

Rules, Rebels and Results

HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND LOCAL COMMUNITY BUILDERS CAN
TOGETHER CREATE BRAVE AND
COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES



Paul Gravett, Senior Associate, Bank of Ideas

Today's Menu

- Unpacking Rules, Rebels and Results
- Examples from the field
- Principles into practice
- Abridged version



Ground Rules

- Share and Learn
- Respecting Differences
- Active Listening
- Curiosity
- Growth Mindset



WHY LOCAL GOVERNMENT



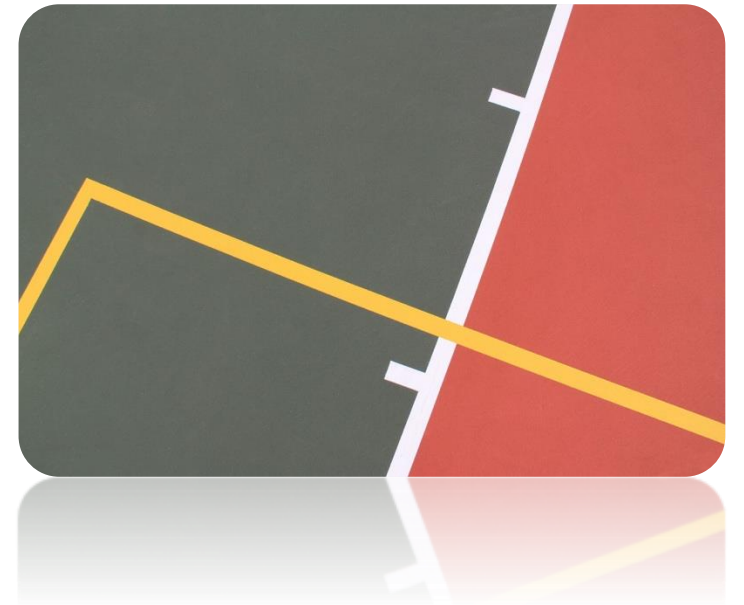
Town Superpower

What's one unique thing you love about your place, or that it does exceptionally well?



Unpacking Rules and Rule Makers

- Who are they?
- When working well – what look like?
- When not working well – what look like?
- Understanding motivations & behaviours?



Unpacking Rules and Rule Makers

- When NOT working well - what does look like?
 - Elected Officials
 - LG Employed Officials
- When working well - what does this look like?
 - Elected Officials
 - LG Employed Officials

Local Government 101

- Unpacking Local Government?
 - Role of Elected Members (EM's)
 - Role of Administration Staff
 - Role of Integrated Planning and Reporting
- Key aspects?
 - Legislation / LG Act / Local Laws
 - Must Do's / Need to do's / Like to do's



The Three Levels of Government in Australia

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

AUSTRALIA



National Policies & Programs
Defence, Immigration, Foreign Affairs



STATE GOVERNMENT

WESTERN AUSTRALIA



State Services & Infrastructure
Health, Education, Transport



LOCAL GOVERNMENT

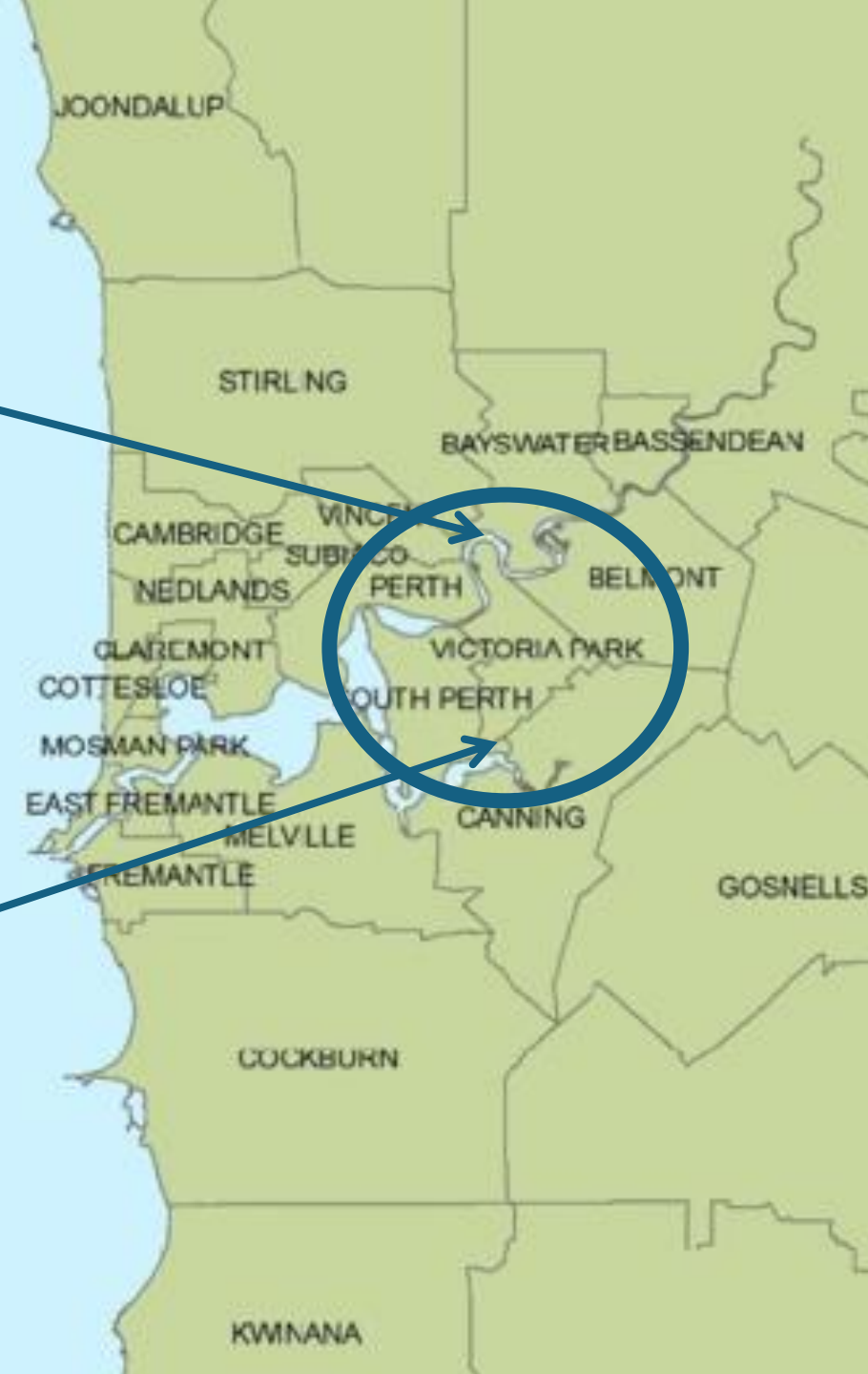
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Local Services & Community Needs
Roads, Parks, Libraries, Waste



WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR COMMUNITIES



Structure of
Local
Government

COUNCIL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sets the Vision and Direction
Approves Budget, Plans, Laws
Monitors Progress

**ADMINISTRATION
STAFF**

THE ENGINE ROOM
Implements Vision and Plans
Provides Professional Advice
Sets the Budget

COMMUNITY

SHAREHOLDERS & BENEFICIARIES
Shapes the Vision
Holds Council Accountable
Contributes financially

Structure of
Local
Government...
Supporting
ABCD

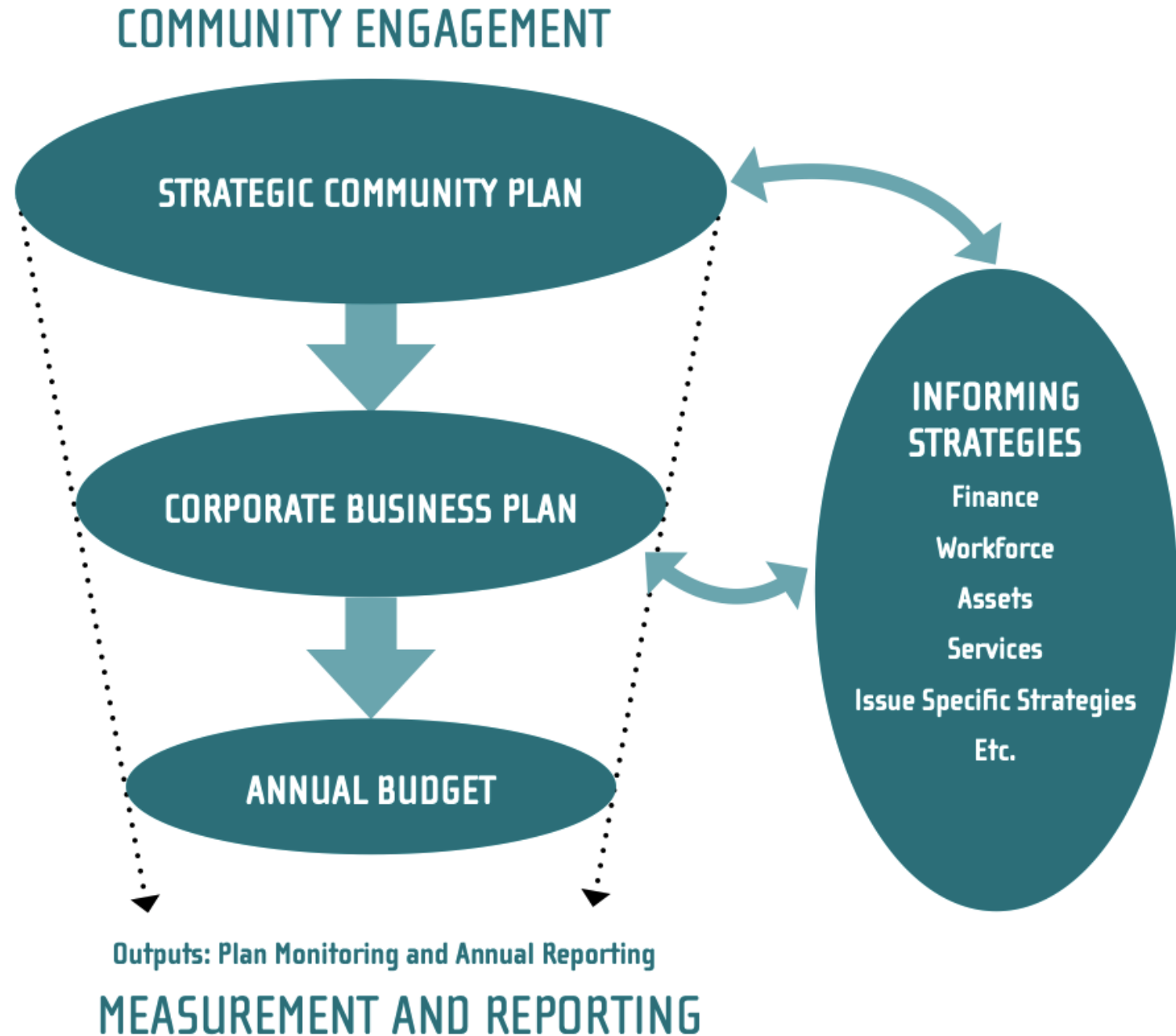


BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Sets the Vision and Direction
Approves Budget, Plans, Laws
Monitors Progress
**Shares power / fosters
community participation**

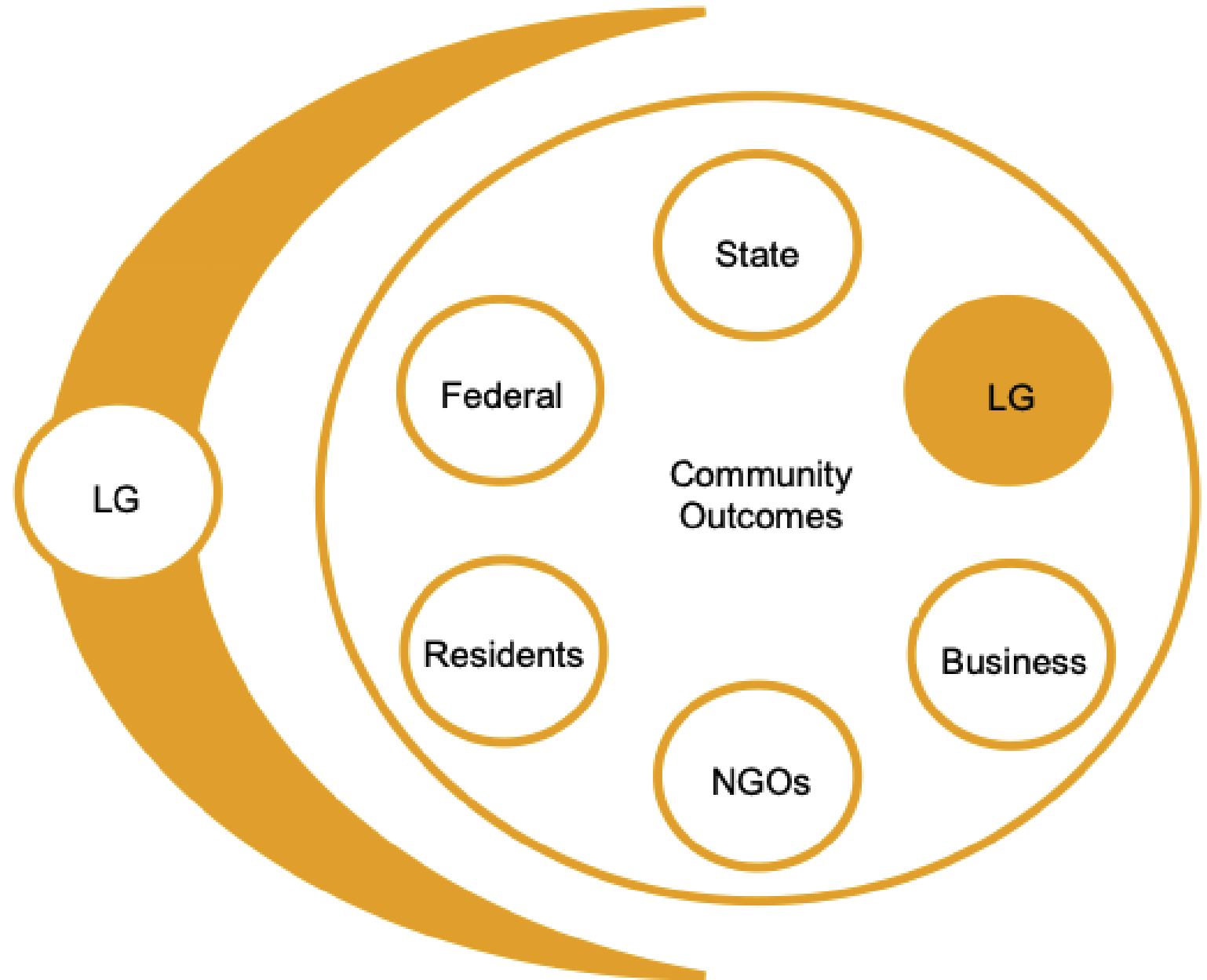
THE ENGINE ROOM
Implements Vision and Plans
Provides Professional Advice
Sets the Budget
**Fosters comm led development
Leads by stepping back**

SHAREHOLDERS & BENEFICIARIES
Shapes the Vision
Holds Council Accountable
Contributes financially
**Has a role in Active Citizenship
Leads by stepping forward**

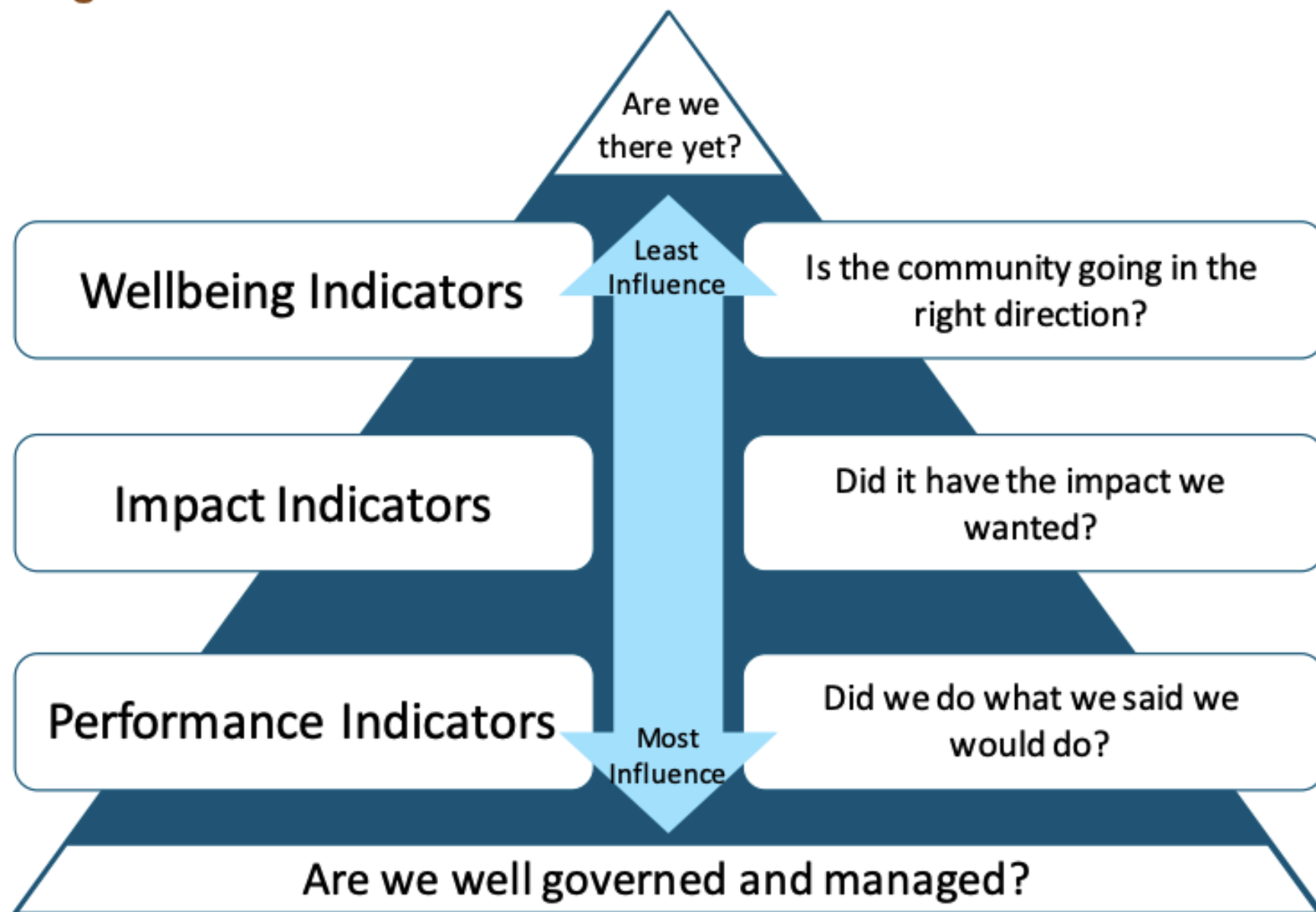
Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

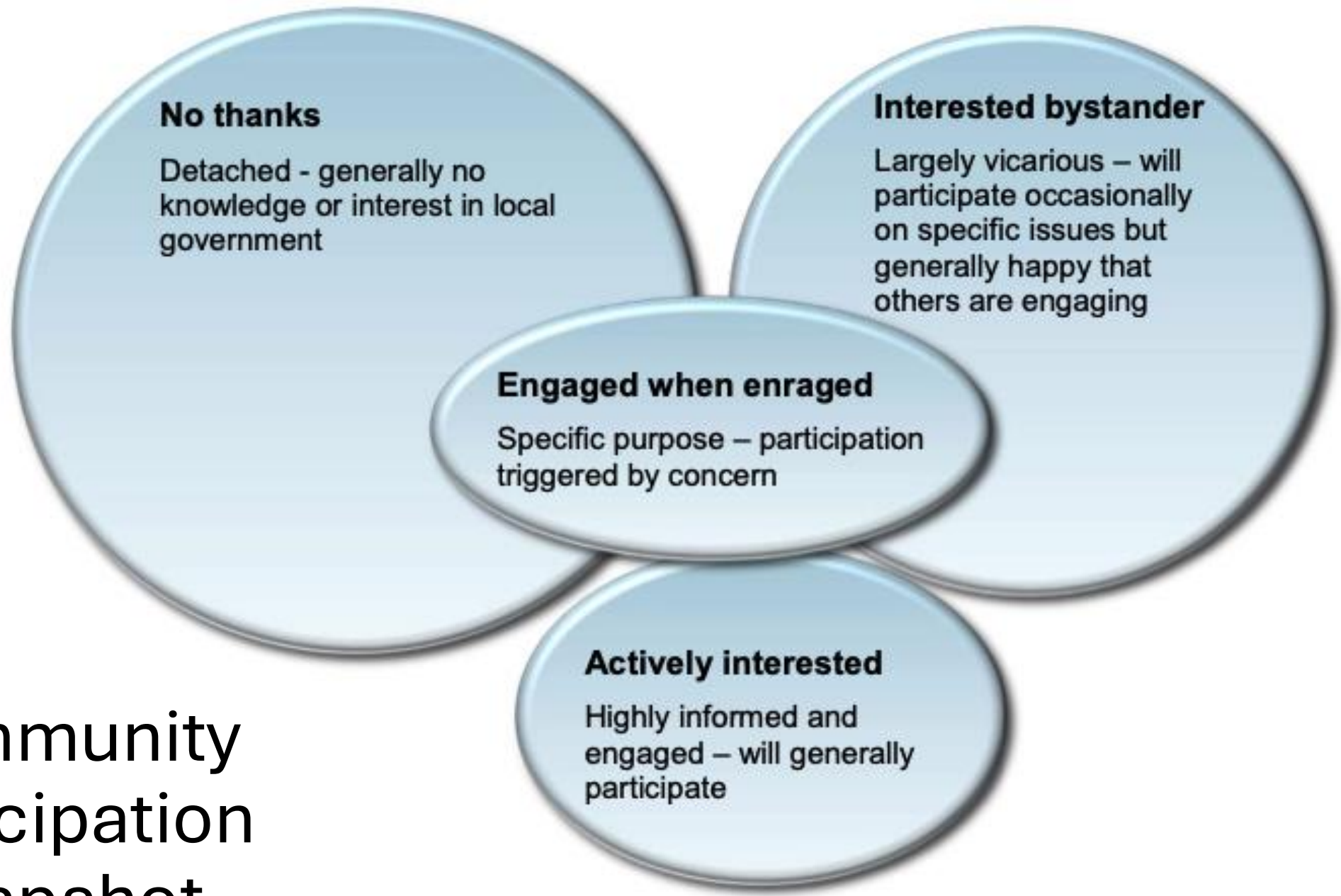


Dual Role of LG in Community Planning



Monitoring Framework





Community Participation Snapshot

Why are Local Governments so risk adverse?

- Overburdened with Legislation – Federal, State, Local
- Record keeping / Financial regulations
- Compliance with Audit and Risk Committees / Findings
- Meeting and Managing Expectations - burnout
- Community outrage – over compensate?
- Culture of ‘Computer Says No’

Rebel Frustrations

- Slow and complex bureaucratic processes
- Lack of communication and transparency
- Feeling unheard or dismissed
- Perceived resistance to change
- Difficulties accessing funding or support

How to Address these Issues

- ✓ **Demystify the process** – simplify paperwork, provide clear pathways for approvals.
- ✓ **Improve engagement** – meaningful consultation instead of “tick-the-box” surveys.
- ✓ **Create community champions** – formal roles for local leaders to liaise with Council.
- ✓ **Give ‘safe-to-fail’ permissions** – pilot projects rather than outright “no’s.”



What *Rebels* say about Rule Makers

- *“Ah yes, another form to fill out. Because clearly the last seventeen didn’t capture my burning desire to paint a mural.”*
- *“Don’t worry, we’ll slow our enthusiasm down to match your approval timeline.”*
- *“Love how you always say ‘we support innovation’ — right before listing ten reasons it can’t be done.*
- *“Gee that was way easier than I thought it was going to be”*

Unpacking Rebels and Rebel Approaches

- How do we define? Why do they exist?
- Understanding motivations?
- When working well – what look like?
- When not working well – what look like?



Unpacking Rebels and Rebel Approaches

- When NOT working well - what does look like?
 - Business
 - Community
- When working well - what does this look like?
 - Business
 - Community

Rules Frustrations - Administration

- Limited resources & staff capacity
- Pressure from multiple stakeholders
- Lack of understanding from the community
- Negative public perception of Council staff
- Political interference

How to Address these Issues - Staff

- ✓ Streamline internal processes
- ✓ Better communicate constraints
- ✓ Shift culture from 'compliance' to 'enabling'
- ✓ Encourage collaboration
- ✓ Be Courageous – 'Yes If'

Rules Frustrations – Elected Members

- Balancing diverse (often conflicting) expectations
- Political constraints
- Slow-moving bureaucracy
- Short-term political cycles
- Managing community outrage

How to Address these Issues – EM's

- ✓ Foster long-term visioning
- ✓ Improve communication skills
- ✓ Encourage bipartisan collaboration
- ✓ Set realistic commitments
- ✓ Lean into risk – reframe risk profiles



What *Rule Makers* say about Rebels

- *“Of course they forgot about whether this is actually safe... again.”*
- *“They call it ‘creative problem-solving,’ we call it ‘ignoring the law.’”*
- *“Sure, let’s approve the giant tin horse sculpture. What could possibly go wrong?”*
- *“Gee that was way easier than I thought it was going to be”*

Leadership by the Dancing Guy



Leadership by the Dancing Guy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fW8amMCVAJQ>

Medina Place Plan

City of
Kwinana





Medina Harvest Feast

Medina
Residents Assoc
Medina Primary
School Student
Leaders,
Businesses,
City of Kwinana



Ridley Green Fairy Garden

Kids in Nature,
Connecting
Community For
Kids,

Ngalla Yorga
Waangkin
Aboriginal
Corporation,

Businesses,

City of Kwinana
(Parks Operations
Team)

Micro Grants

- Insurance for community groups
- Significant Event eg NAIDOC, IDPwD, NYW
- Place Making
- Urban Forest planting
- Youth National and International Sports
- Adopt a Verge
- Connecting Neighbours
 - Street Meet 'n' Greet



Cloth Nappy Rebate

OPEN NOW



Community and Sport Equipment Grants

OPEN NOW



Community Insurance Grants

OPEN NOW



Days of Significance Funding and Support

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



OPEN NOW



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Street Meet 'n' Greet

- Low barrier funding
 - Builds neighbourhood connections
 - Stronger sense of community
 - Feelings of wellbeing and safety
-
- 5-10 households- up to \$200
 - 11-19 households – up to \$400
 - 20+ households – up to \$500 (and road closure if requested)





**WE'RE OPEN
VIC PARK**

vicpark.info/streetmeet

- 16 Put a blanket and some boxes of Lego in the front yard and invite the neighbours to come and build with Lego
- 17 Invite your neighbours to participate in a street wide Easter egg hunt
- 18 Roaming morning tea – neighbours take turns to host and everyone brings a plate of food to share
- 19 Plan a neighbourhood clean-up day
- 20 Hold a crafting or DIY day (you could make a new project or fix something and keep it out of landfill!)
- 21 Organise a plant swap and breathe new life into the gardens on the street
- 22 Host a neighbourhood music jam session
- 23 Arrange a food or recipe swap
- 24 Set up a neighbourhood watch group
- 25 Host a cultural exchange night to share your culture's food or traditions with your neighbours



Street Meet 'n' Greet

**25 Ideas for Things to
do with Your Neighbours**

When you apply for a grant through vicpark.info/streetmeet and get to know the people in your street!



- 1 Host a BBQ
- 2 Organise a picnic in a local park – you can even hire the Town's blender bike to make delicious pedal-powered smoothies as a part of your event!
- 3 Have a front lawn sporting match (e.g. front yard cricket, bocce or quoits)
- 4 Get some boxes of chalk and have the children in the street decorate the footpaths (if safe to do so!)
- 5 Hold a gardening day to help each other with yard maintenance
- 6 Get the neighbours together to watch a sporting match on TV and bring refreshments
- 7 Build a street book exchange/little library for locals to swap books, magazines, jigsaw puzzles or board games
- 8 Organise a neighbours' lunch: invite every house on the street and ask them to bring a plate of food to share
- 9 Hold a street verge planting day (check out the Town's Adopt a Verge program)
- 10 Start a walking group. This could be a parent's walking group with kids a prams, a dog walking group, exercise group, or bike riding group



- 11 Start a neighbourhood chat on social media (e.g. WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger or similar)
- 12 Organise a street treasure hunt and finish up with some food
- 13 Hold a street ice cream party – each household brings a different flavour tub of ice cream!
- 14 Front yard movie night! Set up the TV (or projector if someone has one), grab some chairs and blankets and make some popcorn
- 15 Create a communal street compost or worm farm for everyone's vegetable waste. Some residents will need to take the lead on this one to ensure it is managed properly. Everyone can share the compost or worm juice that is produced



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You're invited to a

Street Meet and Greet

Get to know your neighbours and make
the Town a safer, happier place to live!

When?

Where?

What's happening?

Please bring:

RSVP to:

We hope to see you there!
vicpark.info/streetmeet

Neighbourhood contact sheet



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HOUSE NO.



Names:

Phone:

Email:

Notes:

HOUSE NO.



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Capacity Building

- Training and Development Programs – WA
<https://www.cits.wa.gov.au/sport-and-recreation/every-club-hub>
- Event Planning
- Grant Writing
- Understanding Insurance
- Volunteerism
- Marketing and Communications
- Strategic Planning
- Membership drives

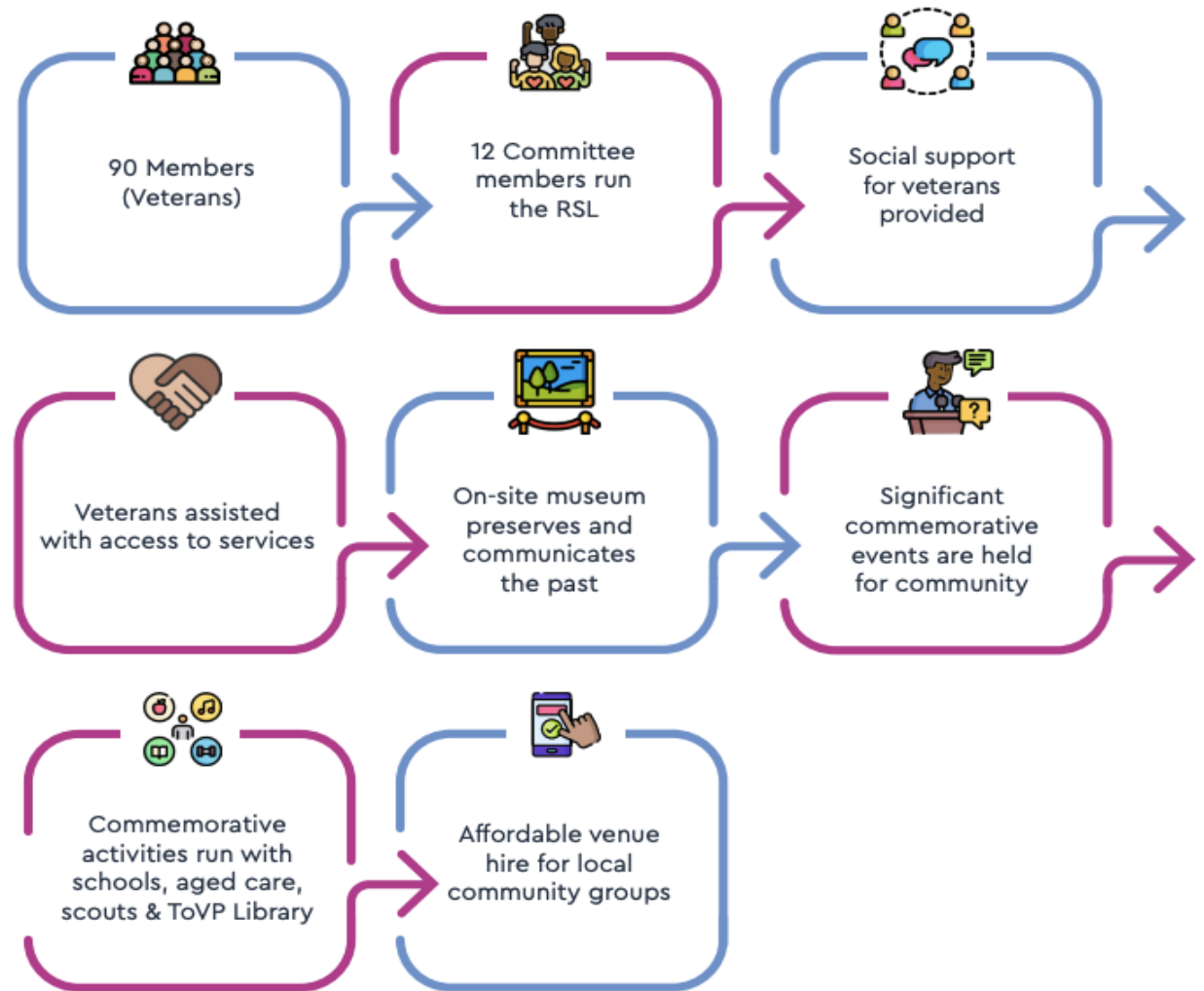


Other Financial Support

In-kind and cash

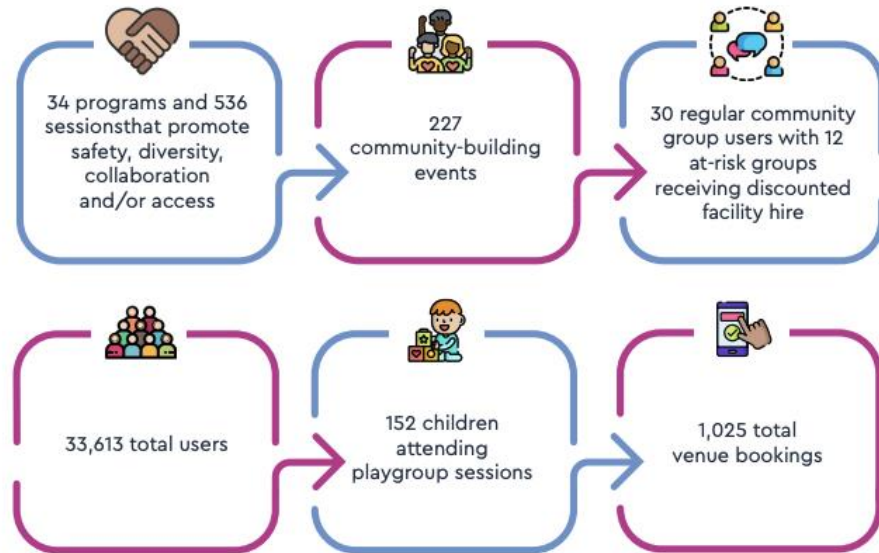
- Peppercorns
- Operating Subsidies

Victoria Park RSL – 2023 Overview



Victoria Park Community Centre 2022-2023 Quantitative

Funding: \$100,000 p.a. + CPI



It was a real joy to watch Alia and Deqa share their Somali culture and everyone engaging with open hearts. If there is anything that can unify us all, I truly believe it is food.



I have never been to a community event before and I am new to the area. I cannot believe how welcoming and friendly everybody is. I will come to the next event.



The feedback from participants has been incredible, from gaining insights into community services they have not come across, to seeing the passion, challenges, highs and lows of people who work, day to day, to make an impact in the community.



Communicare's Little Sprouts program is a great program, our families loved it! Informative and a great opportunity to meet other local families.

REACH HER

Fortnightly Fridays
10am to 12.00pm

Free, regular workshops supporting diverse Women to build community, collaborate and address systemic issues by learning together.

Topics and themes include: membership, coaching, pre-employment support, business education, networking, wellbeing, meditation, creative arts and cooking.

FREE, REGISTER ONLINE
[TINYURL.COM/REACHHER](https://tinyurl.com/reachher)



HANNAH'S HOUSE PLAYTIME PLAYGROUP

Fortnightly Fridays
10 - 12noon

Health and support services to children and young people aged from birth to 18 years who have life limiting and complex conditions.

This Playgroup provides a joyful space for children and parents to connect with art therapy, messy and sensory play.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
PLAYSPECIALIST@HANNAHSHOUSE.ORG.AU



CULTURAL DINNERS

Bi-monthly - Wednesdays
6.30 to 8.30pm

Experience the interwoven aspects of food and culture at our bi-monthly dinners where a local resident designs and hosts an evening energized by their individual background.

\$15
NEXT DINNERS IN 2024
ANNOUNCEMENTS SOON!



NOONGAR LANGUAGE AFTER SCHOOL

Thursdays
T4: 19 Oct - 14 Dec
4.00pm - 5.00pm

Dylan & Dylan are back for another term of teaching the Noongar language through storytelling, games, song, sport, artefacts and more.

Term 4 will explore all things 'Ocean' whilst building upon the knowledge from previous terms.

FREE, BOOK ONLINE
[TINYURL.COM/NOONGARLANGUAGE](https://tinyurl.com/noongarlanguage)



ST MARY'S MEAL SERVICE

Mondays - 7.00 to 8.00pm

If you are struggling with issues surrounding homelessness, unemployment, living on a pension or low income - join St Mary's Outreach Service for a free sit down meal every Monday.

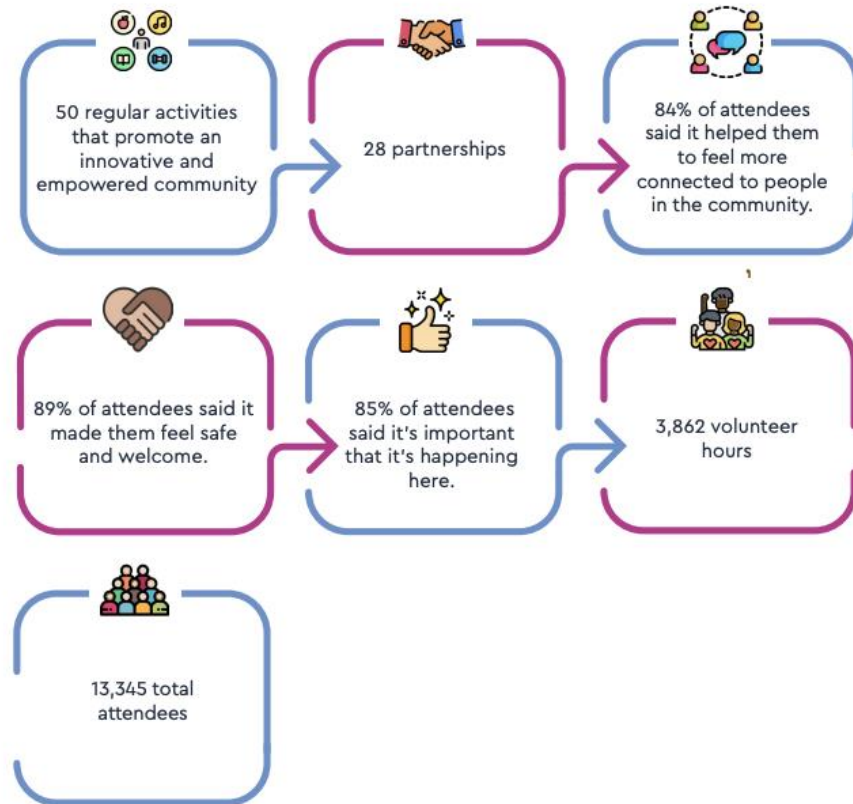
The Orange Sky laundry service will also be in attendance to help with your laundry needs.

FREE, JUST COME ALONG



Connect Victoria Park – Village Hub 2022-2023 Quantitative

Funding: \$100,000 p.a. + CPI



So many activities to choose from, and a great way to meet people in the local community.



Caters very well to seniors and encourages one and all to engage with life + other people.



Connect Vic Park provides a unique service to older people + an opportunity to get to know people connected to Vic Park and surrounds.



It offers something for everyone. It is a safe and friendly place to go especially for people who could be alone.



I feel like it's my community.



Book Club



Community Lunch

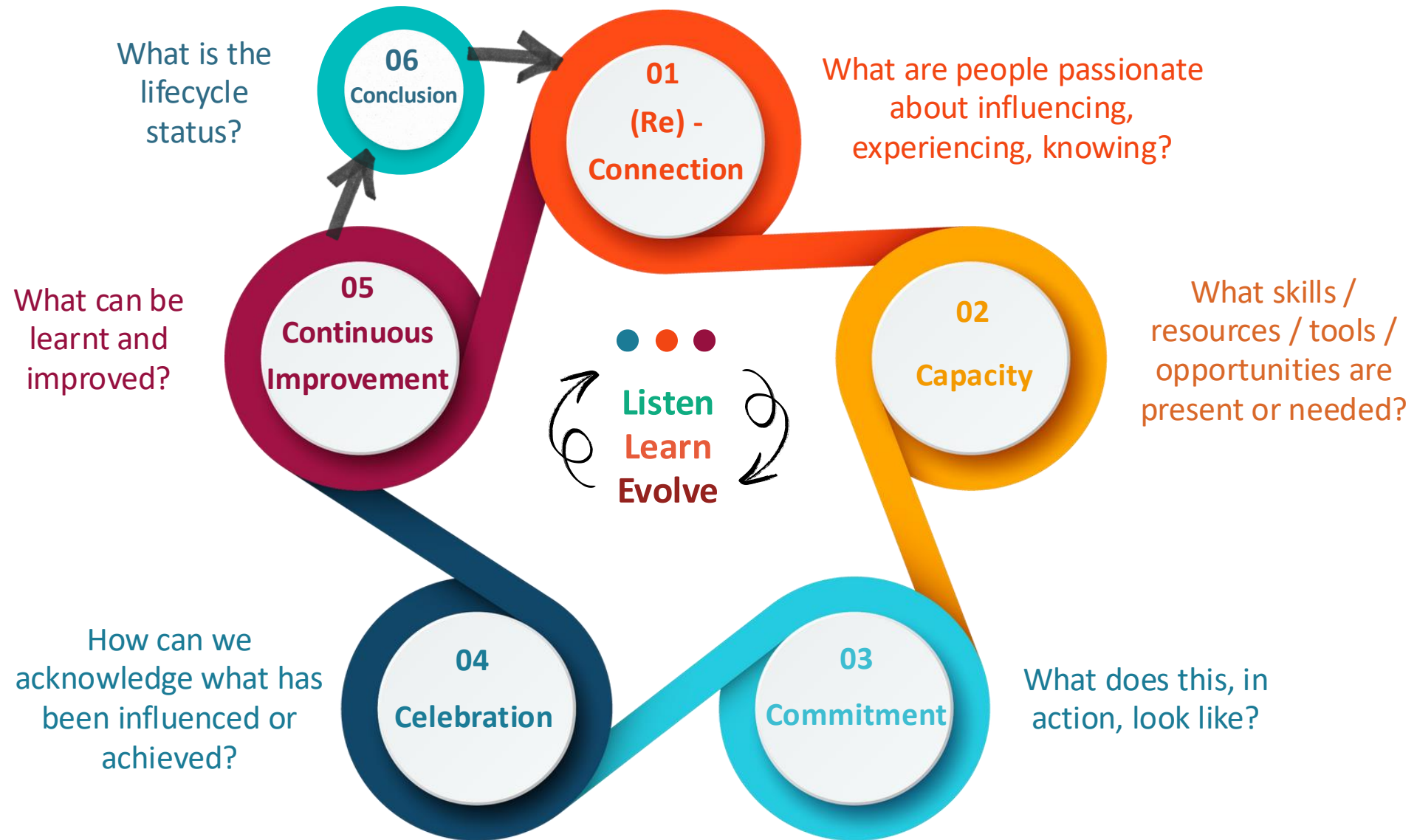


Ballroom Fit

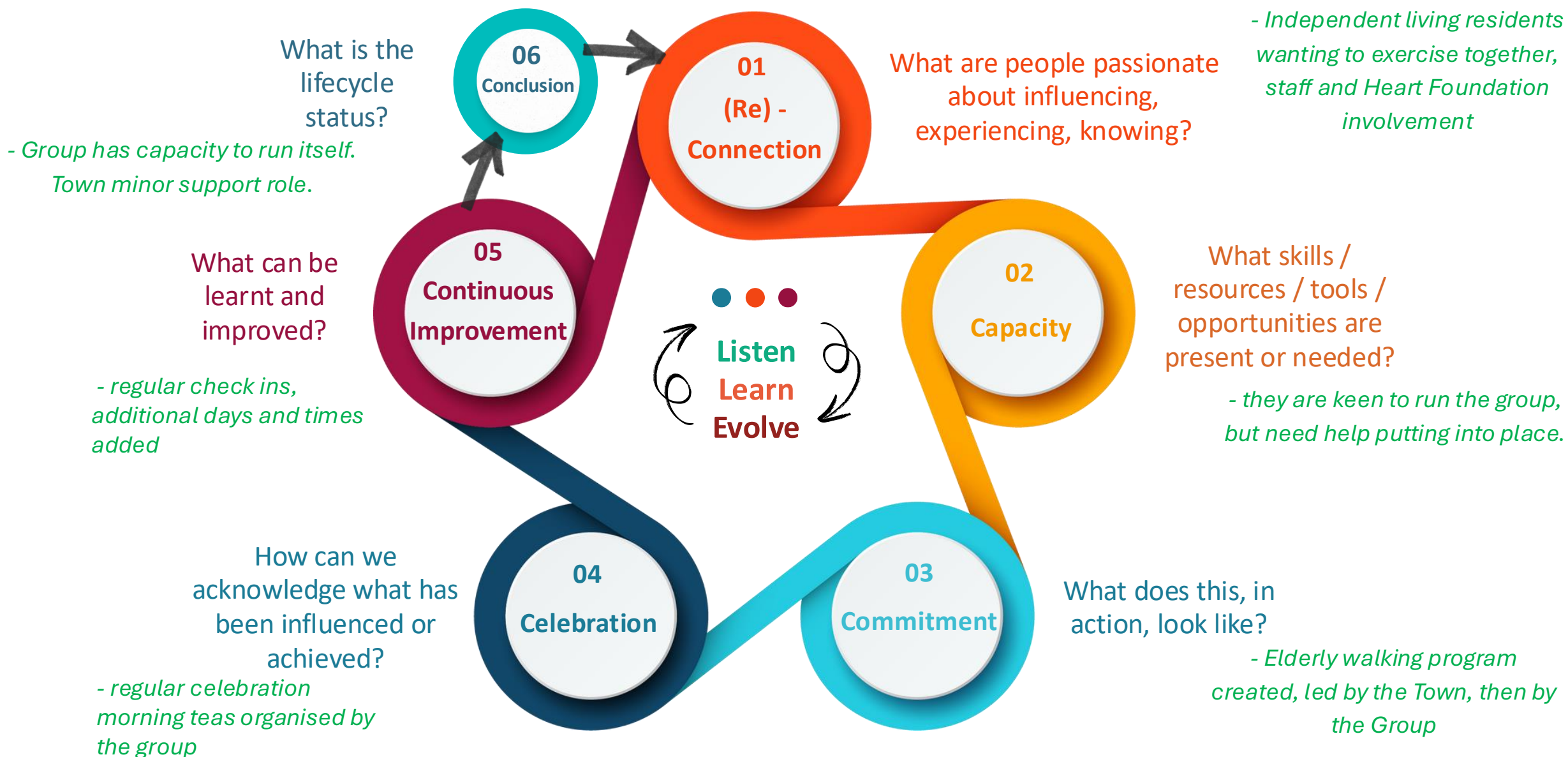


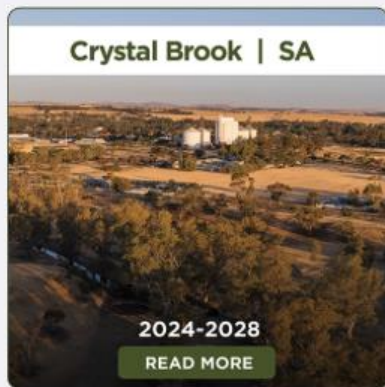
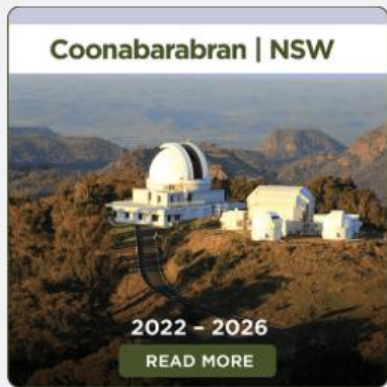
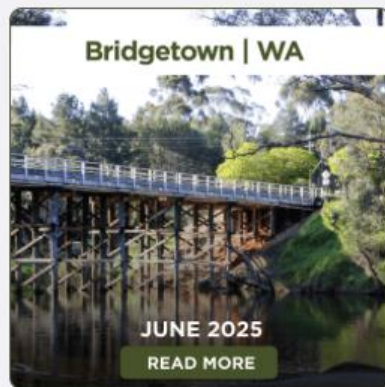
Footy Fitness For Men 55+

SOCIAL CHANGE MODEL - 6C'S



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Community Action Plans

Identify and develop sustainable strategies, by leveraging local resources and assets...Comm Builder Program with Rural Aid.

Community members led development of a CAP building on the strengths and assets.

Community Opportunity Workshops (COW) gathered ideas, opinions, and feedback from locals using (ABCD) methodology.

<https://www.ruralaid.org.au/community-development/community-action-plan/>

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/8dcr814zh88eia7jfx0cl/h?rlkey=g7ggo5ayffyrx9gjakav60ek5&e=1&dl=0> (Resources)



Perenjori residents have welcomed the return of a local supermarket. (ABC Midwest & Wheatbelt: Piper Duffy)

“It’s not just a want, it’s an actual need for people”

**Paul Anderson,
Shire President**

**‘Where’d you find tyres that size?’ Giant
red tractor is Australia’s newest Big
Thing**

Carnamah, WA







Bob Lukins
was a key
driver behind
building the
Big Tractor in
Carnamah.
(ABC Midwest
Wheatbelt:
Lucinda Jose)



CHAMBERLAIN 40K TRACTOR

The first Chamberlain 40K tractor was delivered to Carnamah in 1960. The 40K and its engine were manufactured in the United States of America and have since been used in many other parts of the world.

The tractor was donated to the Carnamah Community Centre by the Chamberlain Tractor Club.

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The Chamberlain 40K Tractor Committee would like to thank the following sponsors who contributed to the construction and installation of the tractor:

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A community effort

- Big Tractor Committee estimates would cost over \$1 million, if not for the in-kind contributions from across Australia.
- Applications for government grants failed, and organisers instead raised ~ \$600,000 in private and corporate donations and awards from Shire and local development commission.
- Mr Lukins said it made him "quite proud" of the effort to make it happen.
- "We got a heck of a lot of knockbacks," he said.

"It was virtually the rural people of Western Australia that raised the money for this project."





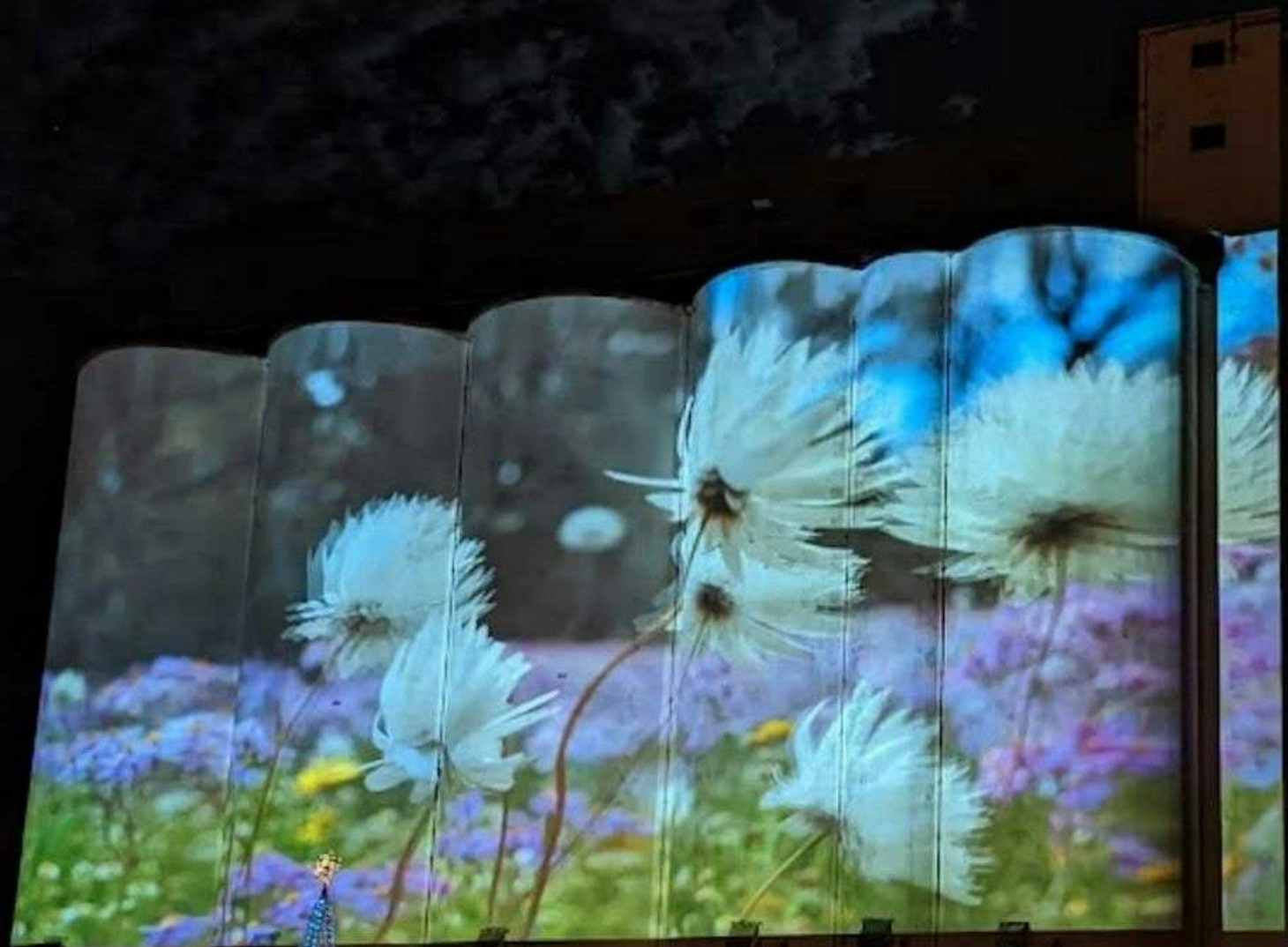
JACK THORPE GARDENS











Music, dust, dogs, bootscooting and a 500-person undie run - all the colour and mayhem from Broken Hill's epic Mundi Mundi Bash

- The Mundi Mundi Bash music festival concluded on Saturday near Broken Hill in rural outback NSW
- Nearly 10,000 people attended, mostly arriving in groups to camp on site for a weekend of fun in the dirt
- Music headliners included Paul Kelly, Ian Moss and John Williamson. There was also the famed Mundi Undi run
- Organisers hosted two world record attempts, including a mass Nutbush dance and most Mad Max outfits

By [PETER VINCENT, NEWS REPORTER](#) and [NIC WHITE, US SENIOR INVESTIGATIONS REPORTER](#)

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Mundi Undi Run

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/633175776106971>

What a load of Bull(s)...its very punny









Parking
PARK-A-BULL



Bulls RSA
ReSpect-A-BULL



Bulls Library
READ-A-BULL



Southern Rangitikei
Veterinary Services
ANIMAL HOSPIT-A-BULL



Information Centre
INFORM-A-BULL



Police
CONST-A-BULL



Toilets
RELIEVE-A-BULL



Carol Lewis your Agent
LIST-A-BULL



Mothered Goose Cafe
DELECT-A-BULL



Windmill Deli
EAT-A-BULL



Bulls Town Hall
SOCIAL-A-BULL



Bulls Bacon
PROMOTE-A-BULL





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Have you ever taken a stroll down Willis Street in April? If so, you've likely witnessed the magical, whimsical wonderland brought to life by local residents.

What started as a small idea to bring joy has quickly blossomed into a beloved community tradition. Kickstarted by Nick and Cathryn during the pandemic, 'Sculptures by the Street' is now an annual celebration of creativity and connection. After distributing 85 flyers, the first event in April 2020 saw an incredible 75 households decorating trees and filling driveways with ingenious displays. The tradition continues, with residents enjoying a morning coffee and an afternoon G&T while strolling the street, marvelling at each other's creations.



60 likes
27 February

[Log in](#) to like or comment.

Though only advertised within the street, the event now sees strangers stopping by, proving that spontaneous, heartfelt initiatives can create long-lasting community spirit.

Image credit: Willis Street

Do you know someone making a difference in our community? Share their story in the comments below — we love celebrating local champions! You can also nominate an inspiring individual for our 2025 Community Champion Awards. Nominations are now open at vicpark.info/champions.

[#LoveVicPark](#) [#VicParkLife](#) [#PerthArt](#)
[#PerthArtScene](#)



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Helping make Vic Park
uniquely awesome



The Vic Park Collective - WA

Started in 2013

Driven by genuine passion to make significant and positive changes, the group is a collective voice of the neighbourhood and works to encourage collaborations between businesses, residents, and the Own of Victoria Park to make the area 'uniquely awesome'

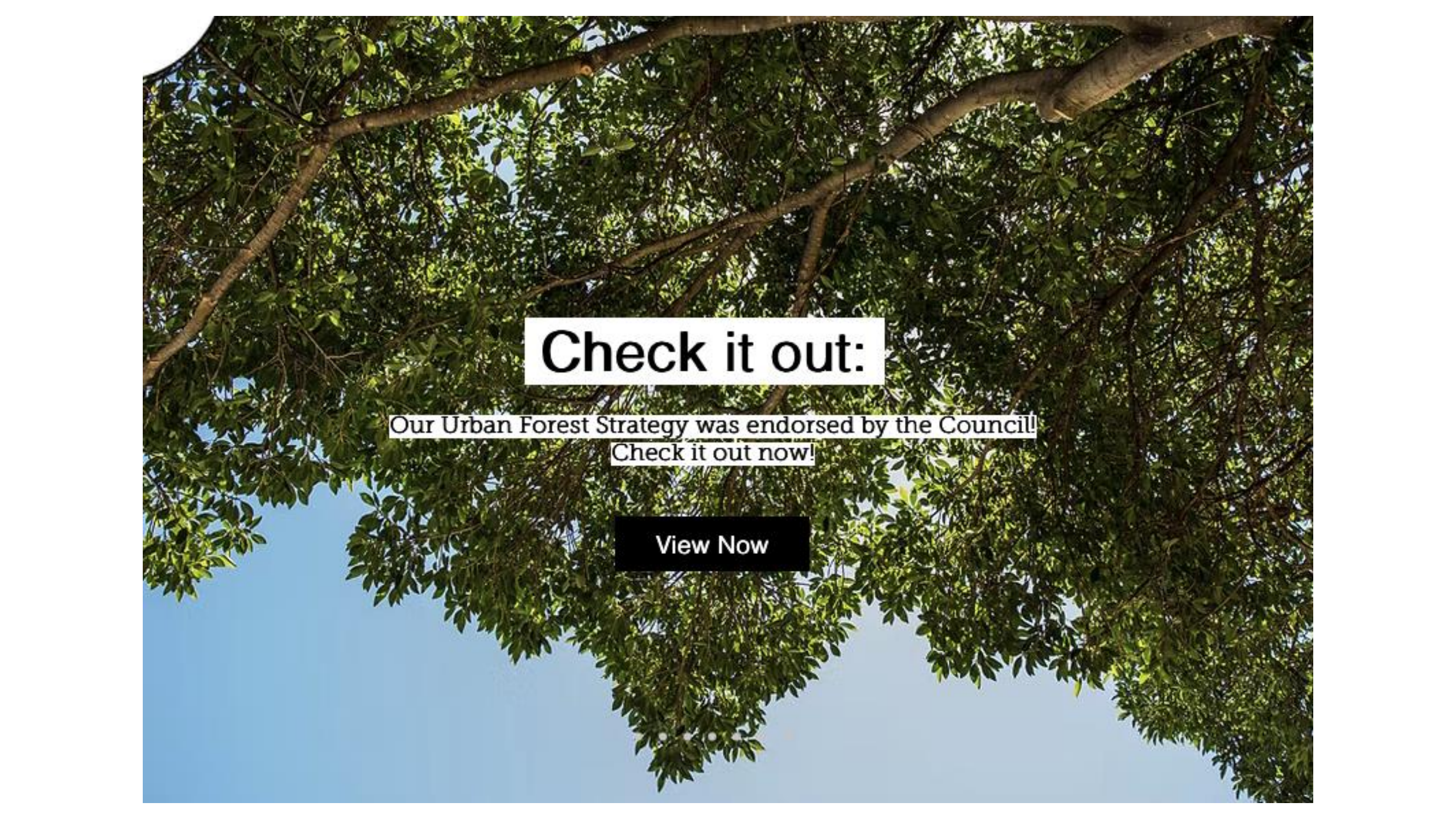


Vic
Park
neighbourhood
SOUP

MICROGRANT DINNERS

Submit a Proposal

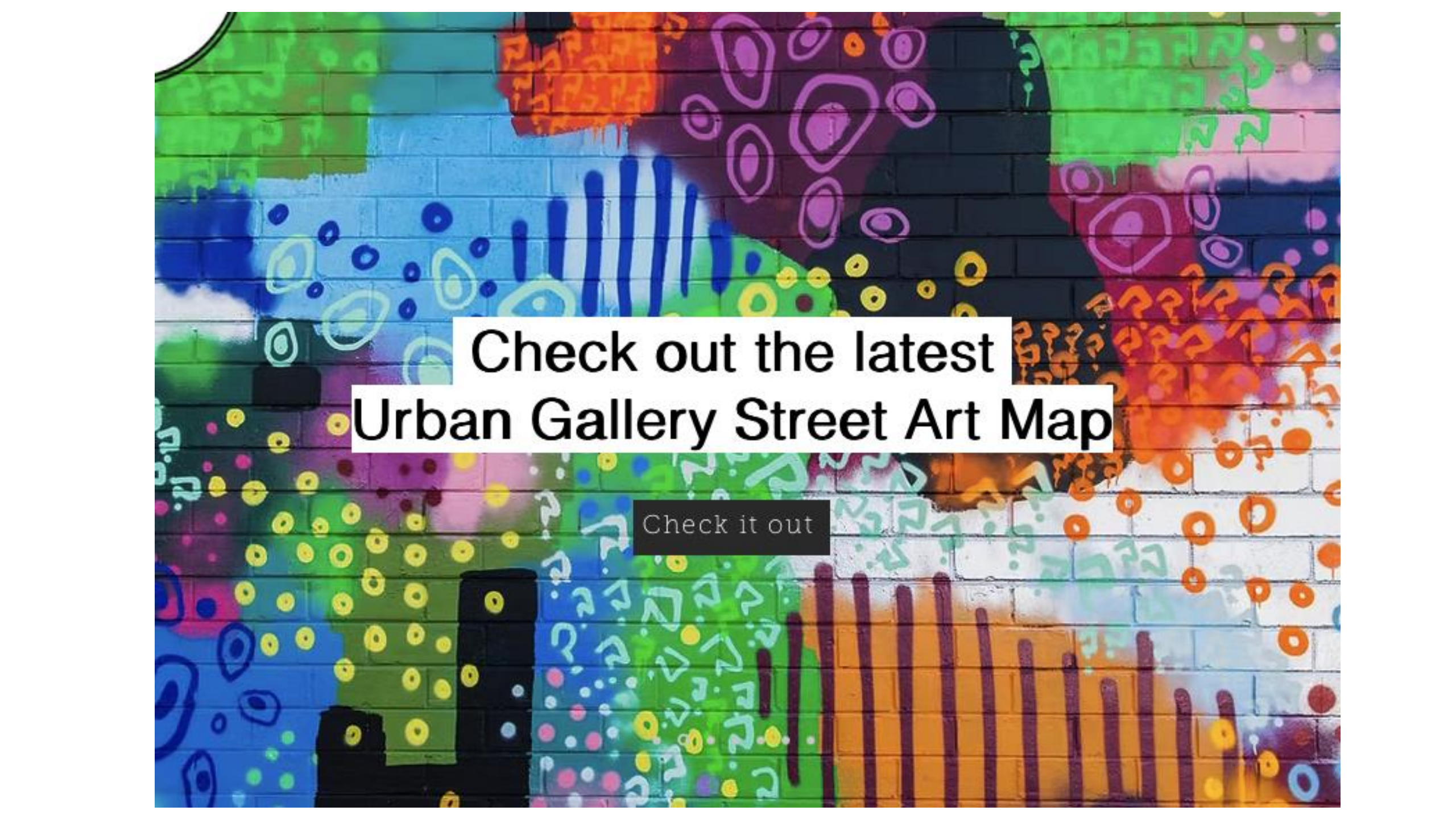
Get your FREE ticket



Check it out:

Our Urban Forest Strategy was endorsed by the Council!
Check it out now!

[View Now](#)



Check out the latest Urban Gallery Street Art Map

Check it out

CHILDREN'S WEEK 2025

MY COMMUNITY THROUGH MY EYES

Victoria Park community arts project

WHAT

The *Vic Park Collective* is organising the creation of a community based short film, made up of photographs and short video clips, submitted by the children and young people of Vic Park.

The theme: **"What makes Victoria Park special?"**

WHO

Entries are open to children and young people, ages 2 to 18 years, living or schooling in the Town of Victoria Park.

HOW

Scan the QR code and submit your most creative photographs or video clips (max 30 sec) that demonstrate what makes Victoria Park special.

WHY

The community short film will be screened at an outdoor event at John Macmillan Park, Saturday 25th October. Vouchers to the value of \$25 & \$50 will be awarded to the more creative entries.

THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY PROJECT AND EVENT
ORGANISED BY VIC PARK COLLECTIVE AND SUPPORTED BY
THE TOWN OF VICTORIA PARK
See entry for more details

ENTER
HERE



Entries close
FRIDAY 10th
October



Outdoor
Short Film Event
Details & Free Tix Here



humanitix



CRAFTERNOON Drinks

Friday nights

Open to all

Local Lawn Bowls Club supports

Coming soon: Exhibition of half-finished artworks



ET The COLLECTIVE SHED

Vic Park



Share Stuff

Share things with your neighbours

Our Library

Borrow tools and things from our library

Membership

Join the community



The Collective Shed is Vic Park's own Library of Things.
A place to borrow the tools, gear and equipment that
you'd love to use but don't need to own.

It's also a group of neighbours willing to share their
stuff to prevent waste and build community.

9 Sussex Street, East Vic Park, WA, 6101
Wed 5:30-8pm, Sat/Sun 8:30-11:30am

[JOIN OUR COMMUNITY >](#)

Our favourite things...



Borrow me

*Dewalt
Lawnmower*



Borrow me

*Brother Sewing
Machine*



Borrow me

Multicooker



Borrow me

*Dewalt Compound
Mitre Saw*

**What if
someone
chops their
arm off?**

Using tools brings some risks - we've had the legal advice and have insurance for coverage. When you borrow a tool, we'll ask you if you are capable of using it safely, and you'll sign a waiver. Once you've done that, your safety is your responsibility.

**Can you
teach me how
to use a
specific tool?**

See our answer about 'what if i chop my arm off' - unfortunately we can't give this kind of advice, but on the website the manuals are all attached. Also youtube is your friend, and often the manufacturer has a video that they've created. (we can not vouch for youtubers!). In the future we'd love to set up some workshops, but thats a long term plan.



Jethro Sercombe
Director - Innovation Practice at Third St...

Here's some very specific advice...
...more





Presented
by the
Nannup
Music Club
since 1990



VOLUNTEERS



Volunteer registrations for the 2026 Nannup Music Festival will open on November 1st, 2025.

Over 450 enthusiastic, high-calibre volunteers come together every year and help us bring the festival to life. Their goodwill, dedication, generosity and energy, power the Nannup bubble. The festival wouldn't happen without them and we truly appreciate their contribution. Volunteering for the NMF is more than just a free ticket; you really do become a member of the Nannup Music Festival family.

VOLUNTEER TERMS & CONDITIONS

TYPICAL ROLE DESCRIPTIONS

FAQs

For any further info, please get in touch with our Volunteer Manager [Sarah Flynn](#).

Bringing in
volunteers from the
outside

Volunteer FAQs

- + Do I need to complete any training to be a volunteer?
- + Do you accept Youth volunteers?
- + How do I go about volunteering?
- + When will I know if my registration has been successful?
- + How many hours do I need to contribute?
- + What's in it for me?
- + Is accommodation provided for volunteers?
- + How do I purchase a Volunteer Camping ticket?
- + Is camping available for Setup volunteers?
- + Is there reserved parking for volunteers?
- + How are shifts allocated?
- + Where do I report when I arrive in Nannup and what happens next?
- + Where do I report if I have shifts allocated prior to Friday?
- + Can I wait to volunteer at the Festival?
- + Can I get discounted tickets for my friends and family?
- + Can my children accompany me on shifts?
- + What should I do if I cannot attend the Festival after all?



Volunteer Terms & Conditions

1. General Terms & Conditions

All Nannup Music Festival volunteers are also Ticket Holders and are subject to the Festival's General

2. Photo ID

Photo ID will be required on check-in.

3. Email Access

We'll communicate with you via email, text and phone calls. Please ensure you have a current email along with your mobile phone number which will be the main form of communication with you during

4. Attitude

All volunteers represent the Nannup Music Festival (NMF). It is vital to bring a positive attitude and to

5. Safety

We take pride in complying with the highest standard of Occupational Health and Safety throughout conditions possible. As a member of the Volunteer team we ask you to comply with all safety requirements to you; please ask your Area Manager.

- Please do not use your mobile phone or eat/drink while on duty.
- All positions require enclosed shoes.
- Outdoor work requires a hat and suitable sun protection.
- Sunscreen will be provided by the Festival.
- Please bring along your own water bottle. Water refill stations are available around the

We want all our volunteers to have an enjoyable experience. Please contact the Volunteer Manager if you experience any difficulties in undertaking your duties, working with your fellow Volunteers or have any

6. Shifts

Adult Volunteers (18 years and over) will be required to undertake a minimum of 9 volunteer hours, {

Youth Volunteers (13 to 17 years) will be required to undertake a minimum of 6 volunteer hours. At least one parent or guardian must accompany the youth volunteer. Youth volunteers will almost always be rostered on duty with a Parent or Guardian. Youth volunteers must be dressed appropriately for the weather.

Volunteers must not bring their children to their shift (unless an allocated Youth volunteer), nor should they be at any work areas at any stage over the festival. Volunteers must arrange their own carers external to the festival.

Please see NMC [Child Safe and Code of Conduct Policy](#).



KULIN
BUSH RACES



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TO THE 2025 CRISP WIRELESS
KULIN BUSH RACES!

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KULIN BUSH RACES
WHO WE ARE

Number Of Years Running

28 YEARS

Committee Members

10+

Yearly Local Volunteers

250+

Money Raised

\$1,500,000+

Download the Tin Horse Highway Map HERE

This picturesque landform displays a contrast of vibrant orange clays against spectacular white cliffs and gullies. kulin shire council

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Tin Horse Highway - Attraction

Drive along the **Tin Horse Highway** and check out the quirky collection of tin horses lining the road out to the Jilakin Race Track.

Tin Horse Highway of Kulin

A quirky collection of **horses-themed roadside sculptures made from farm junk**. If you want to enjoy some impressive creativity and chuckle over quirky artwork,



Tin Horse Highway (2025) - All You MUST Know Before ...

The entire highway from the Lake Grace turn off to Kulin is interspersed with many humorous works of art highlighting the racing event.



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Tin Horse Highway - Western Australia

See & Do	
Natural Attractions	+
Experiences	—
Heritage Buildings	
Camp Hart	
Tin Horse Highway	—
Where is Tin Horse Highway	
Much more than metal	
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Facilities	+
Local Events	+

Where is Tin Horse Highway



The Tin Horse ‘Highway’ is a 15 kilometre stretch of road in Western Australia which heads east from the town of Kulin out to the Kulin Bush Races Track at Jilakin Rock. The roads official name is the Gorge Rock -Lake Grace Road.

Whilst the majority of tin horses are found on the Tin Horse Highway, you will also find many equally impressive and imaginative tin horses along other roads in the Kulin Shire and in Kulin town. All tin horses in the region contribute to the Tin Horse Highway story and reflect the vibrant, good humoured community who have built them.

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HIGHWAY TO SUCCESS

DISCOVER ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST POPULAR AND UNIQUE TOURIST DRIVES - THE TIN HORSE HIGHWAY.

One of Australia's most iconic natural land formations 'Wave Rock' attracts thousands of visitors each year. Located 350km S/E from Perth, on the route to Wave Rock (Hyden), you will find the vibrant country town of Kulin which has become the home of a very unique tourist destination all of its own. Kulin entertains its visitors with a fun and exciting collection of colourful characters invented and created by the residents of this small farming community.

The dusty paddocks surrounding Kulin have become a living gallery of bright, quirky, community creations. The project which started as a community marketing campaign to promote the annual Kulin Bush Races and has quickly become one of Western Australia's most popular and unique self-drive tourist attractions. The Tin Horse Highway provides a seriously entertaining tourist drive and a fun alternative route through to iconic Wave Rock.

The Tin Horse Highway is FREE and OPEN all year round.



MORE ABOUT THE TIN HORSE HIGHWAY

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West Kulin Tin Horses

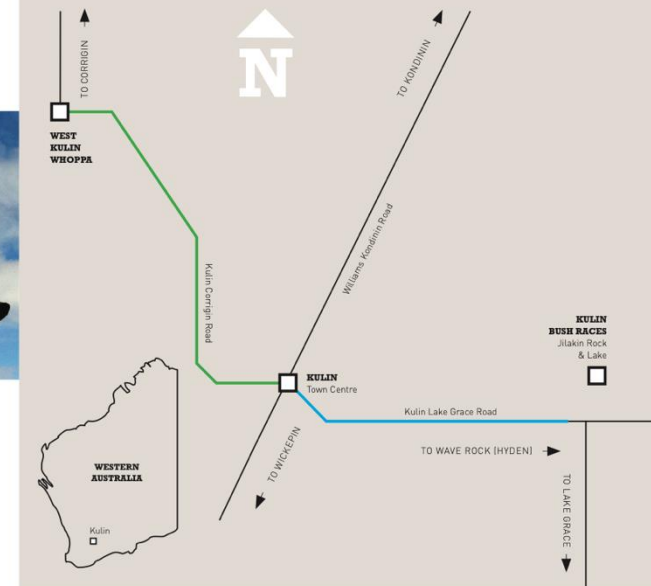
On the west side of town [Kulin - Corrigin Rd] you will also find a herd of terrific tin horses including the BIGGEST tin horse in the region to date! Standing higher than your average caravan, the 'West Kulin Whoppa' is a unique landmark and a reflection of many years of friendly competition between East and West Kulin farmers.

Kulin Town site

Take a trot around Kulin townsite and discover our more urban tin steeds. One of the town's latest cheeky sculptures, 'Thorpedo' resides at the new Kulin Aquatic Centre which is also home to the biggest waterslide in regional Australia! [Open during the summer months]. 'Thorpedo' was inspired by Australian Olympic swimming legend Ian Thorpe.



THE TIN HORSE HIGHWAY



See What To Expect

View Program



LEGENDARY RACING



KIDS' ENTERTAINMENT



LIVE BANDS & PERFORMANCES



GREAT FOOD & HOSPITALITY



FREE CAMPING

TICKETS & MORE..



Local Events



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[Kulin Bush Races](#)



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[Tin Horse Competition](#)



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2025 Programme Link

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Welcome to the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show

The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show began in 1982 to celebrate and showcase the abundance of floral diversity in the region. A tribute to the rugged and natural beauty of the region, the show continues to inspire amateurs and enthusiasts alike with its depth, breadth and quality of flowers on display.

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Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show

Mr Jim McCulloch had the vision, courage and tenacity (in 1982) to establish a wildflower show in Ravensthorpe. 43 years on and the show continues to thrive and its success is testimony to the dedication and enthusiasm of the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show Committee. It still remains a volunteer not for profit organisation, with many volunteers and well supported by the local community. Wanjoo Wudjari Boodjar – *Welcome to Wudjari Country*.

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Ravensthorpe is part of the Fitzgerald Biosphere a UNESCO recognised Man & Biosphere Project. The world class Fitzgerald River National Park and the unique Ravensthorpe Range, are in the heart of the biosphere and host to almost 25% per cent of Western Australia's flora species – including some that are, as yet, undocumented.

The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show brings nature to town in a way that enables tourists, enthusiasts, botanists and locals to enjoy the extraordinary biodiversity in a world class display. Each year, dedicated, qualified and licensed pickers head out to their allotted destinations to gather flowers and deliver them to the herbarium in town. The specimens are then sorted, classified and placed on display. On average, approximately 700 different species are featured at the show.

The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is proud to have well-known horticulturist and ABC presenter, Sabrina Hahn as its Patron.



Shire Address

On behalf of the Shire of Ravensthorpe I'd like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone visiting our region for the 2025 Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.

This wonderful event is the highlight of the year for many locals, some of whom volunteer all year in preparation for it and are just as excited to be here as those of you visiting for the first time.

The Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is a unique event that not only celebrates the great floral diversity we have in the Shire of Ravensthorpe, but also highlights the strength of our community spirit. I have no doubt everyone visiting the event this year will be impressed with both the amazing array of wildflowers on display, and also how friendly and helpful all of the event volunteers are.

Thank you to all involved with the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show for your tireless efforts to show off the very best of our region. I wish everyone the best for a fantastic show this year.

Cr Tom Major – President – Shire of Ravensthorpe



Madeleine Norman

Madeleine is one of those special people, a quiet achiever and one who works behind the scenes playing a crucial role within the Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show.

Madeleine has been involved as a volunteer for the show since the 1980s and she is a very busy woman who has fitted in her volunteering whilst being full time employed and is still actively farming within the shire. She is a keen environmentalist and ecologist and has contributed to local agricultural interests for many years. The Wildflower Gift Store has been Madeleine's baby and it has grown from a few souvenir gifts to what it is today a wonderful space where you can enjoy a great selection of books and terrific variety of locally produced quality items. She has been treasurer from the late eighties and has been outstandingly successful in sourcing funding for the show and the Regional Herbarium.



Wattle you know?

Acacias, commonly known as wattles, are some of the most useful native plants in Australia providing a multitude of benefits for humans, as well as ants.

Wattleseeds are highly nutritious, being rich in protein and carbohydrates.

Flowers, leaves and gum were used in bush medicine by Indigenous Australians. Wattle bark is rich in tannins for leather making and wood adhesives. The timber is an excellent heating fuel and traditionally used to make boomerangs and tools.

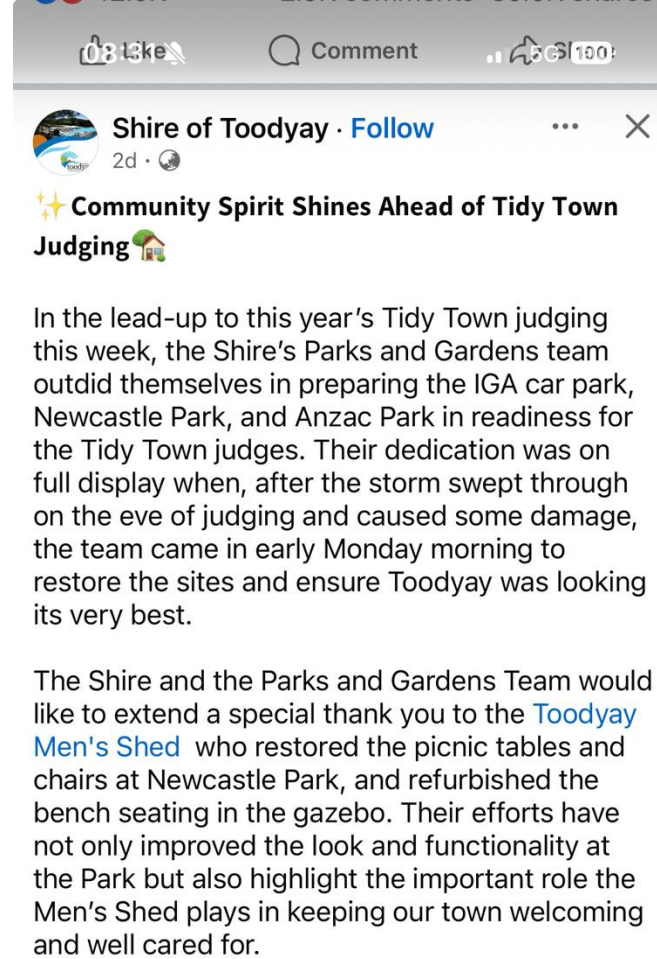
Being legumes, their symbiotic rhizobia fix nitrogen which increases soil fertility.

Ants eat the fleshy aril at the end of the seed and bury the seed in their nests.

The Shire of Ravensthorpe is home to 120 Acacias, which is about 12% of Australia's species.

Tidy Towns

building a sense of community pride



Shire of Toodyay · Follow
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🌟 **Community Spirit Shines Ahead of Tidy Town Judging** 🏠

In the lead-up to this year's Tidy Town judging this week, the Shire's Parks and Gardens team outdid themselves in preparing the IGA car park, Newcastle Park, and Anzac Park in readiness for the Tidy Town judges. Their dedication was on full display when, after the storm swept through on the eve of judging and caused some damage, the team came in early Monday morning to restore the sites and ensure Toodyay was looking its very best.

The Shire and the Parks and Gardens Team would like to extend a special thank you to the [Toodyay Men's Shed](#) who restored the picnic tables and chairs at Newcastle Park, and refurbished the bench seating in the gazebo. Their efforts have not only improved the look and functionality at the Park but also highlight the important role the Men's Shed plays in keeping our town welcoming and well cared for.

👉 Fingers crossed we make the Finalists' list!



Results – Common Success Factors

- **Bold identity or niche:** quirky shops (Bulls), silo movie screen (Three Springs), event traditions (Kulin, Nannup, Mundi Mundi)
- **Strong community ownership:** local leadership, reinvestment, adaptive reuse of older infrastructure
- **Place Activation:** transforming main streets through culture, dining, wellness , adventures, road tripable itineraries
- **Broad partnerships:** comm groups, Councils, funding bodies, niche business founders, Place Leaders
- **Tangible outcomes:** tourism influxes, business openings, cultural awards, town recognition, renewed pride

Results – Key Collaboration Challenges

- Volunteer burnout and succession
- Balancing community vs Council roles (and voice)
- Funding dependency and continuity
- Short termism vs long term vision
- Competition between towns / localities

Results – Key Behaviours for Positive Results

- Shared vision & clear roles
- Taking time to know one another / constraints / opportunities
- Celebrate quick wins
- Transparency and ongoing communication
- Build capacity, don't just extract
- Flexibility and adaptability
- Legacy thinking

What *Rebels* say about Rule Makers (when things are working well)

- *“They actually turned my napkin sketch into a project plan — and it even got funded!”*
- *“They translated my wild idea into council language — like Google Translate, but with fewer errors.”*
- *“I thought they’d say no... but instead they said, ‘Let’s try a pilot.’ I nearly fell off my soapbox.”*
- *“Our Council officer can now spot a rebel idea faster than I can.”*

What *Rule Makers* say about Rebels (when things are working well)

- *“They brought the volunteers, the sausages, and the media — we just had to show up and smile.”*
- *“Their passion finally came with a risk assessment attached. Miracles do happen.”*
- *“Instead of breaking the rules, they helped us bend them into something useful.”*
- *“They don’t just complain anymore — they bring cake to the meeting too.”*

Putting Into Practice – Consensus Building

Small Group Session

- Choose one locational opportunity from your group
- Clarify Aims and Objectives of your enterprise
 - (what does success look like)
 - Think SMART Goals, Qualities, Impact
- LHS page – write down Rebels expectations / needs
- RHS page – write down Rules expectations / needs
- Next page – write down approach to achieve results
- Provide pitch back to the group
- *Consider using project on a page template?*
- New event or farmers market
- New town beautification project / community project

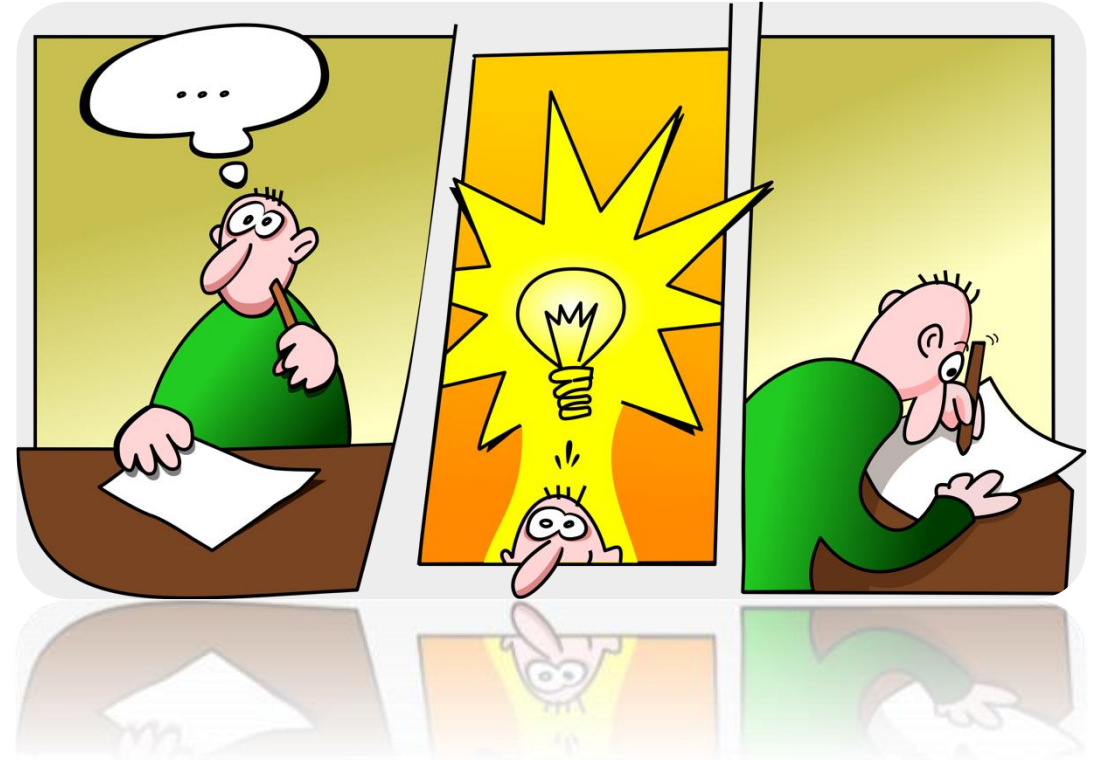
RRR Charter

- Create the first RRR Collaboration Charter
 - Successful collaboration looks like???
 - Collab Pitfalls vs Positive Behaviours - s'term / l'term
 - Guiding Principles of each stakeholder
 - 2-3 actions to strengthen relationships

Questions?

Wrapping Up

- One key take away to try in the next 2 -4 weeks...



Thank You

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THANK YOU

