

# Raising our Voices:

## *Community Organisations under Threat - What can Boards do?*

You are invited to join fellow board members of small and medium community organisations of the Sunshine Coast to discuss how individually and collectively we can ENSURE the survival of our organisations and deal with the crisis we are facing. Can Boards do more to ensure there is a place for small and medium community organisations in the emerging policy environment?

The focus is on what we do that large NGOs or public service cannot do, with specific discussions on our roles as board members, the challenges in shaping our work, and the future of our sector in ways that we know respond well to our communities.

## About us:

The Coalition of Community Boards is a network of board members just like you who are coming together to discuss individual issues and successes. We work together to claim our legitimacy as important roles in our communities and taking on the challenges ahead in a positive, future orientated approach.

The Coalition has regional groups around QLD, but this forum is about the Sunshine Coast community and issues specific to you and run by local board members from local organisations.

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[www.cocb.org.au](http://www.cocb.org.au)

## Details:

### Date:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013

### Time:

5:30pm – 7:30pm

### Venue:

Nambour Community Centre  
2 Shearer St Nambour

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## Discussion Topics:

- **What are our Strengths?**
- **What are our challenges?**
- **What are we/can we doing about it?**  
Individual organisations, local collaborations and collectively.
- **What now - what can we do right now to do to position ourselves to work more effectively together?**

As board members of our local organizations, we need to consider the aim of structuring our relationships locally and across the State for more effective capacity to influence the shape our sector takes, the funding, collaboration, and the kinds of work that get valued to support our organisations and communities.

