



# PURPOSE + BACKGROUND

(EXTRA) PRINCIPLES/VALUES ABOUT WORKING TOGETHER

- BE BRAVE + VULNERABLE
- . THINK OF FUTURE GENERATIONS
- MEASURING + REPORTING
- NEEDS MOMENTUM
- UNCONSCIOUS BIAS: BE AWARE
- · WALKING IN OTHER'S SHOES
- BE KIND BE CURIOUS
- USE A COMMON LANGUAGE
- RESPECT · INTEGRITY · DIVERSITY
- PUT PEOPLE'S WELLBEING AT THE CENTRE, SET OUR OWN NEEDS ASIDE

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"WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LEADERSHIP"

WE HAVE A DIVERSE RANGE OF PEOPLE IN THE ROOM

YOU ALL PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE =

FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR REGION

FIRES: 0 90,000 HA

1 54 DAYS TOTAL

12 DAYS: LARGEST FIRE

WE HAVE EXPERIENCED

UNUSUAL CHALLENGES

COMPLEXITY

THIS PROCESS TAKES TIME ...

WESTER

DOWNS

REGIONAL COUNCIL

HOW DO WE PREPARE / RECOVER?

**√**COMMITMENT

✓ALL 3 DAYS ARE IMPORTANT ✓WE WOULD LOVE MORE TIME!

WE ARE GOING TO BE A KEY PLAYER =

IN TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON ECONOMY

RENEWABLE ENERGY **PROJECTS** 

HOW DO WE MAKE SURE YOUTH ARE INCLUDED IN THE CONVERSATION?

DON'T FORGET THE MANUFACTURING

CONNECTS COMMUNITY

THEY ARE THE FUTURE/ SOLUTIONS

HOW TO KEEP OUR KIDS IN THE REGION?

STRONG SOCIAL

CONNECTIONS

JHOUSING

PATHWAY OF EMPOWERMENT COMMUNITY PLANS

(WE ARE NOT DUPLICATING -OFFERING SUPPORT)

GOODWILL

WE START WITH AN IDEA"

CASE STUDIES

- VINNER SYDNEY
- BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL

WE HAVE

STRONG

AFFORDABILITY

IMPACT

(ISOLATION)

VE WANT TO BE HERE!

IMPACT

(COLLABORATION)



# UNPACKING WHAT WE ALREADY KNOW:

BUILDING ON EXISTING COLLABORATION & LEVERAGING DIVERSITY OF THE REGION







COMPLEX/WICKED **PROBLEMS** 

X DIFFICULT TO FRAME **XUNCLEAR** 







COLLABORATION SPECTRUM



WE NEED A COMPELLING









EXPECTING A DIFFERENT OUTCOME











COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT







WHERE DO YOU WANT TO BE?

TRUST

COMPETE

CO-EXIST

COMMUNICATE

**COOPERATE** 

COORDINATE

COLLABORATE

INTEGRATE

TURF -



TIGHT

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BARRIERS =



#### SUCCESS FACTORS

- . GOOD ENGAGEMENT/AGENCY/ INCLUSION / INVESTING TIME / RESOURCES
- · RESPECT COMMON GOALS
- . WE NEED TO SEE ACTION
- . DISASTER MANAGEMENT
- . FOCUS ON ONE ASPECT
- · PURPOSEFUL CONVERSATIONS
- · CONTINUITY / CONSISTENCY
- · COMMON VISION
- . WHEN JOINED TOGETHER: WE HAVE A VOICE
- . BUY-IN: KEY DECISION MAKERS
- · EXPERTISE
- . EMPATHY + APPRECIATION
- . DIVERSITY OF IDEAS
- . FLEXIBILITY
- . BUSINESSES TAKING UP OFFERS
- · INFORMATION SHARING
- . POSITIVE INTENTIONALITY

#### PARTNERSHIPS / COLLABS =

- REGIONAL WATER ASSESSMENTS
- WESTERN DOWNS COMMUNITY CENTRES CONSORTIUM
- INTER AGENCY MEETINGS
- CHILD SAFETY
- YOUTH SERVICES
- BUSINESS NAVIGATORS: FREE COACHING + SUPPORT
- WORLD SCIENCE FESTIVAL
- BEYOND BRONCOS
- · COMBINED CHURCHES GROUP
- · CIRCLES OF CARE
- DISASTER MANAGEMENT
- LOCAL LEVEL ALLIANCE

