



# Taking Your Community Committee to the Next Level - Forum Reference Material

## 'Taking Your Community Committee to the Next Level' Community Forum and Reference material

Council hosted a successful forum at the Blayney Community Centre last week to help community groups to 'Take Your Committee to The Next Level' at the Blayney Community Centre. At least 30 people and community volunteers from Towns/ Villages and Progress Associations, sporting, arts, cultural and charitable organisations attended this free information and networking evening.

Deputy Mayor, Alan Ewin who was MC for the evening said, "Participants learned about how to manage their committee with local experts in legal matters, structure, governance, financials and auditing and grant funding applications. Council is very pleased to be able to provide an opportunity for building the capacity of our volunteers and give them as many tips of the trade as we can to help them become more successful."

Rachel Roberts, Solicitor, Kenny Spring Bathurst spoke about establishing governance practices and structure for not-for profit organisations and outlined the rights and responsibilities as incorporated legal entities. John O'Malley, Director Intentus, Orange addressed the participants on financial accountability, cash handling, reconciliation, reporting and proactive operating practices.

Cowra Council Grants and Executive Projects Officer, Lawrance Ryan, made the trip over and gave a very interesting address on everything we needed to know about grant funding applications for community groups. Lawrence's 10

