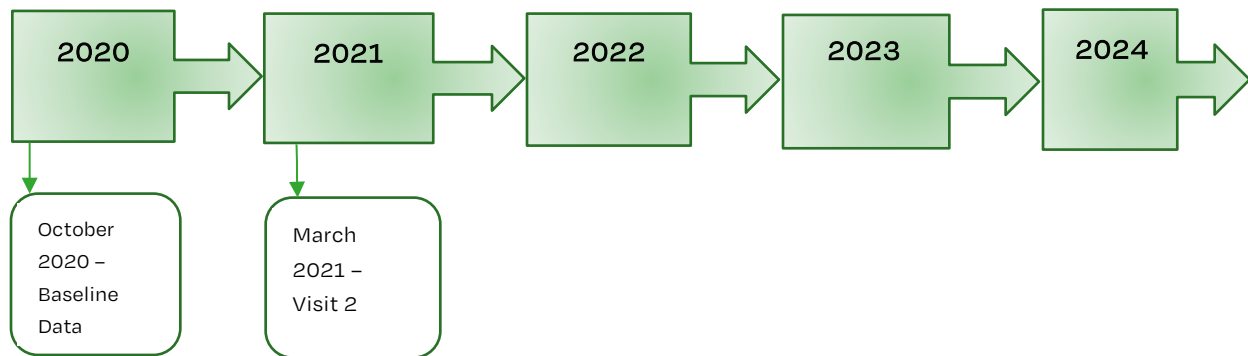




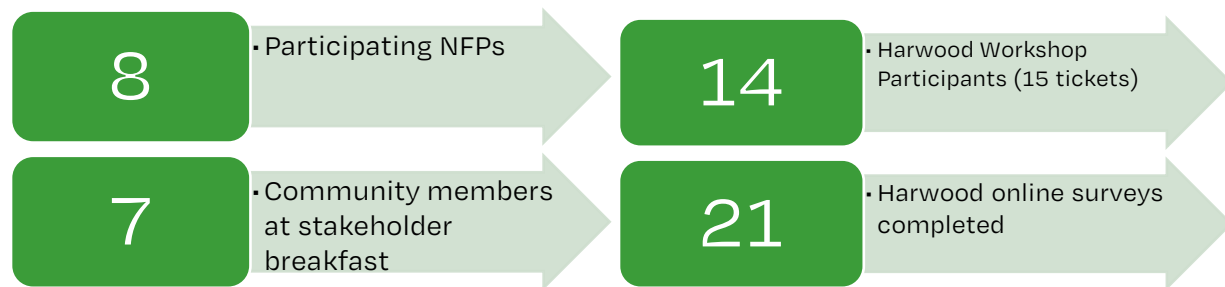
# Leeton, March 2021

## Investing in Rural Community Future

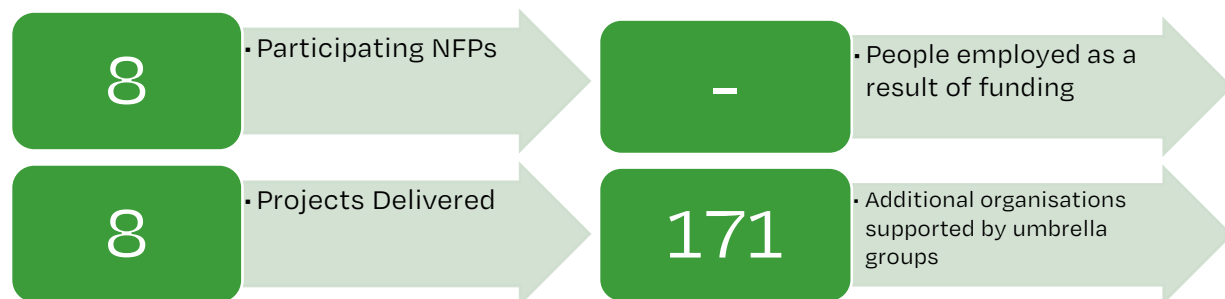
