



# Kangaroo Valley Community Roadmap Review

Friday 10 June – Kangaroo Valley Hall

Nine participants from various community organisations across Kangaroo Valley came together to learn more about the Nowra Community Roadmap, as part of the Investing in Rural Community Futures (IRCF) Program. It was a chance to identify local organisation needs and discover how they might be involved in seeking funding to strengthen their organisations. The workshop was hosted by Mel Geltch and Ronan O'Connor from Campfire Coop with Kate Dezarnaulds and Lauren Ryan from FRRR. Uncle Tom Moore welcomed us to Country.



## Why does your work really matter to you?

Here's a summary of responses to our check in:

- I do a lot of Welcome to Country and I get to meet and yarn with people
- It's important that we tell the story of the deep history and custodianship of the first nations people of Kangaroo Valley
- The community matters and it ties in all the organisations I work with
- This organisational work gives me something to do and look forward to



- Collaboration is the key to a future of a collective community
- If we didn't do the work, the species we protect would not exist – the world needs this
- Creativity and the opportunity to be a part of community arts is in my DNA
- Our work saves lives. It's important to do the work even when it is not front of mind

We had rounds of Café conversations to talk about the strengths and needs of our organisations and surfacing ideas for potential initiatives to become even stronger.

## What are the unique strengths of our community organisations?

- Sense that we must help ourselves
- Strong sense of identity
- Capacity to network through shared interests
- Love of the environment and this unique place
- Harnessing the skills, resources, influence and wisdom of new community members
- Good intentions and evolved strategies to avoid and diffuse conflict
- Continuation and sense of colonial history and local agriculture
- Crossover of volunteers
- Resilient community
- Strong volunteerism
- Inclusive community open to listening to people and working together across community lines
- Highly skilled and affluent community
- Identification with Kangaroo Valley
- Sense of belonging, familiarity
- Rich and active avenues of communication
- Green, environmental, sustainable, ecological values



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## What else is needed to make our organisations even stronger?

- Village gatherings - care and connection
- Youth-led youth group engagement
- Wellbeing and mental health - resilience fatigue and older community plus village businesses and high school kids
- Economic development support - village businesses and activities
- Valley mapping of physical and environmental and wildlife corridors
- Weekender and new resident connection and inclusion pack
- Calm
- Digital community cooperative
- Admin support
- More people?
- Internet connection
- Transport solutions
- Money - relying on donation
- A way to identify and share skills across groups
- Road safety and wildlife behaviour eg: wombats
- A way of connecting with local Indigenous communities
- A shared understanding and awareness of groups in the Valley
- Growing memberships with more and younger members
- More hands on deck, more doers, more engagement in the breadth of organisations
- Knowledge of Aboriginal history, and access to Aboriginal knowledge
- Better coordination and alignment of interested groups especially from outside services
- Place based responses - services listening to local solutions



## What ideas and initiatives are bubbling up now to make our organisations even stronger?

- Mapping community spaces, brokering partnerships to better utilise limited resources
- Invite Indigenous custodians to walk alongside us in learning
- Community organisation directory - skills and volunteer directory. Matchmaking and leveraging platform



- Cultural signage in the valley
- Adolescent and teenagers' youth group
- Evidence of Kangaroo Valley resilience in action - research, profile, case study
- Strategy and philosophical statement of being a custodian of the land
- Funding
- CCB website and communications plan
- Coordination and linking between groups - has started!
- Wildlife corridor mapping and education
- Network of connected community organisations
- Feasibility study for Electric Vehicle charging station
- Seed funding to incorporate Resilience Kangaroo Valley (former Kangaroo Valley Bushfire Committee)

## Reviewing the roadmap for Kangaroo Valley

What do the vision & principles of the Nowra roadmap, and the goals, mean for us in Kangaroo Valley? We heard stories of some of the learnings and successes of the projects from the Nowra partnership grant recipients for Year 1. We looked at the goals of the roadmap to see if the unique needs of Kangaroo Valley organisations would fit within the existing roadmap. And they did. We spent some time exploring project ideas for funding through Year 2 of the IRCF's Nowra Community Roadmap, [using this co-design graphic template](#).

