

## ***Bushy Community and Individual Readiness Evaluation***

***- it's as basic as A, B, C, D*** (V4 17-03-2011 сони. 11-08-2009)

**[A]** If you want to check out the ‘bushy’ readiness and interest of yourself, your community or NGO in in terms bush mechanic/Artificer projects and concerns we suggest you try this informal survey. Post results here and let us all know the results. Remember ‘bushyness’ is a form of biomimicry and biomimicry is ‘innovation inspired by Nature’.

We have also drawn up an informal community-bushy survey, which reads as follows (to be chatted about with my neighbours and Men’s Shed members and drumming circle attendees).  
 “As a parent, a grandparent, a potential parent and any all duly concerned citizens”

Your kind response to these questions, to which I will further respond, will be certainly appreciated.

Warm regards, Your Bushy/Artificer Team

Your Community ..... Your Name..... Date.....

<b>[B] Survey/Checklist/Evaluation Questions</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Comments Answers – field notes</b>
<b>Q1</b> Are you in any way <b>concerned about the future of our born and unborn children</b> ; that is, given the way our world currently appears to be headed?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q2</b> Do the <b>unending reports</b> of over population, resource depletion, environmental degradation, climate change, job loss, water shortages and so forth wear you down and distract you – even from living and sharing the “Good Life.”	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q3</b> Or <b>are you more overwhelmed</b> by the relentless talk of oil/fuel shortages, economic collapse, community infrastructure break-down, terrorism, artificial intelligence running amok or all-out world-war?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q4</b> Do you sense a level of <b>healthy frustration</b> in you(r) community?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q5</b> On the brighter side, can you see, and are you involved in, any realistic <b>DIY counter measures</b> to these going-ons that we ordinary, everyday people can enact, immediately, as civic-community-spirited individuals and as a thoroughly grounded, interfaith collective?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q6</b> Are there any of these DIY innovation’s with which <b>you have been directly involved</b> ?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q7</b> Is there a high level of <b>community discussion</b> about such DIY innovations and the need ‘to do something’?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q8</b> Is there a person or group with a <b>track record</b> of such DIY innovations in your community or a nearby one –that can assist?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q9</b> Can you see your and your community’s way forward to <b>supporting</b> these DIY innovations and innovators?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
<b>Q10</b> Is there some value that you can see in <b>joining in, supporting one another and spreading the word, in regard to these DIY</b> innovation initiatives and projects please and are you ready to help this happen?	1.....10.....20 Score:	
	<b>Total:</b>	

Source: R Welch, P Wildman, I Miller. 08-2009. Ref: Wildman (1993).

It has been our experience that your community will need to score 150 or more overall. Where scores are less than 15 this indicates an area needing more work so to speak. If not, maybe you can work on achieving the weak and enhancing the strong points.

### **[C] Putting your Bushy readiness to work**

Having assessed your community's bushy readiness, we can now look at building this readiness – putting this readiness to work. The list below identifies 10 key components in harnessing the bushy spirit in your community. You can identify others. An additional component (making 11 components) is left for you to complete. Let us know and they will be included in future editions of this tool.

These are:

1. Work where there is heat, i.e. an existing dynamic energy;
2. Use creative vision;
3. Community spirit;
4. Bureaucracy busting, be success seeking not risk avoiding;
5. A pool of entrepreneurial talent;
6. Sources of innovation, including support;
7. Knowledge about opportunities;
8. Access to capital;
9. Market the region internally and externally;
10. Committed local leadership;
  
11. Your spot.

### **[D] Where to next?**

Once you have worked through this checklist over say a weekend then you can work out if you need to strengthen any that don't score well and if this is not necessary then can you work together to synergise a community project – even if it is to link the various bushys' together possibly through a **learning circle or bushy market or show**.

We are happy to support your initiatives just get in touch via. Email, the blog or phone and we can help as you require and to step you through this checklist.

### **Reference**

Wildman, P. (1993). *Community Entrepreneurism - a link to a positive future*. DIY handbook. Brisbane: Prosperity Press. 40pgs.