- PREVENTING EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION
- . POWER DYNAMICS STRUCTURE
- · CHANGE OF KEY PERSONNEL, LOSS OF COMMON KNOWLEDGE = VACUUM
- . RESISTANCE TO CHANGE
- . WFH : ONLINE MEETINGS
- . "SCOPE CREEP" / DISTRACTION
- . NEED COMMUNITY DRIVERS
- · LACK OF VULNERABILITY
- · PERCEPTION/ EXPECTATIONS OF WHAT'S POSSIBLE
- . "BUSINESS AS USUAL"
- . ABILITY TO ACTIVATE
- · PEOPLES INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
- . PHYSICAL DISTANCES: NOT BEING IN THE ROOM
- . GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF ORGANISATIONS



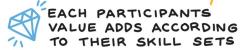
### LOCAL EXAMPLES OF COLLABORATION:

PURPOSE, PARTNERS, SUCCESS FACTORS, BARRIERS



BRINGING TOGETHER > KEY PLAYERS <

54 REASONS, COUNCIL. INDIGENOUS OFFICER, VENUE, FUNDING, ETC.



STUDENTS, P & C <</p>

INVOLVES : TRUST, COMMITMENT

BARRIERS: TIME POOR, FATIGUE - SAME PEOPLE "KEY PERSON RISK"

PURPOSE: 2/3 CULTURAL EVENTS P/A.

"RHYTHM OF THE WORK"

EARLY LEARNING: PRECISION PLANNING



COMMUNITY-LED COLLABORATION BRAD MCCOY

128 NEIGHBOURHOOD

"YOU'RE THE EXPERTS"

= AMAZING OUTCOMES

COMMUNITY RECOVERY RESPONSE

TARA & CHINCHILLA

PSYCHO-SOCIAL > SUPPORTS

LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS & KNOWLEDGE

RESOURCING. COUNSELLORS

BARRIERS :

XTIMING

X INEXPERIENCE

BASED STRATEGY

PLACE-

USE INFORMAL NETWORKS

CHINCHILLA CHAMBER:

BEST GROUP = ROBYN HAIG

CUSTOMISED FOR SPECIFIC COMMUNITIES

STRATEGIC PLAN: EDUCATION =

"CONVERTING KIDS FROM SCHOOL TO EMPLOYMENT"

INFLUENTIAL DRIVING BUSINESSES

SUPPORT & NETWORK

"DON'T GO IN COLD"

GET

- BUY IN =

FROM

COMMUNITY

PLACE

BASED

RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE

WE TRY TO SUPPORT: IT'S A TIME COMMITMENT INFORMAL RELATIONSHIPS DANIEL FLETCHER







FORMALISING COLLABORATION CAN BE A BARRIER

WESTERN

DOWNS

REGIONAL COUNCIL

UNFORTUNATELY: GOVERNMENTS

WORK TOGETHER BEST DURING DISASTERS

ENERGY COMPANIES SUPPORTING COMMUNITY WITHOUT

RECOGNITION



IT'S OK TO REST

"COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS BEHIND THE SCENES









# REFINING OUR PRIORITIES:

DEVELOPING A SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT WILL TAKE TO MAKE THINGS BETTER ACROSS THE REGION





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# EMPLOYMENT

#### ATTRACTION & RETENTION

BRINGING **IMMIGRANTS** INTO REGION

"JOBS WE DON'T WANT TO DO"

COMMUNICATION

ACROSS SECTORS

FUTURE **PROOF** 

GETTING TO UNIVERSITY: DISINCENTIVISED

BRING SKILLS

OPPORTUNITY

BACK TO COMMUNITY LOW UNEMPLOYMENT BREAK GENERATIONAL

FUNDING IS AVAILABLE : NOT BEING

TAKEN UP

FIFO: **XSOCIAL** DISCONNECTION XNOT INVOLVED

### COMMUNITY = SAFETY

ONLY A POLICE RESPONSIBILITY

PATTERNS/ OVERLAP

POLICY CHANGES

FEAR OF POLICE

**POWER** DYNAMICS

VS. THEM

US

PROACTIVE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

SENSE OF BELONGING

MENTORING

SPORT PERSONAL CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY PERCEPTION VIGILANTISM

FOCUS ON YOUTH PROGRAMS ADULT OFFENDING

**OPPORTUNISTIC** CRIME

### HOUSING



ECONOMICS

MARKET FACTORS:

