

# Growing Lachlan – Lachlan Shire, NSW



*'When the community works together the possibilities are endless. By helping locals band together for shared goals, power and reinforcement, Growing Lachlan breaks down barriers and puts the community in the driver's seat.'* Paula Ewing, Lachlan Shire resident



## VFFF has worked with Lachlan Shire communities, in the heart of NSW, since 2012.

After two years of community discussion and data gathering, Growing Lachlan officially launched with the publication of the Growing Lachlan Report – providing an evidenced picture of how communities in Lachlan Shire are doing and detailing priority areas for action identified by the community.

Now moving into implementation, Growing Lachlan is bringing community members, businesses, services and government together to address these priority areas with a focus on trying new ways of approaching long term issues and growing locally-driven solutions.



- 1 Growing Lachlan launch, Lake Cargelligo NSW
- 2 Growing Lachlan Alliance
- 3 Main Street flower pot murals, Condobolin NSW

# It Takes a Town – Murwillumbah, NSW

**It Takes a Town** arose from recognition that while many years of child-centred service delivery has made a positive impact in the lives of many families, it has not been enough to arrest deepening disadvantage in the Murwillumbah region.

Different responses are required than those currently delivered through community and government services, mostly working in isolation. It Takes a Town is built on two premises – all parts of the community: residents, businesses, services, clubs, churches, schools and government have a role to play in ensuring all children have the best chance in life; and collaboration, generosity and responsiveness are already part of local culture and can be built on to support all children and families.

*'It's our experience that people want to participate in community development activities, but they need some support to identify 'what' and 'how', inspiration to get started, and connections along the way to make things happen.'*

Carmen Stewart, It Takes a Town



Carmen Stewart, Murwillumbah NSW