needs whole-of-community commitment starting at the individual family level. Certainly, there can be many complex challenges for which there are no simplistic answers however the place to start is in family support of a whole-of-community commitment to youth. This should be seen as a Regeneration Planning priority for every community.

**What can communities do most towards sustaining real, positive, creative and productive youth?**

1. Realize that a powerful influence on a community's youth will be their own perception of what their community offers them emotionally, socially and economically, now and in the future. Therefore we must set a like example.
2. Realize that if we really want to see a future heritage for our community, it will not be sustainable without the involvement of community youth. They must carry the baton as future leaders and citizens.
3. Realize that the time and place to begin sowing the seeds of community self-worth in our children is as early as possible. In the home and school and through community interactive projects that involve and teach young people how to respect, discover, value, aspire towards and grow their community seed capital.
4. Realize the need to genuinely value, acknowledge, involve and trust youth in order to win the same level of respect. This is only gained through mutual trust and cannot be demanded. Example speaks.

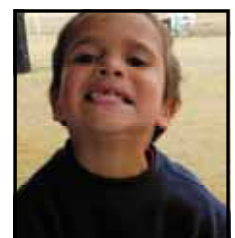
5. Realize that the world is constantly changing and if we are to secure the trust and support and future leadership of our youth, then we must be prepared to meet them half-way and on their own turf.

6. Realize that we must encourage and support the facilitation of genuine entrepreneurship within our young people of all cultures - all must be highly valued for their uniqueness and individuality. Their individual gifts, skills and potential must be encouraged and fostered.

If we realize and act upon these six basic points, we will be providing our children with the freedom and space to dare to dream along with the encouragement to constructively criticize, then propose, develop and implement even better solutions to needs and problems, as indeed, the Tingha Christian Fellowship Youth Group is trying to do. That is what positive leadership is about.

We must encourage our children (not drive them) to reach for the stars and in so doing they may reach the moon or perhaps the peak of the highest mountain. Encourage them to dare to dream. We have the opportunity to make Tingha into the finest example of Community Regeneration ever seen in Australia if enough of us determine to do so. Indeed, let's all dare to dream.

*This article is edited from Bob's soon to be released latest book - "Community Economic Gardening - the Natural Science of Community Regeneration"*



## Seeking your ideas for Tingha's Main Street Regeneration

(from Page 1)

The first task is to create a visual concept of just what our Main Street area can look like. Please give us your ideas, concepts, themes for making our main street attractive. The redevelopment Plan will probably involve quite a few different projects, such as Street-scaping, new Toilet and Shower Facilities, new businesses, maybe a Visitor Centre, a Rock theme, Artworks and so on. Given Tingha's colourful "rocky" history of cultural diversity perhaps our Main Street theme could reflect this background?

### 4 Steps to Transformation

1. Let's have your ideas, no matter how crazy you think they might be.
2. We will list all the ideas to determine which are the most practical.
3. Then we'll create an Artist's Impression of our regenerated main street – a true Vision for a new look Tingha.
4. Then we will progressively make it happen, step by step, project by project, until it is complete.

So let's get on with Step 1.

Email: [mail@tingharocks.com.au](mailto:mail@tingharocks.com.au)

**OR** - Write/deliver to Tingha Rocks Newsletter C/- Anaiwan—Tingha

**OR** Contact one of the Management Team. Most of all, **DO IT NOW...!**



### Special thanks to the Grahams

Thanks you Bernie & Colleen for your enthusiastic support of our Tingha Regeneration Program - for your ideas and donation of time and facilities. (Full report will appear in the next Newsletter edition)

## Hopes for a Butcher Shop again in Tingha



**The old Tingha Butcher Shop**  
Presenting an opportunity for the  
right enterprising person.

(Watch this space)

A feasibility study is under way on the first regenerated retail opportunity for Tingha. With creative thought there is no reason why a Butcher Shop could not be viable with consistent support of the community. This may be combined with other complementary products presenting an excellent opportunity. The aim will be to get the business opportunity fully planned and budgeted with full cash flow projections so that it can be rented or bought as a potentially viable business enterprise. Property owner Keith Spicer is planning renovations and will consider flexible start up options, so if you are interested in this opportunity please contact Bob Neville.

Grow your ideas  
into a profitable



Do you have an Idea for a  
Business in Tingha, but not  
sure how/where to start?

**Free confidential support  
now available!**

If you have an idea for a business in Tingha, but you're not sure whether it could work or how to go about it – even if you don't necessarily have the business experience or funds initially – you can contact our Micro-Facilitator, Bob Neville who can confidentially help you to test your idea. If it stacks up, he will be able to assist you in taking it further. This could be your chance to fulfill a lifelong dream or put your skills and ideas to profitable use. You have nothing to lose in talking about it. Confidentially absolutely guaranteed.

**Young People**  
**Your own future...!**  
**What are you really  
passionate about?**

What would you really like to do or achieve with your life? Do you feel that life is passing you by without the chance to make something of it? Do you have an idea, or a skill or are you searching for something fulfilling to do with your time – but can't seem to identify what it is? Do you want to do or achieve something, but don't have the skills or the education or resources? Please don't let that discourage you.

If you would like to confidentially explore these things, contact Bob Neville about the Personal Pathfinder Program. (PPP). It's a bit like our Program for helping people with ideas for business, but in this instance, it focuses on helping you find a path to achieving the things you want to do. Again, this is absolutely free and totally confidential. You can arrange to bring a friend or your parents if you wish – but don't let the chance go by. Remember, reach for the stars and you may be surprised, even "over the moon if you reach the top of the highest mountain.

**New Website online to showcase Tingha**  
**[www.tingharocks.com.au](http://www.tingharocks.com.au) (Check it out now)**

A new Community Website has just gone up – This promises to progressively become a real "showcase" for Tingha. The website is produced and sponsored locally and will be the online focus of our Regeneration Program to attract interest and investment. It will feature heaps of useful information, Community Message Board and already has a Tingha Photo Gallery. Our next newsletter will provide much more information about the benefits and uses for our Community. We aim to make this the most visited Community Website in Australia.

Welcome to Tingha  
Rockin' on the  
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