### Project Timeline



### Evaluation Participation

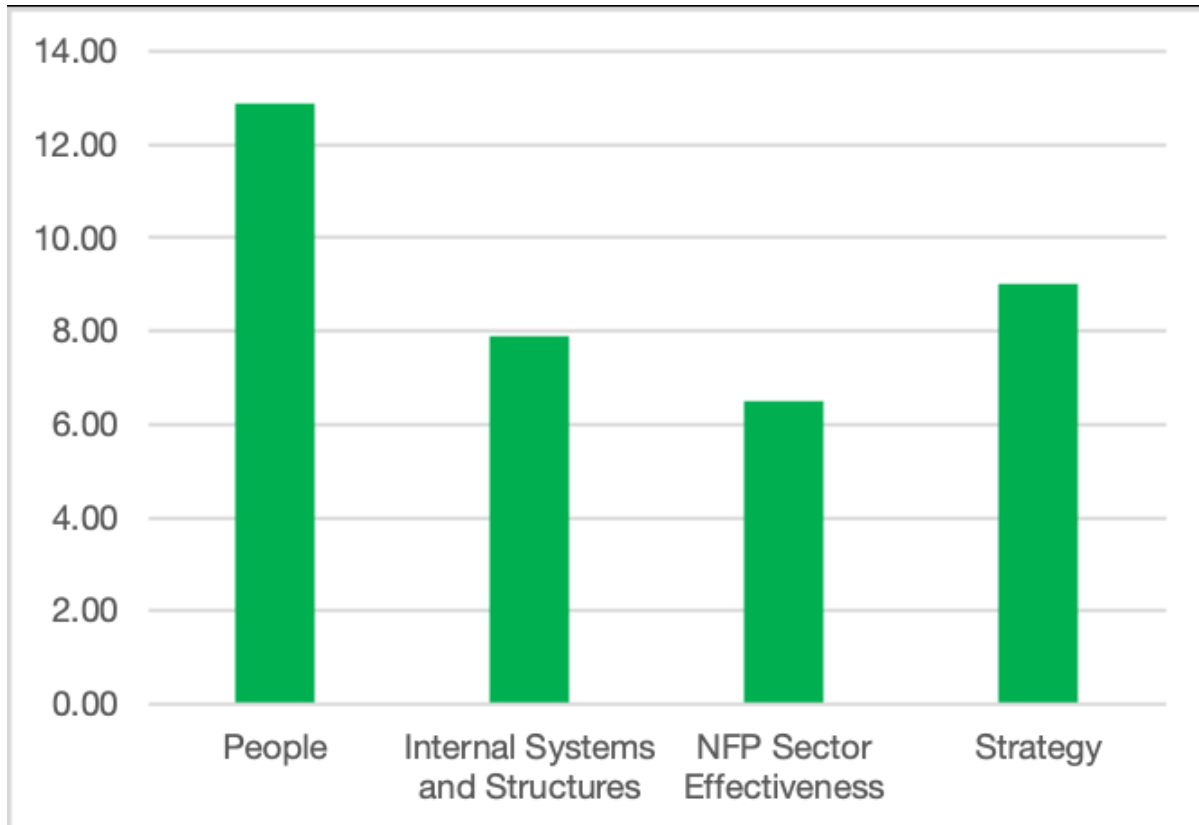


### Project Characteristics





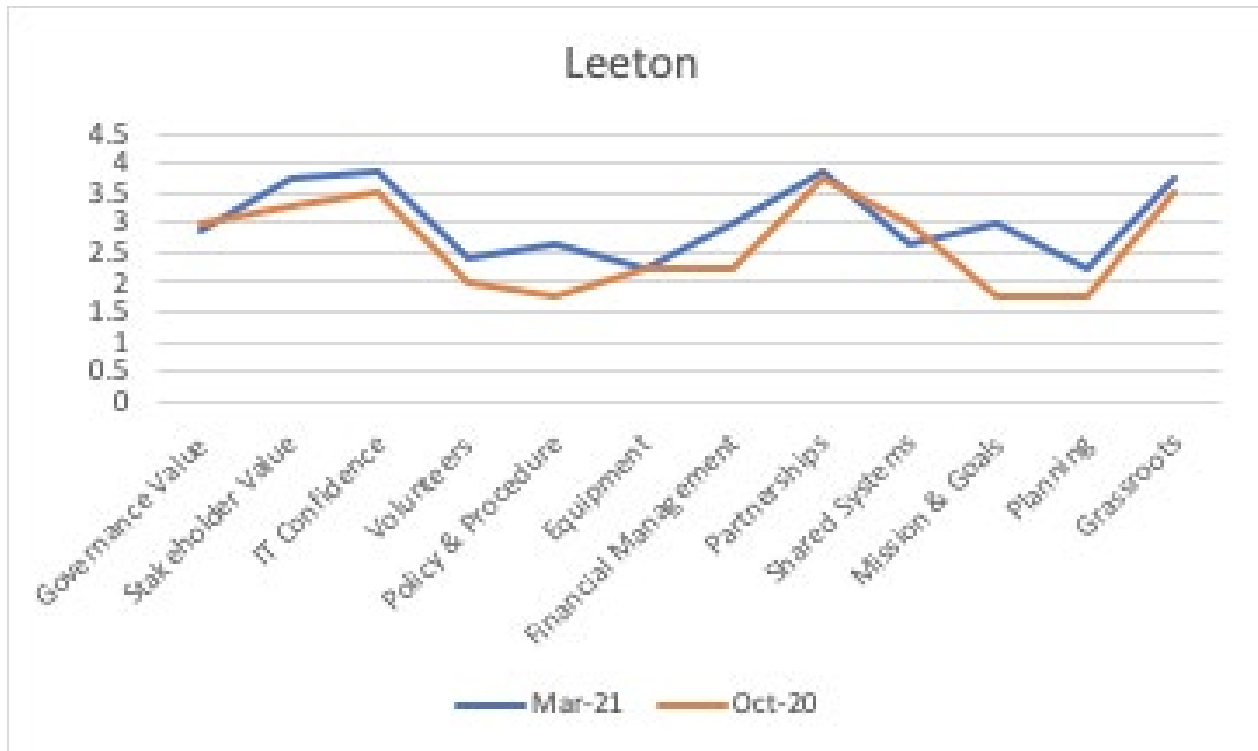
## Progress against IRCF 4 Strategic Priorities



