



# Sustaining our Towns

Sustainability – It's our Future

A project co-ordinated by

South East Resource Recovery



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## Project aim



To help reduce the ecological footprints of individuals, homes, businesses and communities in thirteen Council areas across South Eastern NSW.

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## Team today



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## Focus question



**How can we use collective thinking and action to foster change towards sustainability in our communities?**

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## Objectives



- Demonstrate a process
- Share the process by using the process
- Explore other strategies available
- Share knowledge & network
- Reflect on what we've learned

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# Collective Engagement \*



*What **SHOULD** we do to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?*



*What **ARE** we doing to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?*



*What **COULD** we do to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?*

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What should we do?



What **SHOULD** we do to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?

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What are we doing?



What **ARE** we doing to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?

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# Knowledge Cultures \*

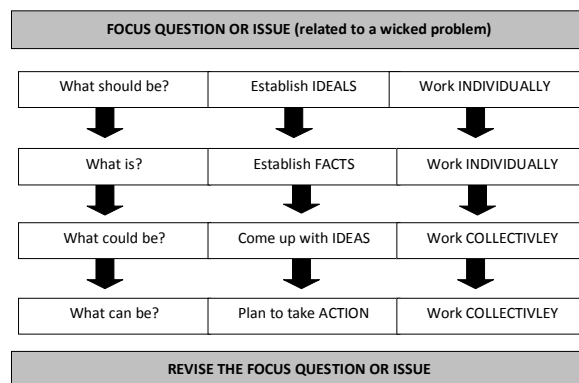


Knowledge Culture	Drawn from	Central role in decision making
<b>Individual knowledge</b>	Memory, reflection, self-referenced identity	Enabling
<b>Local knowledge</b>	Lived experience, dialogue, memory, community, cultural expectations	Grounding
<b>Specialised knowledge</b>	Academic disciplines, observation, measurement, cause and effect, systems design	Examining
<b>Strategic knowledge</b>	Alliances, evaluation, acceptability, organisational systems & policies, democratic principles	Ensuring
<b>Holistic knowledge</b>	Metaphors, images, imagination, core knowledge	Focussing
<b>Collective knowledge</b>	The coming together of the knowledge cultures	Deciding

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# Collective Learning



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# SOT adaptation



How can we engage people in X town in sustainability?

What **SHOULD** we do to engage people in X in sustainability?



What **IS BEING DONE** to engage people in X in sustainability?



What **COULD** we do to engage people in X in sustainability?

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## What we learned



- Adapted to 2 hour meeting time
- Timekeeping
- Room layout
- Right people, right content, right place
- Allowing people to have their say
- Control the process but not content
- Provide a 'where to from here'
- Take and circulate notes (and resources)

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## What we gained



- Trust within communities
- Knowledge of large region
- Differences & commonalities
- Local priorities
- Existing local projects / initiatives
- New project ideas
- Local networks
- Base group of ambassadors

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What could we do?



What **COULD** we do to support collective thinking and action towards sustainability in our communities?

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