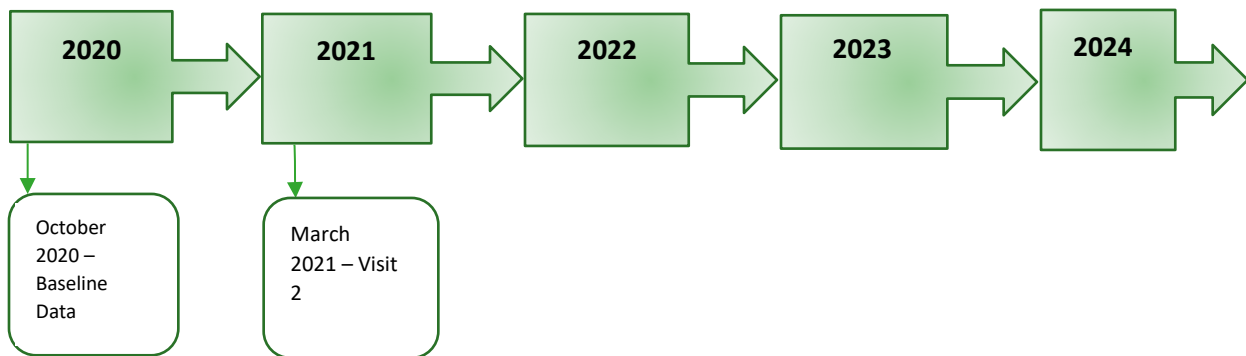




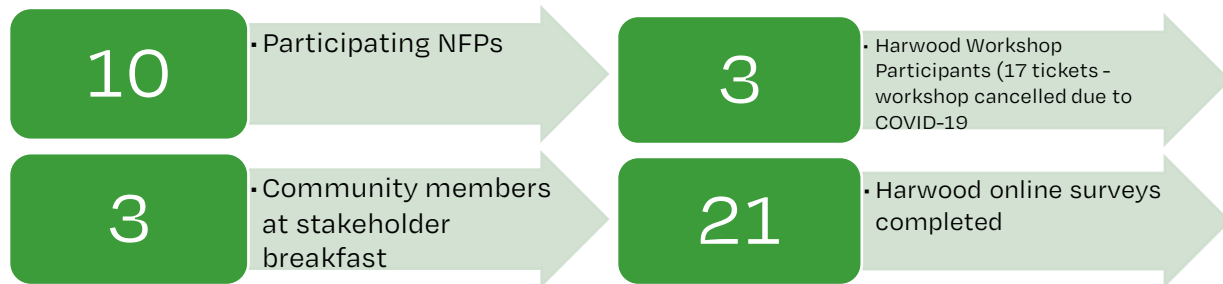
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Project Timeline



