# Local self-determination, collective support

Adapting collective impact models for disaster resilience, response and recovery

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## What is Collective Impact?

1. A Common Agenda

2. Mutually reinforcing activities

3. Shared Measurement

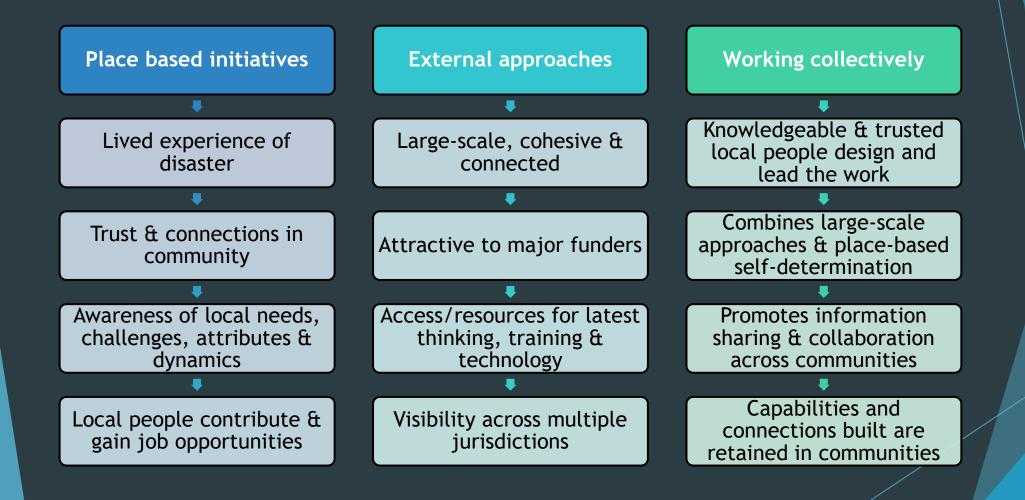
4. Continuous Communication

5. A "Backbone" Team

Stanford Social Innovation Review, *Collective Impact*, 2011



## Why Collective Impact for Disaster Resilience?



## Why Youth Participation?

Honours young people's rights as residents and citizens

Makes services & activities more relevant and engaging

Connects young people to their community

Builds intergenerational cooperation, trust and respect

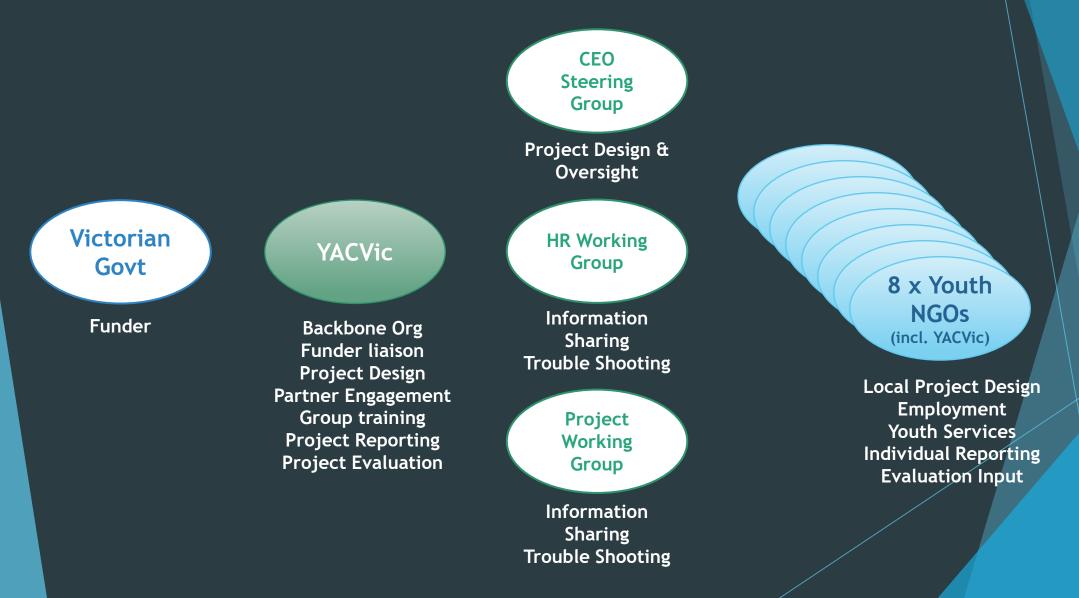
Brings fresh ideas and different thinking

Builds young people's capabilities, connection & wellbeing



https://yerp.yacvic.org.au/why-it-matters/involve-young-people/why-it-makes-sense-to-involve-young-people

## How? Working for Victoria (COVID pandemic)



### How? Future Proof (Black Summer bushfire recovery)

Australian Govt

Funder

Project Steering Group

Strategic & Governance Oversight

### 3 x LLENs

Qualifications support Traineeship liaison

Backbone Org Funder liaison Partner Engagement Lead of CoP Group training Project Reporting

YACVic

Youth engagement Youth workers Peer workers Youth consultations Local training Youth-led projects Qualifications support Individual Reporting

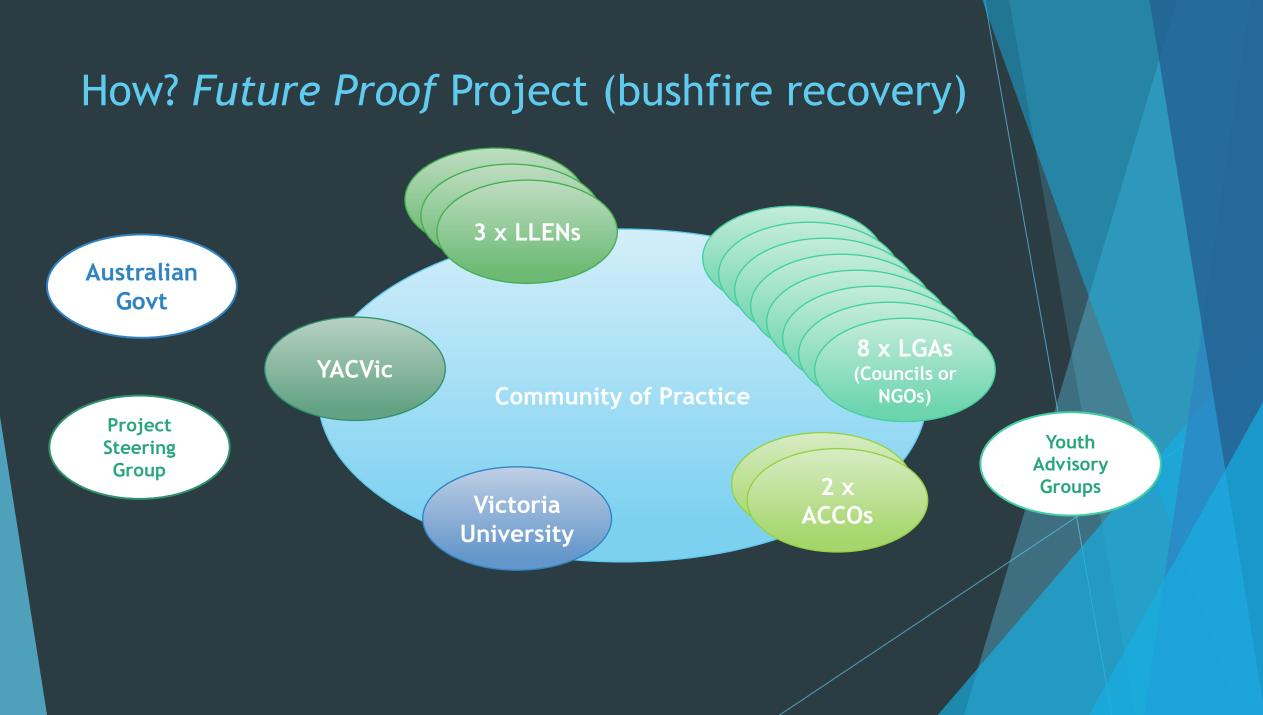
#### 8 x LGAs (Councils or NGOs)

**ACCOs** 

Youth Advisory Groups

Victoria University

Embedded research partner Evaluation Evidence building



## How? Project Umbrella (floods)

Victorian Government

Funder Project Design

### YACVic

Backbone Org Funder liaison Project Design Partner Engagement Training Delivery Reporting Evaluation

#### 8 x Youth NGOs

Local Project Design Project Delivery

## What's been challenging?

## Constrained project timelines

Limited services & capacity, especially in rural/regional areas

Restricted resources re backbone function & partner engagement

Timing / flexibility of project design

Post COVID impacts

## What's working?

\$ millions of funding for youth-focused disaster efforts Local young people central to / leading disaster project design and delivery Employment of young people with lived experience of disasters in their local communities

Improved perceptions & engagement of young people by key stakeholders Stronger relationships between organisations and across regions

## Future ambitions & opportunities

Centre of Excellence in Young People & Disasters

#### Young Thinkers in Residence

Systems Leadership Programs





# Questions?

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