## Funded NFPs in Leeton – Self-Assessment Results

### Overall Mean





## Questions

What have you done with the funding since our last visit?

- Capital works (2)
- Equipment (2)
- Held workshops
- Reviewed policies and procedures
- Had a WHS inspection
- Relocated to new premises
- Increased social media profile (including showcasing volunteers)
- Increased online profile of artists
- Website development

What successes have you had?

- Fixing major WHS issues for volunteers and the public
- Setting up a new office
- Taking out own insurance (previously auspiced by council)
- Moved key operations online (exhibition entries, credit program for members)
- Setting up a community hub (equipment)



Have you made any new connections in the past 6 months?

- 3 new contacts (2)
- 1 new contact (2)

What are you planning on doing next?

- More capital works with funds from Crown Lands
- Apply for next FRRR round
- Membership drive
- New website/continue website development
- More operations online
- Write guidelines for equipment use
- Promote the community hub

What barriers might there be to these projects and who could help?

- Need funding to pay a staff member
- Access to grants writer
- Availability of volunteers (2)

## Leeton Community

### Harwood Index

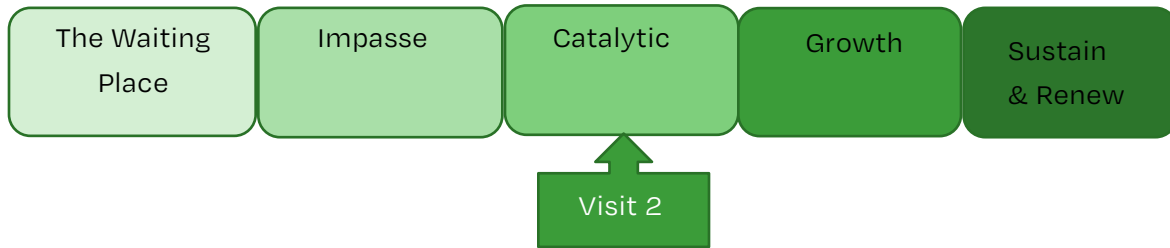
A spread between **Impasse** and **Sustain and Renew**, with most people clustered between **Catalytic** and **Growth**. There was much more spread of people across the indices this time than last time.

**Catalytic:** funding has provided inspiration for change, organisations are getting connected, there is a trying of new approaches, improvement; activities are leading to a sense of pride.

**Impasse:** lack of opportunity for youth, volunteer base is getting smaller and older, some committees are resistant to change and risk averse.

**Growth:** There is a community awareness about the work of the non-profits, including the arts community and Roxy redevelopment, there is an active shore council.

**Issues:** Social media need and need for grant writing.



## External Stakeholders

A number of more complex and established non-profits have joined the Leeton group of non-profits, and this was noted by the seven external stakeholders at the breakfast. Leeton Police have observed how several of the organisations are working collaboratively with other community organisations by way of providing venues and some of their services. One organisation has recently employed a new manager, and this has led to greater use of local media which has contributed to a higher profile for them and Leeton as a whole.

It was noted that volunteers are needed but that not all of the opportunities to volunteer have been communicated in the community which was seen as disappointing. There is innovative work taking place by at least two organisations on volunteer engagement programs. There are also the same people involved in different organisations. The group felt there needed to be more work on capacity building of people, not just physical resources. Need to stop relying on motivated individuals who hold multiple positions, as well as support the next generation of volunteers.

## FRRR Contribution

Round 1	\$60,000	<b>\$8,000</b>	\$\$ leveraged as a result of funding – one NFP.
Round 2	\$139,143		
Round 2	\$276,963		
<b>Funding total: \$476,106</b>			