

Shane Phillips and Alyson Noll are working across the Shire to address community identified priorities



2016 highlights

# growing lachlan

## Conversations about community priorities

### Lachlan Shire, the heart of NSW

VFFF has been working with Lachlan communities since 2012. The focus this year has been supporting Shane Phillips, Community Connection Officer – Lake Cargelligo, realise the Growing Lachlan research project.

*Growing Lachlan* measures the vitality of the Shire’s communities in key areas, providing locals with critical information that can help set priorities and opportunities for action. An evidence base about how things are in Lachlan is an important step towards the higher level aim of the Community Connection initiative – to influence investment into community identified priorities and need.

**“The Growing Lachlan Report is an invaluable asset for our Council and will greatly assist in developing our ten year Community Strategic Plan. The Report provides information on specific areas that Council needs to either advocate for or allocate its limited resources to. The actions developed by Council as a result of this community consultation will increase social and economic opportunities and ensure a strong and sustainable future for our community.”** Robert Hunt, General Manager, Lachlan Shire Council



### Identifying community priorities

Data gathered to understand ‘health and wellbeing’ of Lachlan communities

Survey discovered what Lachlan locals see as important

Community ‘conversations’ identified four priority areas for action

Investing in community renewal

Taking care of older and younger generations

Business and workforce development

Crime and crime-related issues