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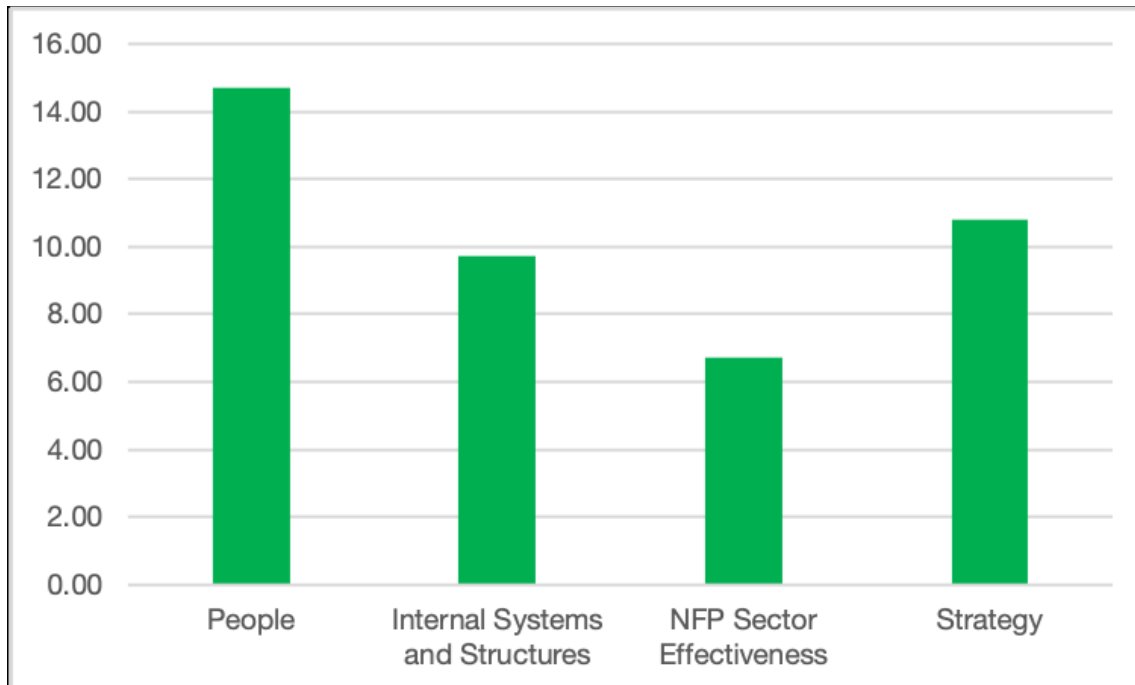


Project Characteristics





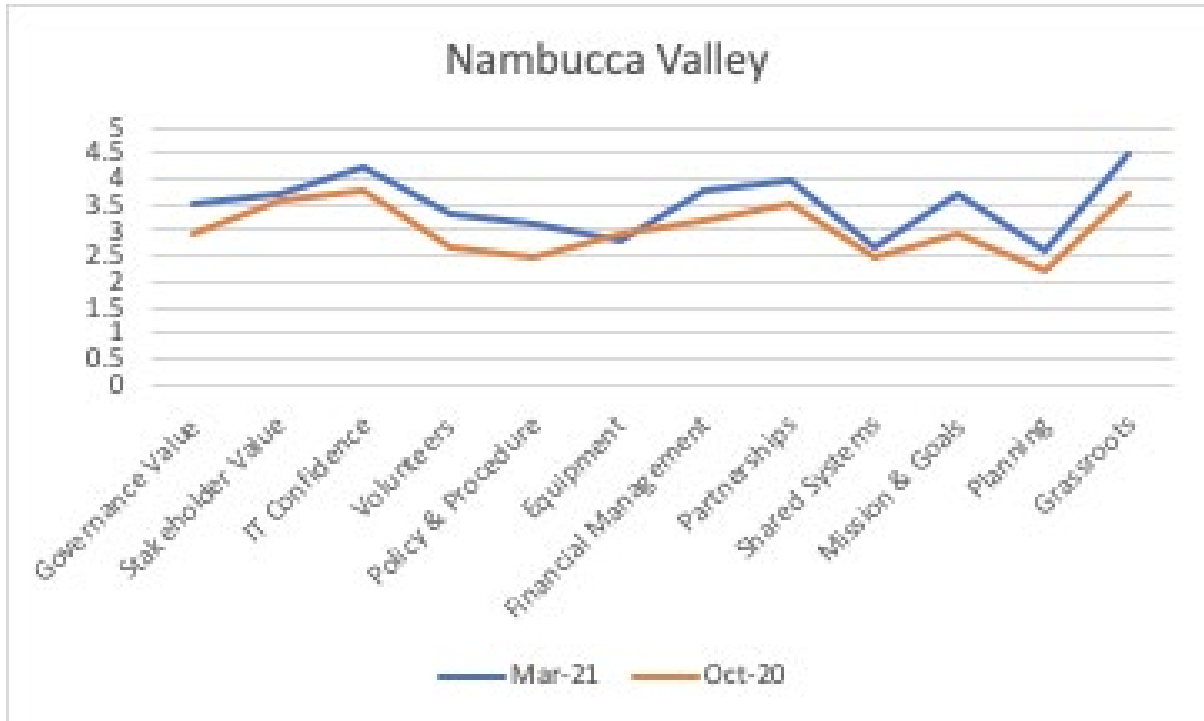
Progress against IRCF 4 Strategic Priorities



Funded NFPs in Nambucca Valley – Self-Assessment Results

Overall Mean





Questions

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

- Employed staff (4)
- Equipment (2)
- Board/stff development (3)
- Fundraising (2)
- Website (2)
- Strategic/business planning (2)
- Project delivery

What successes have you had?

