

# Supporting Earth Friendly Organisations Law and Governance 'Start-up and Tune-up' Clinic

1 Day Inter-active Workshop — Brisbane, Friday 4 July 2014, 9am to 5pm  
Griffith University EcoCentre, Building N68, Griffith University, Nathan Campus



## Building sustainable communities by supporting Earth friendly organisations

Our local communities are full of amazing people and organisations who work hard to support people and planet. AEELA is pleased to introduce a new workshop series in Brisbane and South East Queensland, aimed at strengthening Earth friendly organisations, by helping them connect with legal, governance and other expertise.

Whether you're thinking of starting up your own organization or project, or have been running a community organization or social enterprise for decades, please join us for a relaxed, fun and informative day. We'll be focusing on the legal and governance issues that are critical to running great organisations and achieving our goals. We'll also be aiming to build new conversations and networks about the sharing economy. We have a range of great speakers, as well as roundtable and open space discussions.

For more information please email: [convenor@earthlaws.org.au](mailto:convenor@earthlaws.org.au) or visit [www.earthlaws.org.au/what-we-do-australia/earth-friendly-orgs](http://www.earthlaws.org.au/what-we-do-australia/earth-friendly-orgs)

**For maps to help you find the EcoCentre, and details about public transport and parking,** please visit this website: <http://www.griffith.edu.au/environment-planning-architecture/ecocentre/about-us>

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Everyone who manages or works for a community based NGO or social enterprise aimed at achieving environmental and social objectives

### HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

This workshop is FREE but places are limited - please book your place by visiting: <http://trybooking.com/FAQA>

### WORKSHOP THEMES INCLUDE:

- How to choose the best organisational structure
- Building co-operatives and the sharing economy
- How to get DGR status and other handy tax hints
- An update about insurance issues for communities and social enterprises
- How to manage conflict in your organisation



# Program



8.30-9.00am Registration, tea and coffee

9.00-9.15am Opening remarks and welcome - Michelle Maloney, National Convenor, AELA

9.15 - 9.45am **Structural challenges and resources that can help -**

- Amelia Salmon, Spiral Community Hub

· *Questions and discussions*

9.45- 11.00 **Building Co-operatives and the Sharing Economy**

- Building the Sharing Economy: Australia's new Sharing Law Network - Michelle Maloney, AELA
- Sharing law and cooperatives in NSW - Professor Bronwen Morgan, University of New South Wales
- Cooperatives in Queensland - Jim Howard, Cooperative Federation Queensland

*Open space for discussions with workshop participants about sharing projects in Queensland*

11.00-11.30 Morning Tea

11.30-1.00 **Legal Services in South East Queensland**

*This session will feature four x 10 minute talks, providing an overview of services and support available to community organisations and social enterprises, followed by roundtable discussions between participants and legal experts*

- QPILCH (Qld Public Interest Law Clearing House) - Andrea de Smidt & Catherine Hartley
- Caxton Legal Centre - Scott McDougall
- Environmental Defenders Office Queensland - Revel Pointon, EDO
- Bond Law Clinic - Paula Robinson, Practitioner Coordinator

1.00-2.00 Lunch

2.00-3.00 **Legal and governance updates - Insurance and charitable taxation status (DGR, ITEC)**

*This session will feature two x 15 minute talks, followed by open space for questions and discussions between legal experts and workshop participants*

- Is Insurance really the barrier to community activity that we think it is? Matthew Laggan, JLT Insurance
- An update on DGR, ITEC and other handy taxation issues - Richard Hundt, Solicitor, McCullough Robertson

*Questions and discussions with participants*

3.00 - 3.30 Afternoon tea

3.30 - 4.30 **The human side of governance - conflict management**

*This session will feature two x 15 minute talks, to provide an overview of issues, followed by roundtable discussions between speakers and participants*

- Handling conflict in small organisations - Karl Manning, Manning Consultants
- Mediation and the role of third parties - Christine Jones, Lawyer and mediator

4.30 - 5.00 **Conclusions and next steps**

Michelle Maloney, AELA

