

Notes from the Illabunda Workshop – “Shared Resources” and “Documenting Illabunda” - Sunday 4 May 2008

Shared Resources

Everyone brings “capital” to the community in different forms

There are three levels of “shared resources” –

- 1) the resource belongs to the community
 - 2) the resource is privately owned but loaned to the community
 - 3) the resource is privately owned and used privately for the community
- It was raised that the sharing of resources should be considered in relation to a form of LETS Local Exchange Trading System. (LETS will be the topic of discussion and a presentation at an upcoming workshop)

Thoughts to consider for discussion at future workshops regarding the selection of shared resources:

- How many will use the resource? All, most, many, some.
- How many will benefit from the resource? All, most, many, some.
- Will the resource save money for the community?
- Will the resource make money for the community?
- Return on investment time? If applicable.
- Will the resource improve the community? Culturally, socially, productivity and food productivity.

Telecommunications – Broadband to all homes through a single pipe to Illabunda was suggested

- I. Voice Over Internet Protocol VOIP system leveraging off the broadband connection to each dwelling
- II. Wireless or hardware cable? To be discussed/investigated further.
- III. Cost of system administration, ongoing support and hardware costs if we go with single connection to Illabunda and VOIP.

Action - Michael and Graeme to investigate the relative merits of a single pipe vs individual connections

Action - Stuart and Jonathan to check what is provided in other new housing estates as a comparison

Food production

- Food forest/fruit trees
- Community poultry
- Community bees
- Community vegetable gardens

- Community timber forest

Vehicles

- (Bio) diesel Minivan/bus for transporting people, equipment and supplies.
- Small car for short trips, transport etc.
- Bicycle fleet
- Trailer
- Biodiesel Plant

Workshop

- Donated existing tools.
- Purchase of high quality tools for shared use.

Food

- Weekly Community meal
- Bulk buying detergents, washing powder and other products suitable for the greywater system and the environment.
- Bulk buying food and other agreed grocery items.

Recreational Equipment

Donation of preexisting equipment that will be repaired or replaced when damaged/worn.

- Camping
- Abseiling
- Canoes

Musical Equipment

- Harpsichord
- Sampler
- Piano
- Other musical instruments

Audio/visual Equipment for Community Centre

- PA system
- LCD Large Screen TV/Projector

Documenting Illabunda

Recording the Illabunda journey

The idea of recording the Illabunda development journey was discussed. Thoughts:

- Still photos are being taken of everything

- Shooting video is far more demanding and not enough resources available to pursue at present
- SBS and Gardening Australia et al may be interested in filming when there are buildings and or infrastructure works to see
- We should film the property before the earthworks commence however to have “before” footage available for use in later documentaries if required

Services usage and costs

Documenting the changes in energy and water uses as the community moves into Illabunda will be a valuable resource.

Action - The community is encouraged to keep all utility (gas, electricity, water, phone, internet) bills from now on to compare with bills once established at Illabunda.

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