LACK OF TRADIES

HOUSING SEEN AS A COMMODITY NOT HUMAN RIGHT

NO STOCK

AVERSION TO DUAL OCCUPANCIES

**EDUCATION** 

PIPELINE OF TRADES PEOPLE HOW BANKS APPROACH REGIONAL AREAS -BLACKLISTING

FLEXIBILITY

4 BEDROOM HOMES

SUSTAINABLE

-SOLAR - BUILDING MATERIALS

HOUSING NOT SUPPLIED AS JOB PACKAGES



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# WESTER DOWNS

### SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- X CHILD CARE \* FAMILY DAYCARES
  - COMPLIANCE
- X POOR INTERNET
- X SOCIAL ISOLATION



LACK OF FUNDING

LACK OF VOLUNTEERS

FRIENDSHIP BENCHES

MEDIA

PERCEPTION

NEGATIVE PERCEPTION OF NEWCOMERS

"COUNTRY WE DESERVE BUMPKINS" SAME SERVICES AS CITIES

# EDUCATION =

- / HOUSING
- ✓ DROP-IN CENTRES
- J CHILD CARE



EDUCATION HAS CHANGED

DISEMPOWERMENT

EXPECTATIONS ON TEACHERS

PRESSURE

LESS GRADS/ MORE TEACHERS LEAVING

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

INCENTIVISE = RURAL EXPERIENCE

FEAR OF CHANGE

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

# HEALTH

REGIONAL COUNCI

HEALTH WORKFORCE / HOUSING

/ HIGH DENSITY

INCONSISTENCY

- X VISA REQUIREMENTS
- X INCENTIVES

= OUTREACH =

ALTERNATIVE MODELS

TRAINING **PROVISIONS** 

INFRASTRUCTURE

WITHIN HEALTH & COMMUNITY

PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY:

> MENTAL HEALTH

CHANGING PERSPECTIVES OF THE REGION

COVID LESSONS :

SHARING WORKFORCE TO ADDRESS

NEEDS

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# STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES

CHANGES SYSTEMS + OUTCOMES

OF THE

SYSTEM

TAPPING INTO?

ARE WE

HOW CAN WE



#### STRUCTURES

THE SCAFFOLD TO ENABLE THE WORK

WHAT STRUCTURE IS BEST FOR OUR PURPOSE?

> COMPLEXITY ADAPTATION

#### **PROCESSES**

THE WAYS OF WORKING WITHIN THE STRUCTURE

- · COMMUNICATION
- · DECISIONS
- · DATA CAPTURE, ANALYSIS, SHARING

WHO ARE THE RIGHT PEOPLE TO CONVENE WITH?



TO MATCH THE

& CHANGE WE WANT TO SEE

VISION

JOINT COMMUNITY **ASPIRATIONS** 

IMPACTS

COLLECTIVE

NEW LEADERSHIP

"LET THEM

HAVE A GO "

RELINQUISH POWER?

**STRUCTURES** REFLECT WHAT POWER PART

DOING SOMETHING THAT HAS

NEVER BEEN DONE!

"THERE'S NOTHING MORE FUNDAMENTALLY DISRUPTIVE TO THE STATUS QUO THAN A NEW REALITY

DATA COLLABORATION

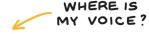
RESISTED COLLECTIVE IMPACT STRUCTURE =

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CLARITY AROUND RESPONSIBILITIES

CLEAR VISION & COMMITTED LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY FEELING HEARD



GOVERNANCE GROUP

BACKBONE ORG RECOMMENDATIONS ETC.

> CONDUIT FROM COMMUNITY

ECOSYSTEM OF COMMUNITY

CAN BE

WORK GROUP

MOVING POWER OUT FROM THE CENTRE

"WE NEED LOTS OF CHANGE AGENTS"

MONITORING

COMMON AGENDA

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# HOW DO WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO COLLABORATE?

DECENTRALISING POWER

COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

EMPOWERING COMMUNITY

TAP INTO EXISTING GROUPS (MAP)

MISSION/ VISION / GOVERNANCE

HOLISTIC APPROACH

SAFE TO VOICE

OPINIONS WORK TOGETHER?

T00 BIG = TOO HARD?

TRANSPARENCY

MUTUAL

MAKING A VISIBLE

ENSURE LONGEVITY

COMMITMENT

OBLIGATION TO ACHIEVE RENUMERATED? OUTCOMES

"A COLLABORATIVE ETHOS"

LINK TO RESEARCH

SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IDENTIFY WHO CAN BE INVOLVED EOI

YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEES

DIVERSE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION

NO SELF-

APPOINTMENTS (PERCEPTION)

COMMUNITY = VITAL

INVOLVED? PEOPLE IN

PUBLIC

SECTOR : IT IS OUR ROLE

INDIGENOUS REPRESENTATION

REPRESENTATIVES FROM STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

THE RIGHT PEOPLE

"ITS THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE

IT

LIVEABILITY

OUR

INDUSTRIES MANUFACTURING FARMING

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



BUY-IN = SUCCESS

COMMUNICATING GOALS

TRACKING ACCOUNTABILITY

WE ARE COMPETING FOR FUNDING



- HOW CAN PARTNER?

CAN WE TAKE TO CONTINUE THIS WORK MOVING FORWARD?

BREAKING THE STATUS QUO

WORK TO A

**TARGET** 

GET ALIGNMENT ON PURPOSE/ PRIORITIES

LEVERAGE CROSSOVER

COMMUNICATION

STAKEHOLDERS

EACH OTHER

ARE WE IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS OR SOLUTIONS?

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### RECAP

HOOPS =



"IT'S THE
PEOPLE THAT MAKE
THINGS HAPPEN"

STEP UP





SYSTEMS

THINKING

STRUCTURES
THAT ENABLE
THE WORK OF
COLLABORATION





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CHANGE REQUIRES A DIFFERENT WAY OF OPERATING



LEARNING ABOUT EVERYONE'S ROLE





COMPLEXITY

I LOVED THE

THEORY



ANGE

ENGAGE BROADER COMMUNITY



WHAT'S MY





### PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

CALIBRE OF PEOPLE IN THE ROOM

OPPORTUNITY

TO NETWORK

GRANT'S TALENTS! ENGAGING 4 BED HOMES : MINDSET CHANGE NEEDED

WHAT SURPRISED

STRONG YOU?

"INTANGIBLE"

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE #1
SHARED DEFINITIONS: SUPPORTING
SOCIAL WELLBEING

RAISING AWARENESS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING

> KEY LEARNING /INSIGHT

SHARED EXPERIENCE

CONCERN ABOUT RANKING OF AREAS "A LONG BURN OF CHANGE" ((0))

WE ARE DOING SOMETHING TOGETHER! GET IT DONE!

"WE ARE THE CENTRE"

**ACCOMODATION** 

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS POSSIBLE?

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE!

PLACE MANAGMENT MAKING
MEANINFUL
DIFFERENCE
FOR OUR
COMMUNITIES

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### NEXT STEPS...

LAUNCHING AND SUSTAINING EFFECTIVE COLLABORATIONS AND NETWORKS REQUIRES PAYING ATTENTION TO 5 KEY ACTIVITIES:



CLARIFYING PURPOSE

CONVENING RIGHT PEOPLE CULTIVATING TRUST

COORDINATING EXISTING ACTIVITIES COLLA BORATING

FOR SYSTEMS IMPACT

# MAYOR'S CLOSING REMARKS COUNCILLOR PAUL MEVELGH

THE CAPACITY IN THIS ROOM

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/ FAMILIES J HISTORY

PASSION COMMITMENT

SHARE TO BE ABLE TO GROW

THANK YOU FOR INVESTING THE TIME TO COME HERE!

THE CAPACITY OF OUR REGION

WE ARE HERE TO MAKE OUR REGION

> THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT

KEY AREAS



BALANCING PRIORITIES WITH COMMUNITY

SO MANY AGENCIES IN THE ROOM

IT'S A LONG JOURNEY

> ENGAGING OUR YOUTH

LEARNINGS:

ROLE OF OUR TEACHERS

CARING V

ENTICE PEOPLE INTO OUR COMMUNITY

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR ROLES

