



# UWA College Row LDAT

Development of an Event Management Toolkit to prevent harmful alcohol consumption at student events.

# College Row Event Management Toolkit

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- University of Western Australia
- Residential Colleges on College Row



- UWA Local Drug Action Group
- Perth, Western Australia



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# Local challenge

- Alcohol related harm is a significant problem, and alcohol is often central to student social activities
- High consumption levels at social events identified as contributing factor to sexual assault and sexual harassment
- There is a large volume and variety of College events: 1,800 in 18 months - 39% had event management plans
- Inconsistencies in event management practices, policies, guidelines and incident reporting across College Row
- Student event managers have limited experience and knowledge of event planning, roles and responsibilities and how to mitigate risk



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# Solution

- Developed a practical resource to assist in the planning and management of events with alcohol. This included a suite of policy, procedure and guideline documents for adaptation by each College Row LDAT member.
- Community Action Plan: College Row Event Management Toolkit
- Conducted an audit of each College's event management practices, existing policies, and incident reporting over the past 2 years to identify areas of success, streamlining and improvement
- Compared policies and practices with event management industry best-practice
- Collaborated with the Steering Committee to identify mutually beneficial processes for staff and student leaders



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- Presented as a GoogleSite with information on:
  - Event Management: roles and responsibilities
  - Alcohol: WA legislation for supply and use, RSA, Harm Minimisation
  - Templates & Guidelines
  - College Specific subpages
- Templates & Guidelines
  - Event Management Plans
  - Accessibility
  - Risk Management
  - Budgeting
  - Event Checklists
  - Security briefing documents (on and offsite)
  - Incident Reporting
  - Event evaluation
- Training Program

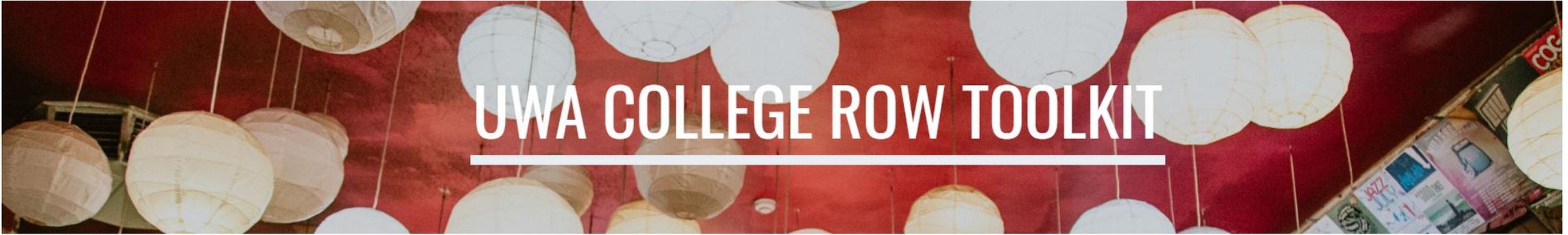


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# UWA COLLEGE ROW TOOLKIT



## WELCOME TO THE UWA COLLEGE ROW EVENT MANAGEMENT TOOLKIT

This Toolkit has been made possible by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF), the UWA College Row Local Drug Action Team, the UWA Local Drug Action Group, College Row, and the UWA Health Promotion Unit.

# Implementation

- Consultation | Aug – Sept 2018
- Development of Toolkit and Training Program | Sept 2018 - Jan 2019
- Implementation at Colleges | Commenced Feb 2019
- Delivery of Training program | Feb 2019
- Train the Trainer program | May 2019



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“Thank you to the UWA HPU on the innovative toolkit produced for College Row. Having a site where all colleges can jointly represent the importance of effective and responsible event planning is a strong message to students in residence and allows potential event planners to easily understand what is needed to implement a successful and safe event and have it approved appropriately within their college structure.”

Janet Linn

Deputy Principal and Alumni Manager | University Hall

“We are so grateful for all the work that the UWA Health Promotions Team has put into making this Toolkit. It is a wonderful opportunity to collaborate across College Row and ensure that we are all meeting best practice standards when planning events.”

Ashleigh Benadretti

Deputy Head of College | St Catherine’s College, UWA



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# Impact

- That Toolkit is valued by LDAT Project Partners including students
- The Toolkit processes are embedded into College policies and procedures
- Training is embedded into College orientation programs
- Documentation of events using the developed resources are submitted and reviewed
- Dissemination of the Toolkit to Colleges across Australia
- The sustainability of the LDAT group



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# Top tips

- 1. Engagement with all partners is essential
- 2. Flexibility
- 3. Compromise
- 4. Celebrate success



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# Stirling Local Drug Action Team (SLDAT)

Collaboration to combat the impact of methamphetamine use  
on the community



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# Connections to Resilience



## 5 CAPS

## Media Campaign



## Networking Forums



## Fix n Drive



## Capacity Building



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# ! Partner organisations



## Peak Bodies

Western Australia Association for Mental Health

Western Australia Network of Alcohol & other Drug Agencies

## Government Agencies

WA Police      Department for Child Protection and Family Support      Department of Housing

