



# Understanding Social Enterprise

Buloke Shire Council - Program Report

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## Overview

The 'Understanding Social Enterprise' learning program is a practical and thought provoking 2 day experience that introduces learners to the values and purpose of social enterprise. Local business, community and not-for-profit leaders, together with council representatives participated in the workshop hosted by the Buloke Shire Council.

This practical and innovative workshop was funded by Rural Councils Victoria, an organisation representing Victoria's 38 rural councils whose role is supporting and promoting sustainable, liveable, prosperous rural communities.

## Key highlights from participant evaluations include:

**87.5% learners** said that their **overall experience** in the workshop was **great to excellent**

- **94% learners** said it had improved their **understanding of social enterprise**
- **76% learners** anticipate that their participation in the program **will have an impact on their organisation**
- **100% learners** said that the workshop **fully met or exceeded their expectations**
- **94% learners** said that the **content of the workshop was great to excellent**

## Participant Feedback

*"Gives us a starting point to entertain the thought of starting a social enterprise"*

*"Great work! Very effective at giving an overview of social enterprise"*

*"It has given me clarity"*

*"We need to support ANY ideas for which people have passion"*

*"Reinvigorating"*

*"I'm sure your work here will help our communities"*

*"Additional examples of models and structures has broadened my understanding"*

*"Arrived at the course with little knowledge of social enterprise. I now have a sound knowledge of the concept and how it works"*