

THE 2009 STEGLEY LECTURE

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6.00pm-7.30 pm

AGSE Lecture Theatre 207
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Philanthropy and Local Governments: building democracy through local communities. The Stegley Foundation experience informing contemporary practice

A conversation between Mike Hill and Hayden Raysmith, Introduced by Kristin Stegley

In its last five years, The Stegley Foundation made grants primarily through its Local Community Development Program. This program was designed to support projects which focussed on local democracy, community engagement and social justice, at a time when the broader political system was not conducive to these activities.

A key partner in this work over the period 1996 - 2001 was the Victorian Local Governance Association, an organisation representing those councils committed to quality local governance and to advocating on behalf of their communities.

In a conversation between Adjunct Professor Hayden Raysmith (Chair of the Hobsons Bay Community Fund) and local government stalwart, Mike Hill (ex-CEO of the VLGA, Chair of the Moreland Energy Foundation) the Stegley experience of supporting partnerships between local governments and their communities will be used as the basis to explore how this approach can work in a contemporary context.

Areas to be explored will include: environmental sustainability; social justice; and engagement and participation in local affairs by excluded or minority groups. In particular the conversation will consider top-down and bottom-up processes and the tension between representative and participatory democracy.

There will be opportunity for questions and discussion and the session will be of great interest to anyone involved in philanthropy, local government and community development.

From 1973 to 2001 the Stegley Foundation was one of Australia's most progressive philanthropic organisations. Before winding up in 2001, it made a final grant to enable this Centre to hold an annual lecture.

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