



# How do we come together to nourish and inspire our communities?

## THE ART OF HOSTING & HARVESTING CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER

3 DAY TRAINING 24-26 OCTOBER 2022  
BUNDANON | NORTHERN SHOALHAVEN

We have experienced huge impacts in the Shoalhaven in recent years and have been working hard to ensure that our communities can access the support they need.

We are living in complex and challenging times, both locally and globally. The impact of drought, bushfires, floods and Covid-19 have left us with a compelling need to gather our experience and our efforts, and call in nourishment and inspiration to renew ourselves, our organisations and our communities.

In these times, it is vital that we find effective ways to work well together - to create a space for people to come together and draw on collective wisdom, to support each other in learning and in practice to navigate our everyday experiences.

The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations that Matter offers simple and powerful participatory practices, patterns and processes to host generative conversations that can lead to coordinated action and positive change.

These approaches have been used effectively in diverse contexts worldwide to harness collective wisdom, encourage compassionate leadership and collaboration, and create better social and environmental outcomes.

We warmly invite you to join us for a 3-day Art of Hosting training on the bend of the Shoalhaven River at Bundanon in the northern Shoalhaven, to explore the questions that we are passionate about, and develop new ways of working together to nourish, inspire and renew.

**We acknowledge and extend our appreciation to the Dhurga and Dharawal language speaking peoples, Traditional Owners of the lands on which we work, play and live. We pay respect to their ancient and continuing cultures, their connections to the land, and to the Elders, past, present and emerging.**

## WHO IS IT FOR?

This training is for anyone and everyone who wants to explore the power of collective creativity, intelligence and collaboration with each other and within organisations and communities:

- Community members, volunteers, community leaders, active citizens
- Community development, recovery, resilience and social service workers and leaders
- Government officers, leaders, policy advisers and program managers
- Organisation and business leaders and social entrepreneurs
- Community organisers and teams
- People of all ages and backgrounds

## WHAT WILL WE EXPLORE, LEARN AND PRACTICE?

The quality of our conversations matters. It determines what we pay attention to, how we engage with each other, and where we direct our time, energy and resources. The Art of Hosting will invite us to consciously create and host spaces for collaborative conversations, where we can address challenges and take positive actions.

This training is experiential. You will have opportunities to practice hosting various participatory processes. It will support you to host more effective, purposeful meetings, help groups navigate complexity and develop clear direction, and work together to create impactful projects. This will help build capacity for community cohesion, and community-led recovery.

The learning includes:

- Simple and powerful social tools such as Circle, World Cafe, Appreciative Inquiry, Open Space Technology, Designing for Wiser Action, and more.
- Complementary models and frameworks including complexity theory and practice.
- Conscious presence and leadership, and working with emergence.
- Real world applications to inspire your own work ... and much more.

## THE TEAM

This training will be hosted by a team of experienced and emerging Art of Hosting practitioners, coming together from the South East of NSW and across Eastern Australia to offer our experience, learning and practice. Visit our [website](#) for more details.



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## PARTICIPATION FEES

- **Full \$1100**
- **Standard \$825**

Fees include GST. Discounts for group bookings of 3+

Our aim is to support everyone who wants to attend to be there, regardless of their capacity to pay. We invite you to contact us if you would like a conversation about fees.

Full and part subsidies are available through Vinnies for organisations and community members involved in bushfire recovery. Please indicate your interest on the registration form.

Limited funded places are available for organisations in the northern Shoalhaven region that are currently part of FRRR's Investing in Rural Community Futures program. If this is you and you are interested in attending, please contact Kate Dezarnaulds [k.dezarnaulds@frrr.org.au](mailto:k.dezarnaulds@frrr.org.au) 0413 202 425

There are a limited number of open places available for this training, so please register early to ensure your place.

Visit the [website](#) for more details.

## IN THE WORDS OF...

Facilitating conversations that matter is hard. And it matters more than ever now. The times call for a different kind of leadership, and despite having done lots of facilitating and lots of training in the past, The Art of Hosting arrived for me like a revelation.

This is absolutely the best professional development experience I have had the pleasure of participating in - and as a result i'm delighted and excited to share this opportunity with our local community of passionate doers. It's time to stand up, step up and share the load.

**Kate Dezarnaulds, FRRR IRCF Nowra community facilitator**

At first I thought The Art of Hosting was going to offer me solutions. Instead I was reminded that we have capacity to discover our own solutions together, and was offered tools for this.

I found the training extremely valuable, and my left and right brain were fully engaged in the process. I would definitely recommend this training, as the skills I learned can be applied to every part of my life and in any setting.

**Alasdair Stratton, Vinnies Shoalhaven Bushfire Recovery Coordinator**

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