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New research shows impressive results when Community and Governance come together.

Imagine multiplying your effective resources and building community ownership at the same time. Join us to hear Dr Jen George as she presents the recent findings of her research and anecdotes of a life of practice in community governance. The free public lecture will be held on March 5th from 3-5pm or consider attending the one-day Masterclass on March 6th, both at DBCA. Come along to learn about examples of community governance in green infrastructure and other civic places and how they achieve surprising outcomes.

"I have observed many Australians are searching for community connection and this research reveals how a community can be empowered and structured meaningfully to work really well, to act with purpose and to endure - especially around the greening of our cities."

Dr Jen George will be sharing her latest research and some fresh insights how we can enable local ownership. This masterclass will help you tap into local knowledge and passion, as well as open up vast resources to multiply positive social and environmental impact.

UNDERSTAND how our own "home grown" Bibbulmun Track Foundation in WA has built and sustained community and environmental care over decades.

LEARN strategies for success from the Merri Creek Management Committee in Victoria, as well as other inspiring Australian and international examples.

EXPLORE the creative approaches of innovative community organisations in Australia and grasp how these organisations have been equipped for resilience, adaptation and complexity.

ENJOY Jen's engaging presentation style and facilitated group dialogue as we consider opportunities for creative partnerships, and the barriers that exist in Australian governance structures. Participants are encouraged to bring along their own community governance challenge to workshop and find new solutions.

This is a full day masterclass for senior decision-makers and enthusiasts from government, private practice, not-for-profits and community groups. The session aims to get you up to date information and inspiring examples of community governance. It will confirm and challenge your professional and organisational thinking around community in governance.

To book a place at the Masterclass go to <https://www.trybooking.com/BIGVR>

For further information, contact Dr Jen George at jenny.george@comcorp.com.au or on 0401 849 432.

FREE PRESENTATION 5TH MARCH 2020

MASTERCLASS 6TH MARCH 2020

A photograph of three people standing on a dirt path in a forest. The person on the left is wearing a green shirt and a white cap, holding a green shovel. The person in the middle is wearing a light-colored shirt and a hat, holding a pair of pruning shears. The person on the right is wearing a red jacket and a striped beanie, sitting on a red bucket and holding a pair of pruning shears. The background is a misty forest with trees and bushes.

Community governance of green space

THE KEY INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS