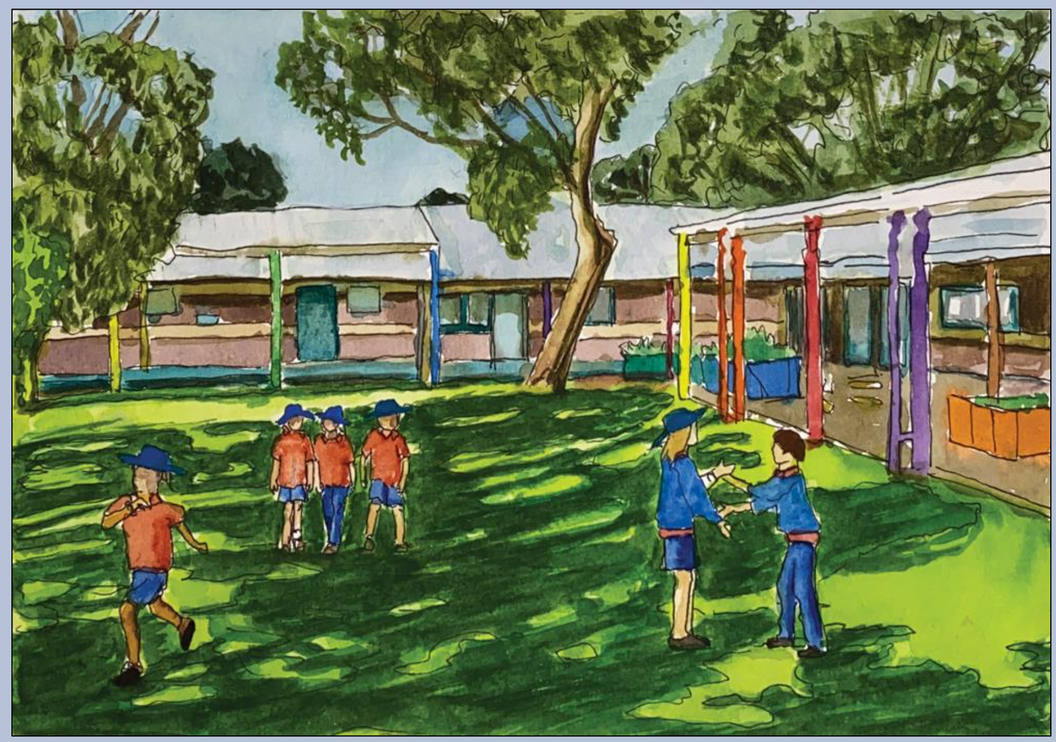
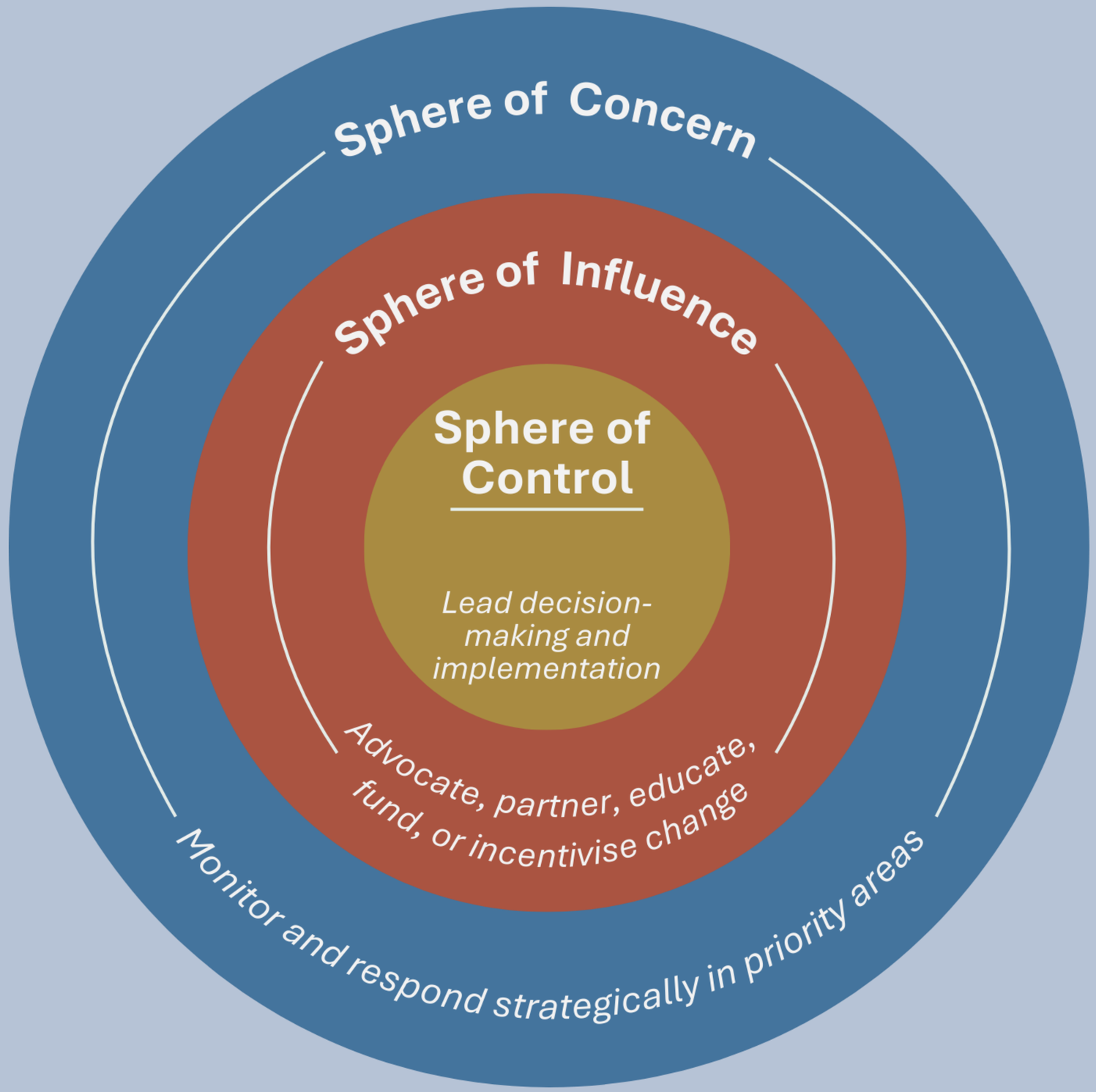
Liveability Framework

Huon Valley Council's new community-centred approach to guide decisions, measure success, engage community, and work towards our long-term Community Vision.

What is Liveability



The need?


Sphere of Concern
Sphere of Influence
Sphere of Control
Lead decision-making and implementation
Advocate, partner, educate, fund, or incentivise change
Monitor and respond strategically in priority areas

The need?

Housing

Changing Climate

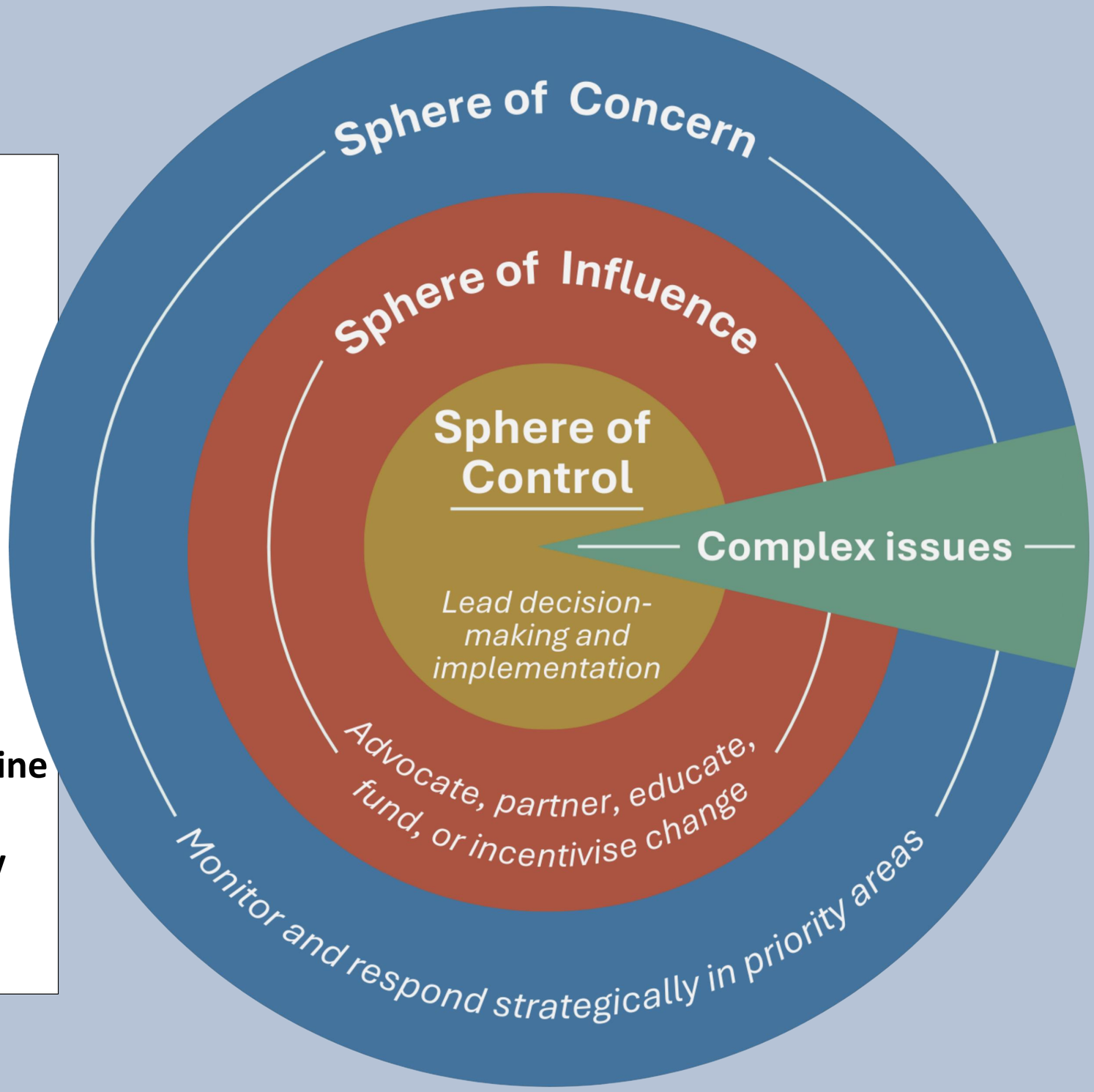
Aging Population

Community Health and Wellbeing

Service availability

Biodiversity and Environmental Decline

Complex Regulatory Framework



What is the problem?

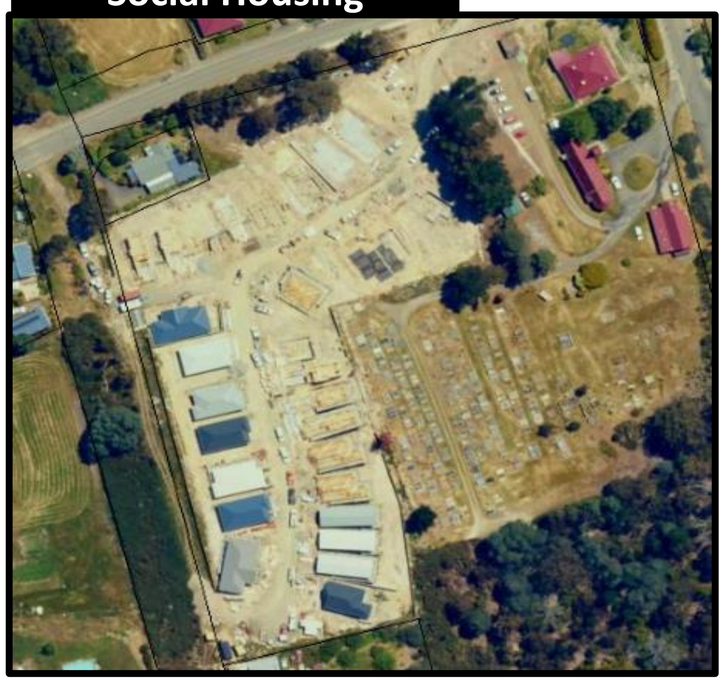
Bypass Road, Bus Stop, Parking

Caravan Park

Burtons Reserve

Cannery Node

Social Housing



Residential Subdivision

Huon Valley Council's Liveability Framework

Community Vision for a Liveable Community

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We continue to protect and promote the unique opportunities the Huon Valley provides including local produce, creativity and access to the Huon River.

As the community grows, we continue to strengthen connectivity, employment and education, while balancing the opportunities for a rural lifestyle.

- Considering the extent of our influence and control.
- Valuing and collaborating with community.
- Engaging with diverse partners.
- Advocating for our community.

- Measuring what matters to community.
- Making decisions informed by principles.
- Celebrating the unique culture and identity of each community.
- Connecting through diverse platforms to include all voices.

- Building on existing strategic, asset and financial plans.
- Integrating plans and strategies.
- Ensuring plans consider the unique character of each place.
- Developing plans that consider complex issues.

Community Vision Domains

Our Community Vision Statement

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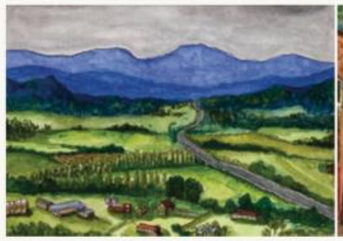
Acknowledgement to Country
Huon Valley Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the South East Nation, the Melukerdee people of the Huon River and the Lyluequonny people of the Far South.

We recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



Getting around

The townships within the Huon Valley are well connected through improved active transport, public transport links, and quality local and state roads.

Food production and security

The Huon Valley is seen as a leader in sustainable farming and commercial agriculture and aquaculture, providing access to local produce, employment, and economic benefits.

Diverse and inclusive community

An inclusive community, where everyone is respected.

A community that adapts, responds, and supports a changing population including the aged and the young.

Respect, understand, value, and recognise Aboriginal culture, history, knowledge, and rights.

Environment

The natural environment and ecosystems within the Huon Valley are celebrated and protected.

The community, infrastructure and local businesses are resilient to the impacts of climate change, delivering leading practices across sustainability and the circular economy.

Strong economy

Economic development is strengthened across the Huon Valley through supporting local businesses and growing local employment opportunities.

Industries and local businesses are encouraged to embrace digital transformation and leading sustainable practices.

Tourism continues to play an important role within the local economy, while balancing the needs of the local community.

Health and wellbeing

The Huon Valley has fair and equitable access to all government services, including access to affordable health services.

Health and wellbeing are enabled through access to local recreation infrastructure, paths and trails, programs, and nature.

Decision making

Council decision making processes are collaborative, transparent, and well communicated.

Council continues to actively seek feedback from the community to inform decisions.

A home for everyone

The Huon Valley provides affordable, quality homes that meet the needs of an ageing population, young people, and families.

An approach to planning and land that allows and encourages innovative housing solutions while respecting lifestyle, nature, culture, heritage, and neighbourhood character.

Creativity and Culture

The Huon Valley community value and celebrate creativity and culture in all its forms.

It provides an opportunity for all community.

Learning and development

Huon Valley has access to a wide range of learning and educational opportunities across early years, youth, and older adults.

Through strong educational links, the local community have the skills and capabilities required to access local employment opportunities.

Huon Valley Council's Liveability Framework

Decision Making Principles

Future focussed decision-making principles embed our new way of working, guide new conversations and support liveability in the Huon Valley, now and into the future.

Build Resilience
Develop strategies to withstand and recover from economic, social, and environmental challenges.

Promote Inclusivity
Ensure that all community members, regardless of background, have equitable access to resources and opportunities.

Maintain a Future Focus
Plan with a long-term perspective to ensure the community remains viable for future generations.

Protect the Natural Environment
Safeguard natural resources and promote conservation efforts.

Balance Actions
Consider social, economic, natural environment, built environment, and cultural capitals in decision-making.

Honour First Nations
Respect and incorporate the knowledge, traditions, and perspectives of Aboriginal peoples.

Be Transparent
Maintain open, honest, and realistic communication with the community.

Align Plans and Strategies
Ensure that various plans and strategies are cohesive and mutually supportive.

Follow Evidence-Based Practices
Base decisions on scientific evidence and research.

Act Proactively
Take proactive measures to prevent harm and address issues boldly.

Collaborate Across Sectors
Work together with different sectors and groups to leverage diverse strengths and perspectives.

Be Contextual
Respect and enhance the unique characteristics and identity of the place.

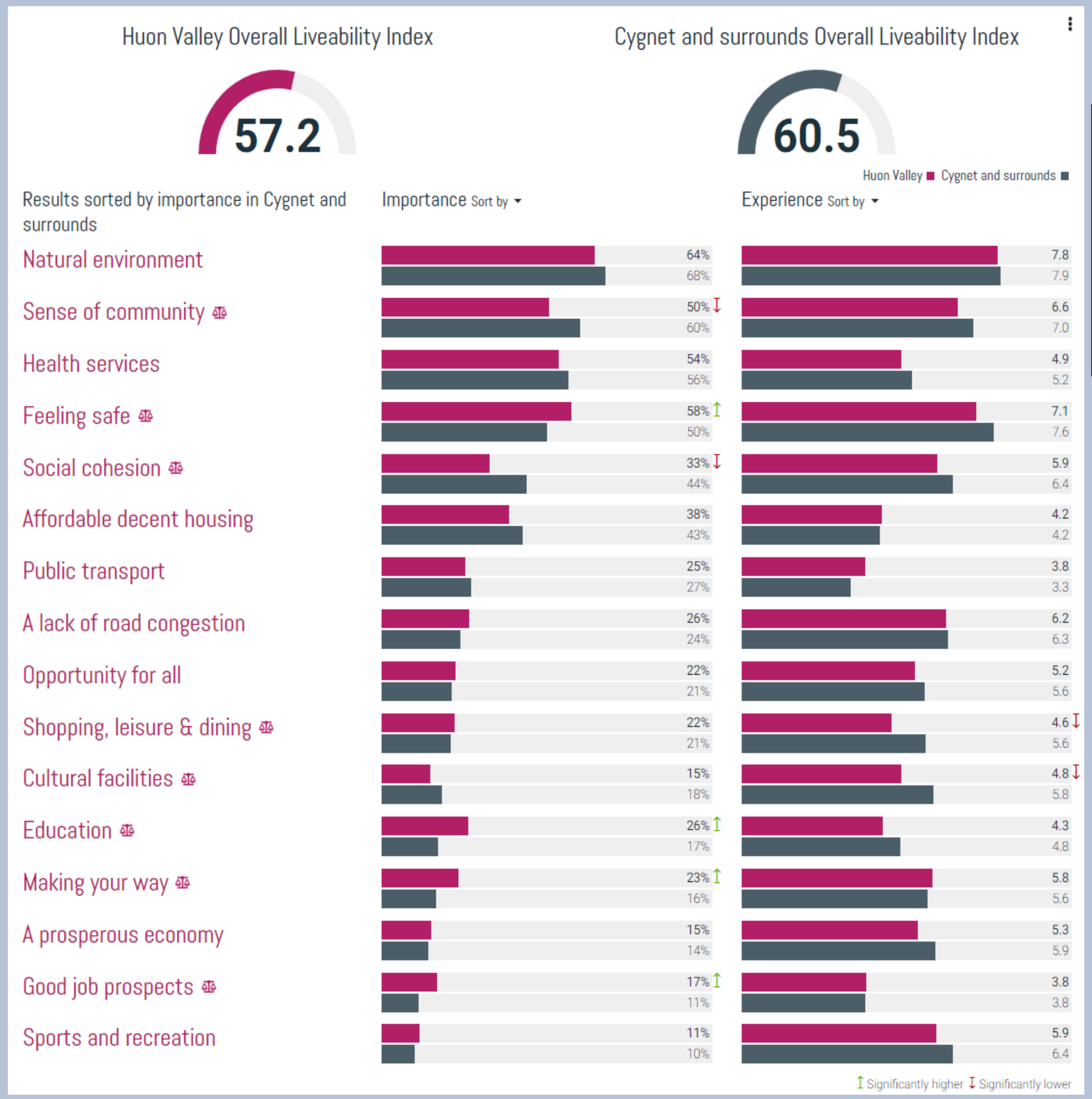
Be Community-Centred
Place the needs, aspirations and vision of the community at the heart of all decisions.

Stay Engaged
Encourage active participation and collaboration among all residents in decision-making processes.

Advocate for Partnerships
Foster partnerships with other organisations and partners to achieve common goals.

Place Based Engagement

Living in Place, 2021 Survey



How do we know what matters?

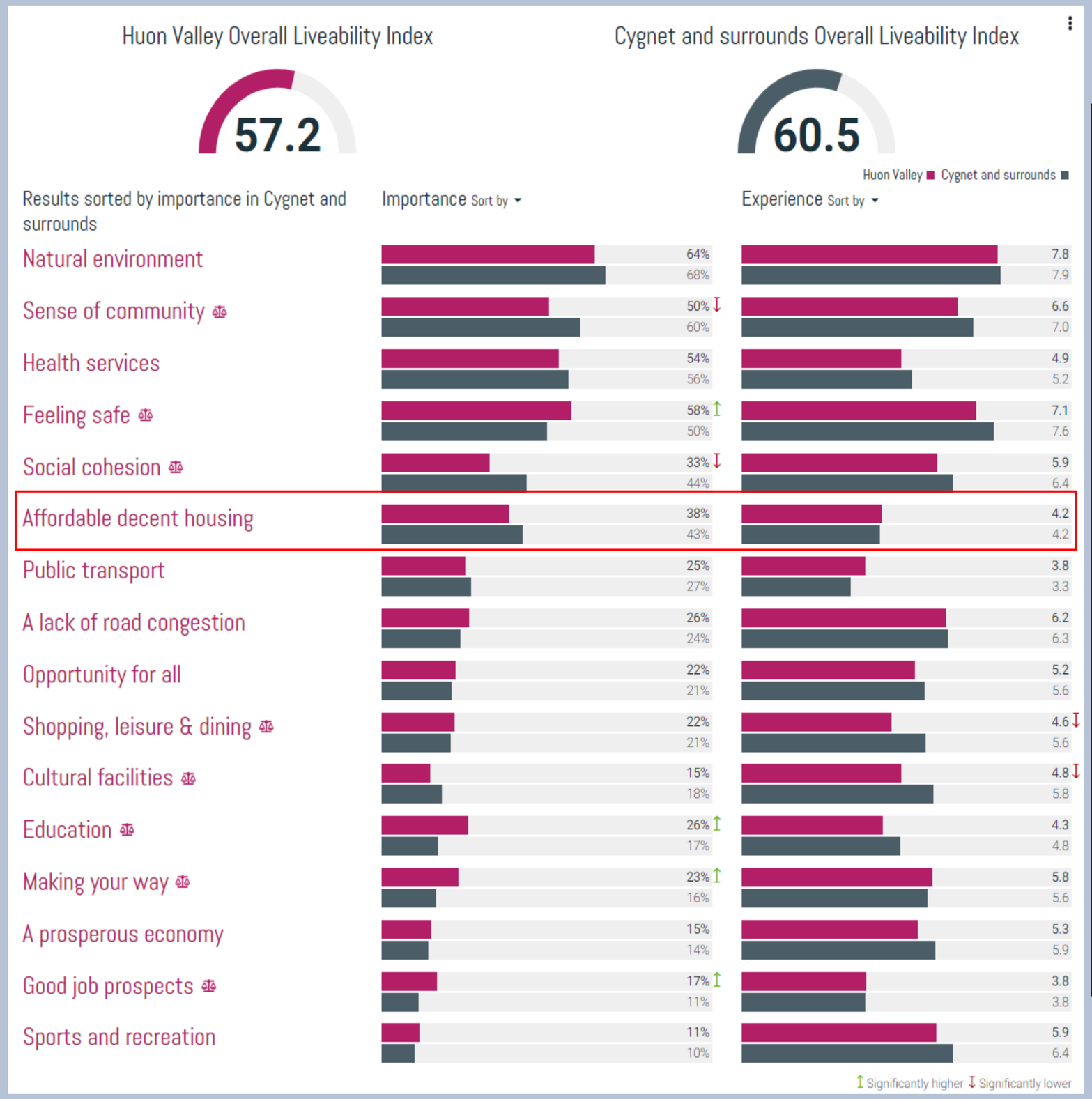
Community Survey → What does the community value and how are we currently doing in that space?

Acknowledging the uniqueness of place

Living in Place, 2021 Survey

Place Based Solutions

Living in Place, 2021 Survey



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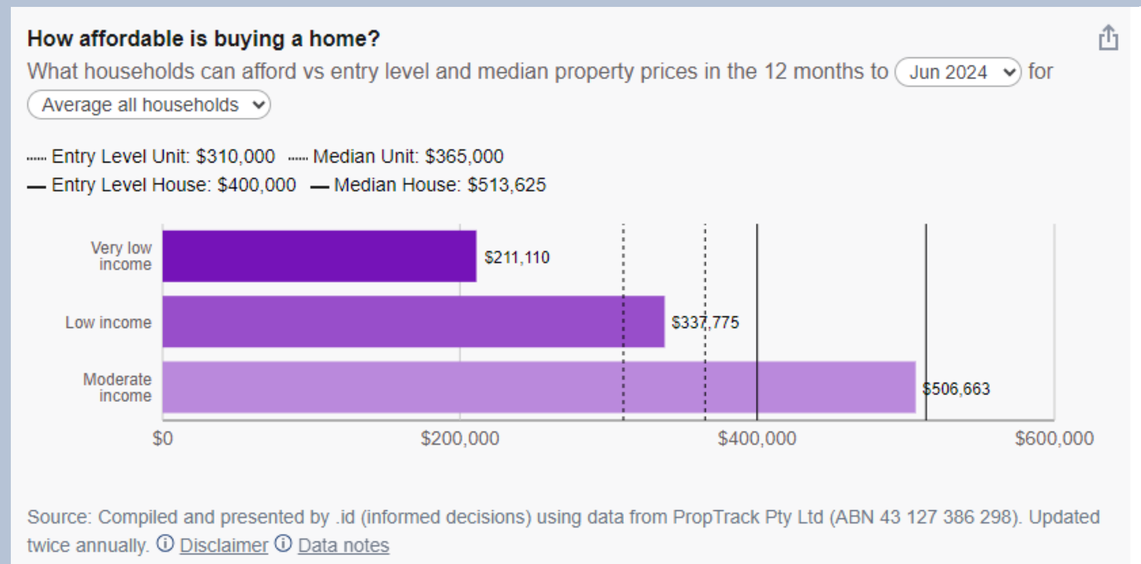
Data → Insights into potential solutions

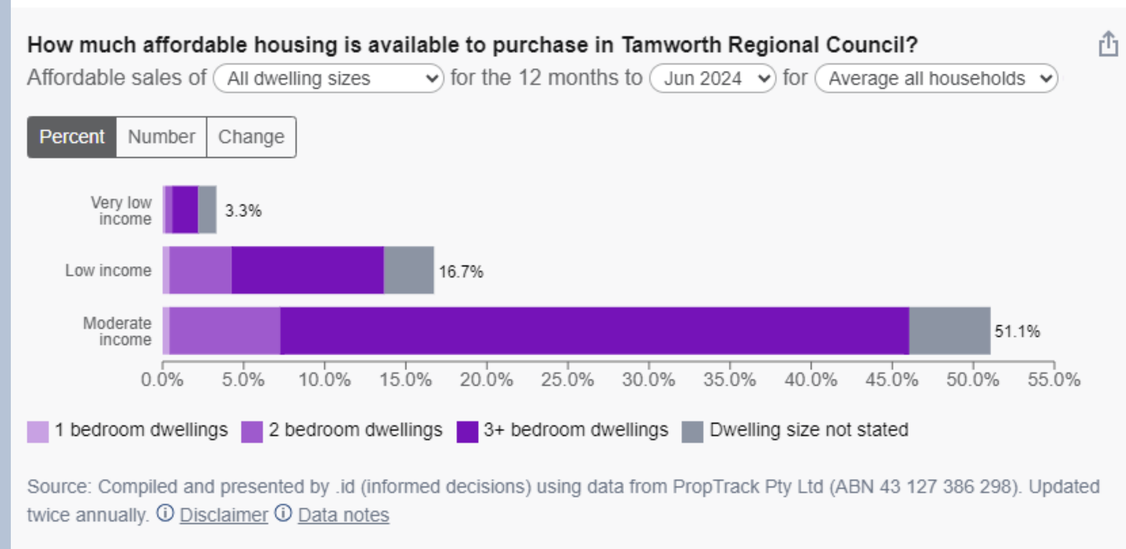
- What are the types of housing Cygnet needs, what constitutes affordable housing, where can this be located?
- What are the key economic drivers and opportunities?
- Where are preservation priorities located, where are our key ecosystems services derived from (overland flow paths, flow attenuation, buffers), how do we facilitate managed retreat, what do we do with Burtons Reserve when it is inundated?

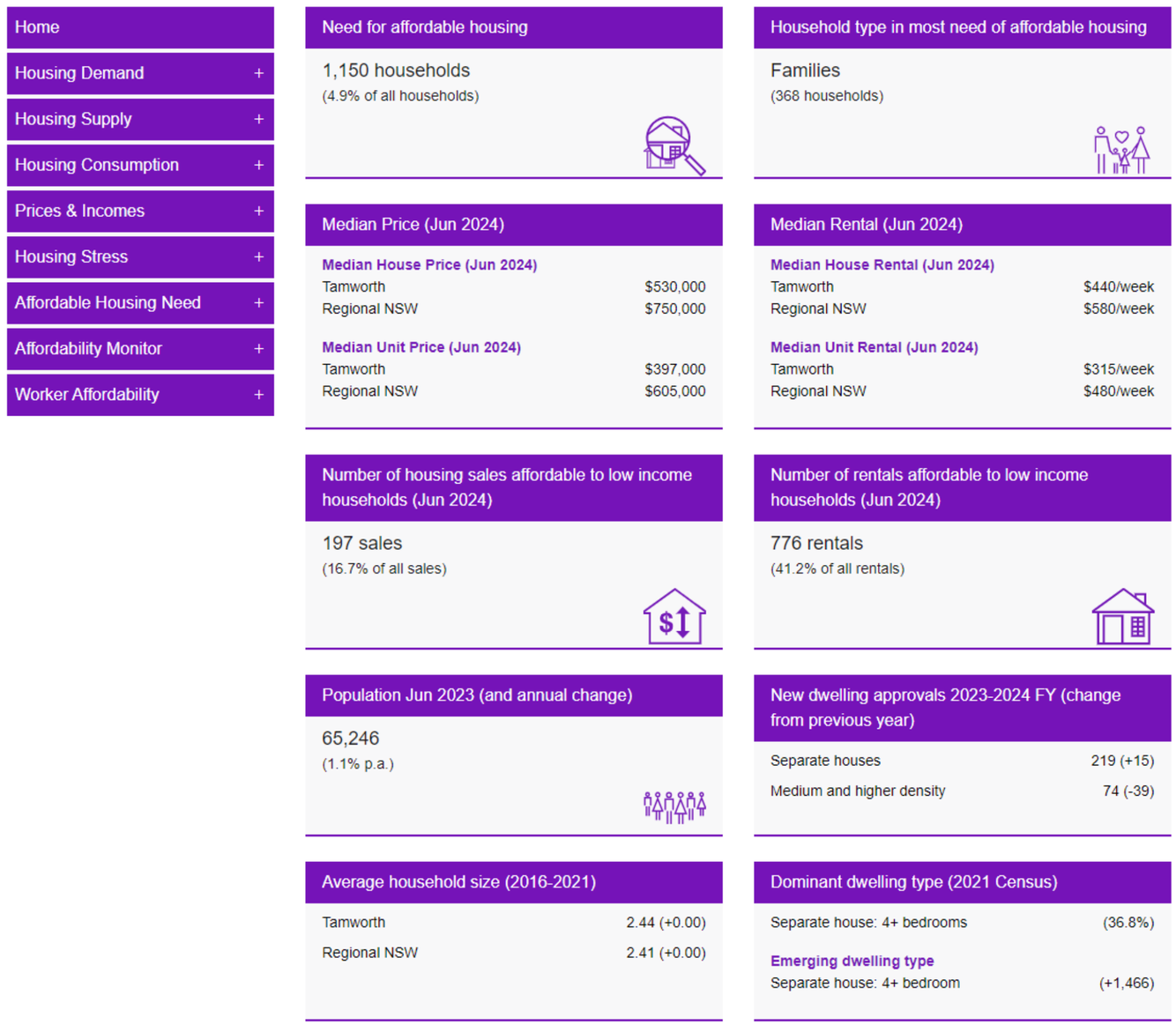
Place-Based Solutions

EXAMPLE:

- Community feedback gives use the ‘sense’ that there is a housing crisis and a need for more housing that people can afford. What it doesn’t tell us is how to address this issue
- .id data drawn for commercial and ABS data provides insights into which sectors of the community are most in need, how many households need housing, what is affordable, what types of housing are needed, and where supply needs to be improved.
- We can then use this data to inform a core plan to tackle housing and ensure our place based plans are reflective of the actual housing need.
- We can also use this data to track the impact our responses are having.







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- Inner Residential
- Low Density Residential
- Rural Living
- Village
- Urban Mixed Use
- Local Business
- General Business
- Central Business
- Commercial
- Light Industrial
- General Indusrtrial
- Rural
- Agriculture
- Landscape Conservation
- Environmental Management
- Major Tourism
- Port and Marine
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- Community Purpose
- Recreation
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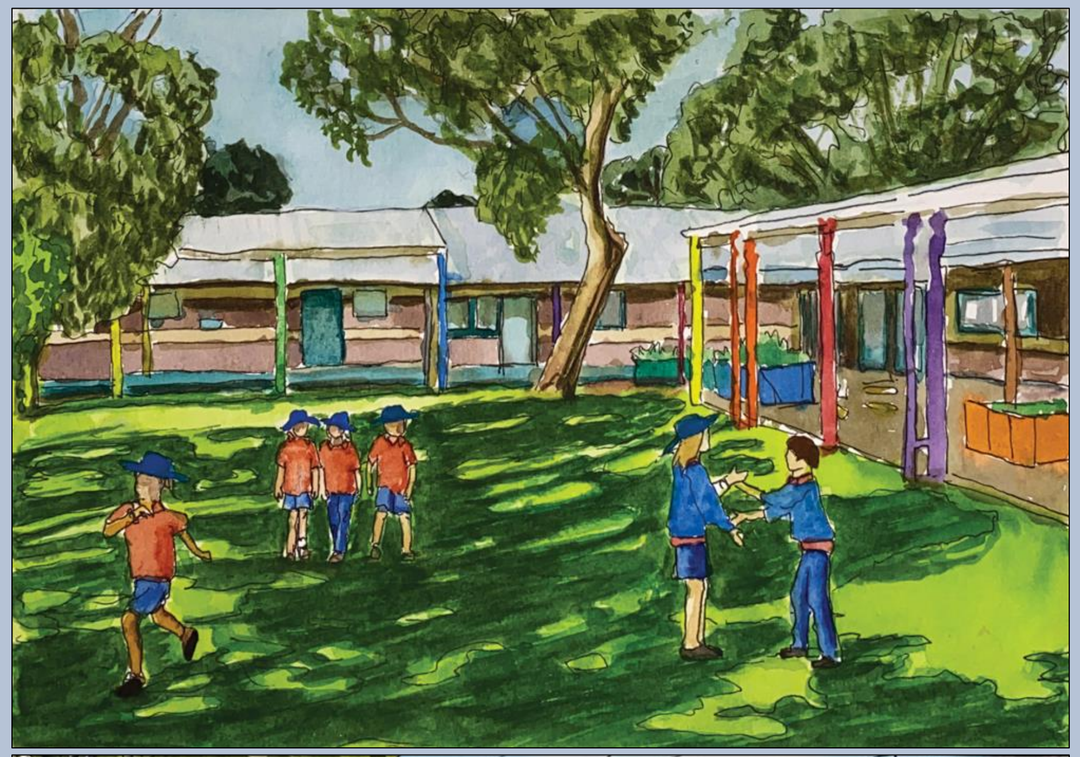
- Future Urban
- Particular Purpose



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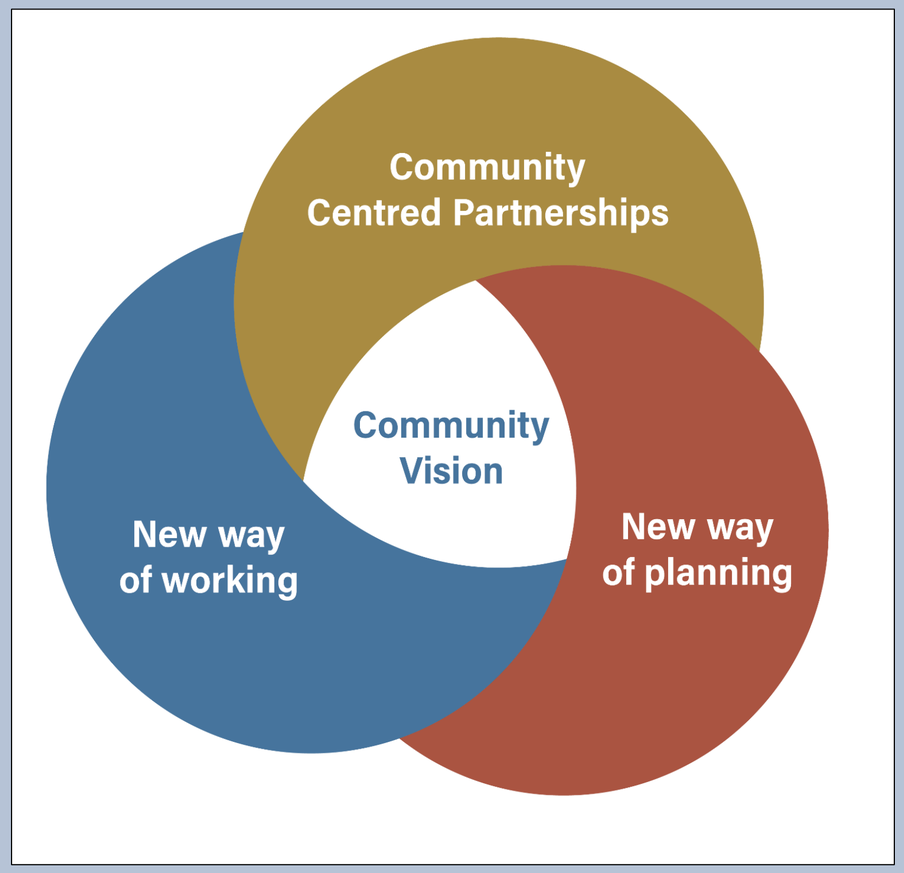
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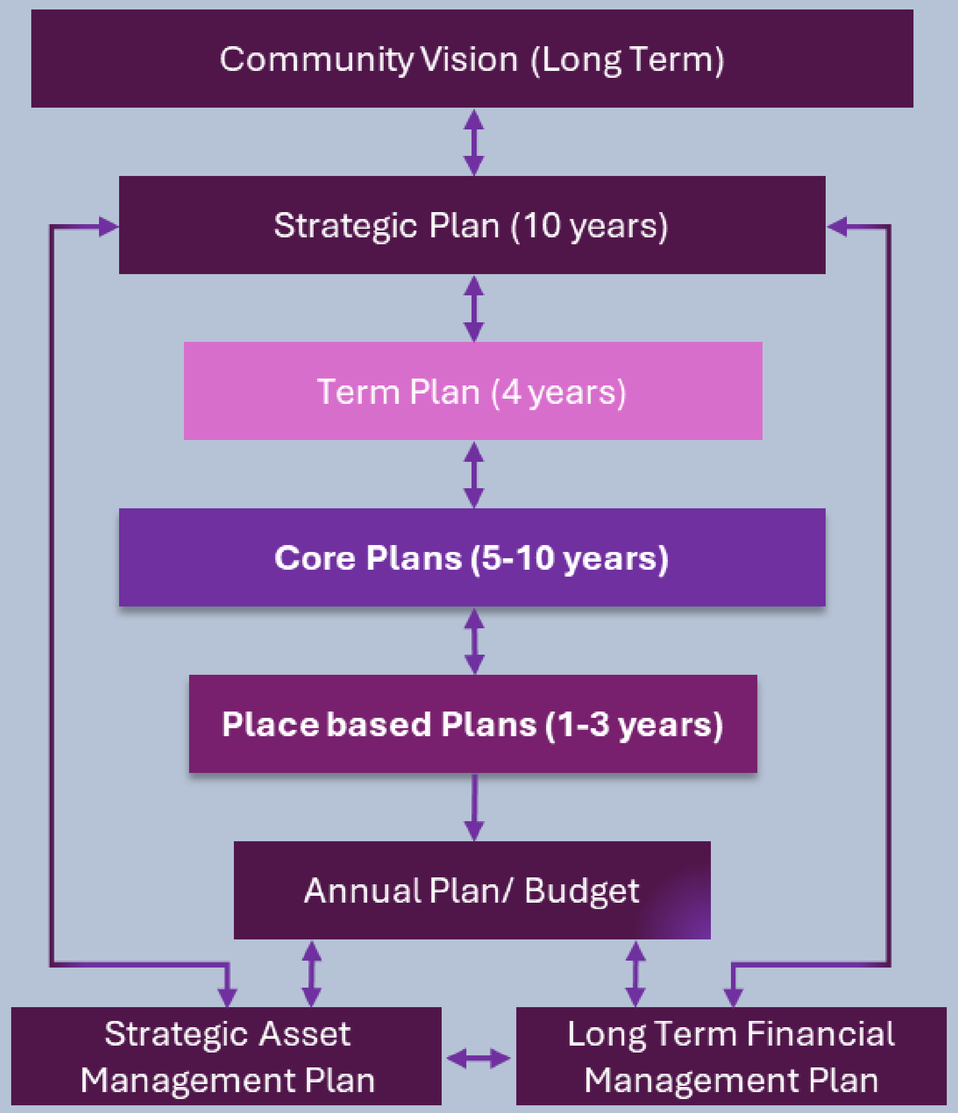
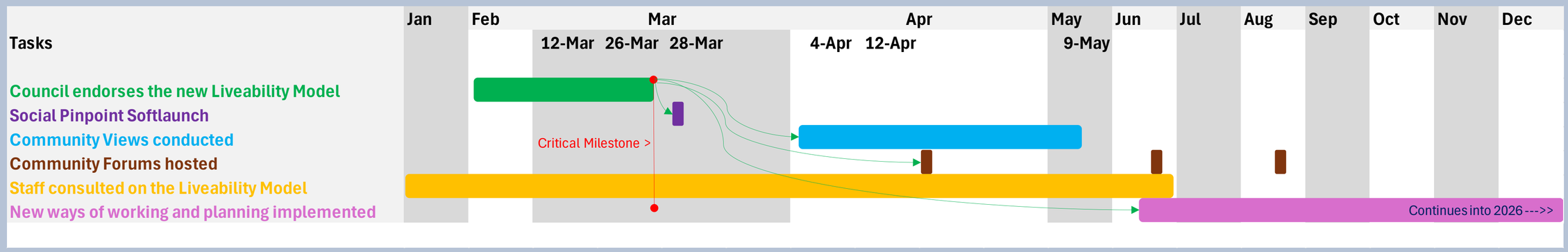

Community Vision (Long Term)
Strategic Plan (10 years)
Term Plan (4 years)
Core Plans (5-10 years)
Place based Plans (1-3 years)
Annual Plan/ Budget
Strategic Asset Management Plan
Long Term Financial Management Plan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Social Pinpoint Softlaunch
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Community Forums hosted
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