

Asset Based Community Development

... focuses on discovering, **mapping**, **connecting** and **celebrating** the diverse range of community assets, and **harnessing** the connected assets for action that strengthens caring and inclusive communities.

... is a **strengths-based** framework that identifies, connects and mobilises **WHAT IS STRONG** to achieve aspirations and deal with challenges.

... is a **place-based** framework that builds in the gifts of local residents, the power of local associations and the supportive functions of local institutions to build sustainable and thriving communities.

... is **not** about engaging advisors to help improve programs and services by asking "What do you need?" or "Are we doing this right for you?" It's about **inviting everyone who cares** to be co-creators of community wellbeing with us everyone is part of the vision, the design, and the solution ... everyone has something to contribute and there is no one who is not needed.

... is a **grass roots** approach to recognising and building community capacity. It aims to **identify, connect** and **mobilise** community assets and strengths toward **achieving** community aspirations, **overcoming** challenges and **meeting** needs.