## Next steps

- We have 5 workshops reviewing the Community Roadmaps during June, in Nowra, Bay & Basin, Kangaroo Valley, Ulladulla and Batemans Bay.
- The next round of partnership grants opens 20 June, and closes 26 July, announced by end of October, for funding before Christmas. Evaluation will happen again around March next year.
- There is \$100,000 provided by the Snow Foundation for the Nowra Roadmap goals.
- Kate and Carolyn from FRRR are available for support and help to write applications.
- Toolbox funding is available for collaborative quick response grants.

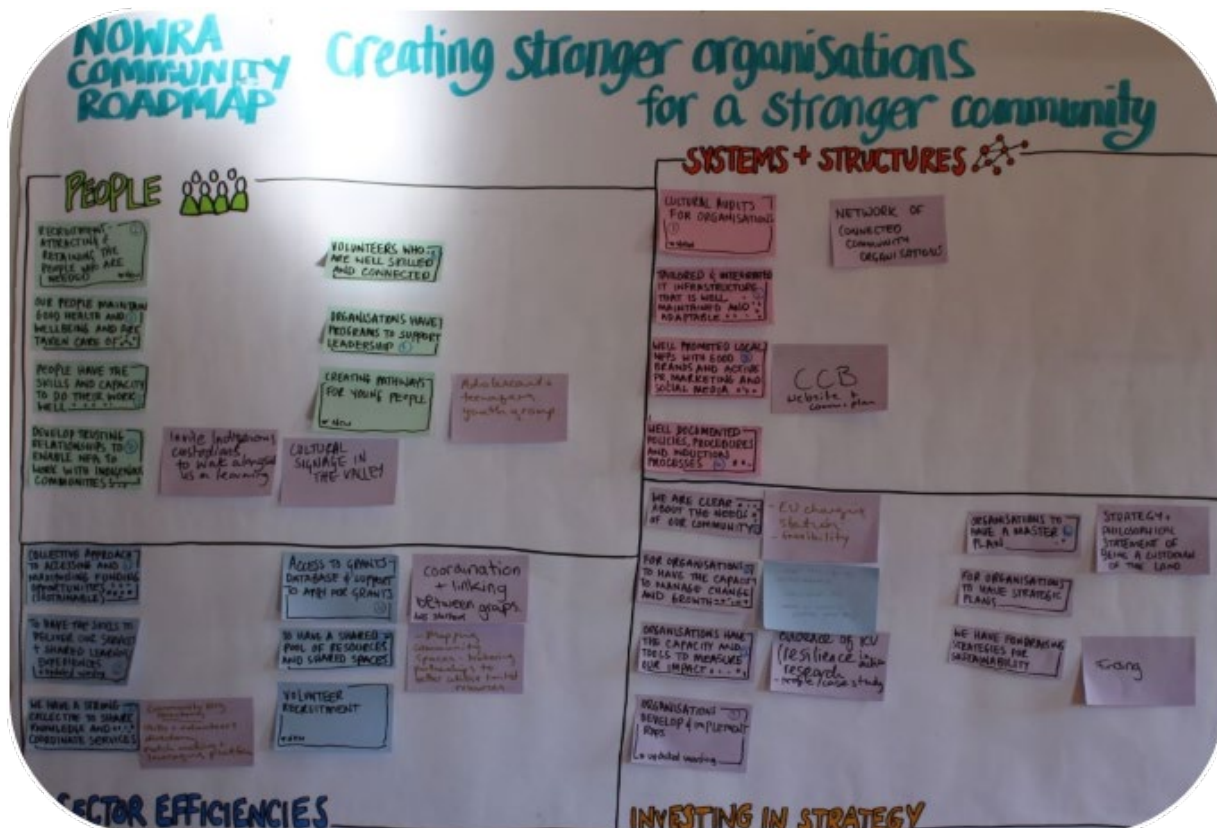




## What are you taking with you from today?

Here's how we checked out of the day:

- Very informative
- I enjoyed this. It was very clear and focused with a clear pathway forward
- I'm excited. Let's get started
- The self-care of organisations is nurturing and important.
- A strong sense of community striving. Good intentions, care for the past and the future
- The penny dropped with self-care for our organisations. Very nurturing
- Care and turmoil. I feel it's a moment to stop. Self-care is important. A moment for it today
- Lovely to see framework and skills of design in a community setting. New ideas and strong themed connections
- Really useful and really helpful.



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