- New staff member – her confidence is boosted. Others know we have an admin person so they go to her
- Engaging a media consultant has freed up the project officer to work on projects
- New staff member (2)
- Community capacity building
- Significant fundraiser (pitch)
- Expanded service delivery
- Graduated students from Certificate III in Endangered Aboriginal Language Program
- Supported other organisations with grant applications



- Help with workshops and NAIDOC events
- People working together to create a shared vision for the project
- We re-opened the organisation and are growing program delivery. We rebranded to be more inclusive of the whole community.
- The (positive) community reaction has been overwhelming. New partnerships have been created with community groups and NFPs. This has had an impact on the broader community (e.g., tourism).

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

- 3 new connections
- Multiple new connections
- 5 new connections
- 3-4 new connections
- 8 new connections
- 3 new connections
- Approximately 10
- 1 new connection
- At least 10 new and ongoing
- 70-90 new connections

What are you planning on doing next?

- Applied for BLERF funding and going for Job Creation funding next
- New program – employment of offenders
- Engaging consultant to run training
- Governance project
- “We are looking at forming a group to talk about values in the community and explore how communities can have shared values and what this might look like. This would also help people be accountable for their actions”.
- We've applied for capital funding. Also need to generate ongoing funding.
- Strategic plan
- Increased collaboration/partnerships
- Wellbeing festival
- Progressing the website. Asking stakeholders what they want on the website.
- Business plan, marketing, business development
- Apply for funding for admin support. Holding a community open day.

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

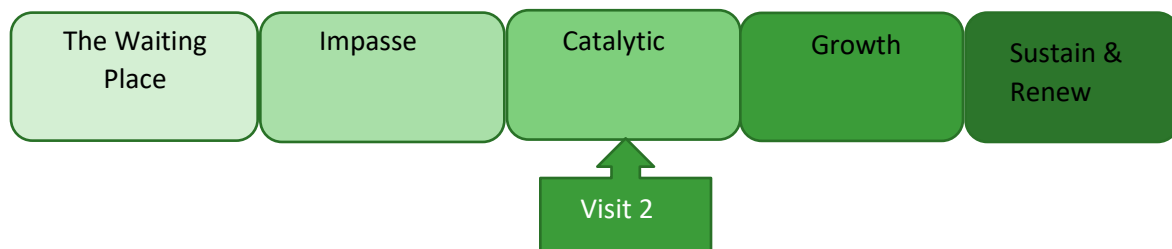


- The weather as some of our projects are outside (garden)
- Change takes time for it to succeed
- Funding and resources (5)
- Whether things fit our purpose
- Reservations about project sustainability, stewardship and governance – issues need to be resolved. A strong partnership with the council could help.

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While no workshop was held, the pre-workshop surveys indicated **Catalytic**.



External Stakeholders

Despite a smaller group of external stakeholders due to a last minute Covid-related change to Zoom delivery, themes and content were rich and valuable. Collaboration was observed between three of the organisations and another two are working together to secure a shared bookkeeper. The use of social media such as Facebook was noted as one of the ways a collaboration between two of the organisations was shared and promoted. The IRCF participating organisations are a good reflection of the cultural diversity of what happens in the community. Collaboration and community connection were qualities used to describe many of the stakeholders – “Sustainable collaboration and a cultural focus is really integral”.

FRRR Contribution

Round 1 \$60,000

Round 2 \$259,960

Funding total: \$355,960

\$58,000

\$\$ leveraged as a result of funding – one NFP.