

RENEWING AN REMOTE COMMUNITY THOUGH PARTNERSHIP

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Abstract

The Culgoa Community Sports Club were national winners in the 2008 Drought not Out Competition run by ABC Rural, ABC Grandstand and FRRR. Their vision was to rebuild a once great community resource, their sporting club, which had been devastated by drought and community changes. With a \$50,000 FRRR grant as their first prize they set about the daunting task. There story has been the subject an ABC Landline Program. The club has exceeded everyone's expectations in what they have achieved, they have put Culgoa back on the map and are now home to many events, generating an income stream which is creating sustainability. They have learnt so much and to share this with a broader audience, particulary those from remote areas about how such a dramatic change can take place using local leadership, volunteerism, seed capital and lots of vision.

Biography

Sylvia Admans is the Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR). During her working life of 30 years she brings a blend of community, public and private sector experience to the role. Before taking her current position Sylvia worked for the ANZ Trustees as Manager of Charitable Services. As well as working with the ANZ, Sylvia has worked in a variety of roles with the Federal Government, Local Government and the philanthropic sector. She has been responsible for managing services that deal directly with customers and clients, project and program management in her career. Sylvia served a three year term as member of second the Regional Women's Advisory Council, which advised the Deputy Prime Minister on matters of importance in rural and regional Australia. Sylvia is a country girl, having grown up in northern NSW on a farming and grazing property near Yetman. After completing high school at Inverell, NSW she moved to Sydney to attend University. Her career and studies have taken her to Canberra and Melbourne. She now lives with her family in Bendigo where FRRR has its national headquarters. She is a graduate of the Australian Rural Leadership Program and a Churchill Fellow (2007).