Mental Health Commission

City of Wanneroo

## Non Government Organisations

Mercycare

Cyrenian House

Palmerston

Headspace

Ruah Community Services

Partners in Recovery - Black Swan

Salvation Army

Uniting Care West

The Smith Family

Mission Australia

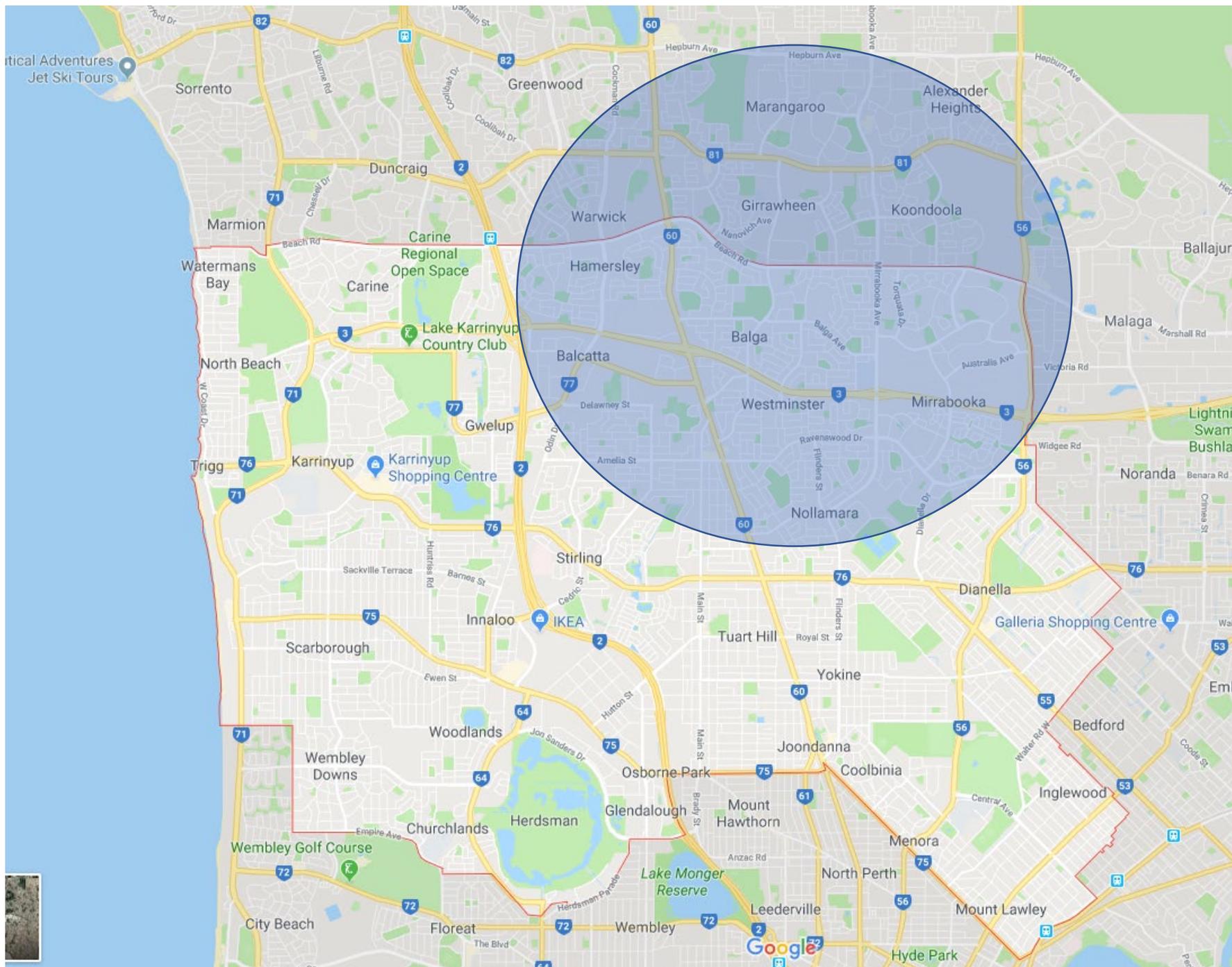
Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Community Group

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## What was the Local Challenge?

- Methamphetamine and its increasing impact on the community
  - Inaccurate/sensationalised information in the media re Meth use
    - Negative attitude towards people affected by Meth use (fear, stigmatisation)
    - People reluctant to seek help
  - Lack of knowledge around the available supports for both community and sector
  - Lack of knowledge about the affects of Meth use in the community and how to support those affected
  - Lack of pro-social activities in low socio economic areas

## Demographic snap shot in Stirling

- 38% of City of Stirling born overseas
- 2,245 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents
- 25.60% of residents have not completed high school
- Overall unemployment rate of 6.3%

## Target audience/priority groups

- Suburbs of Balga and Mirrabooka
- Young People (specifically young males 15-20)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Culturally and Linguistically Divers Communities

## Demographic snap shot of Balga, Mirrabooka, Koondoola and Girrawheen

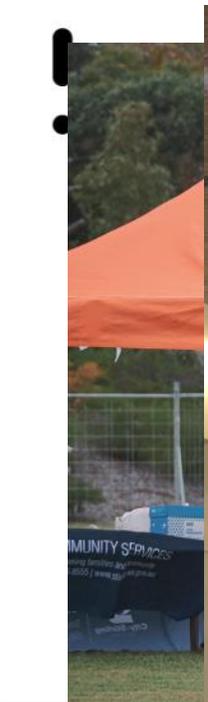
- 2<sup>nd</sup> most disadvantaged statistical area in WA
- Amongst the bottom 11% most disadvantaged localities in Australia
- 21.9% unemployment rate
- 22.23% live on less than \$400 per week

## • **What was our Solution?**

We didn't know

So how did we find out

- Co-design workshops and development of prototypes
- Community engaged
  - Aboriginal Elders, ethno specific community leaders, families affected by methamphetamine use, at risk young people and service providers
- 5 CAPS that were designed to increase protective factors, connect service providers, promote suitable programs/services, raise awareness about D & A issues and increase the capacity of community members



**City of Stirling**  
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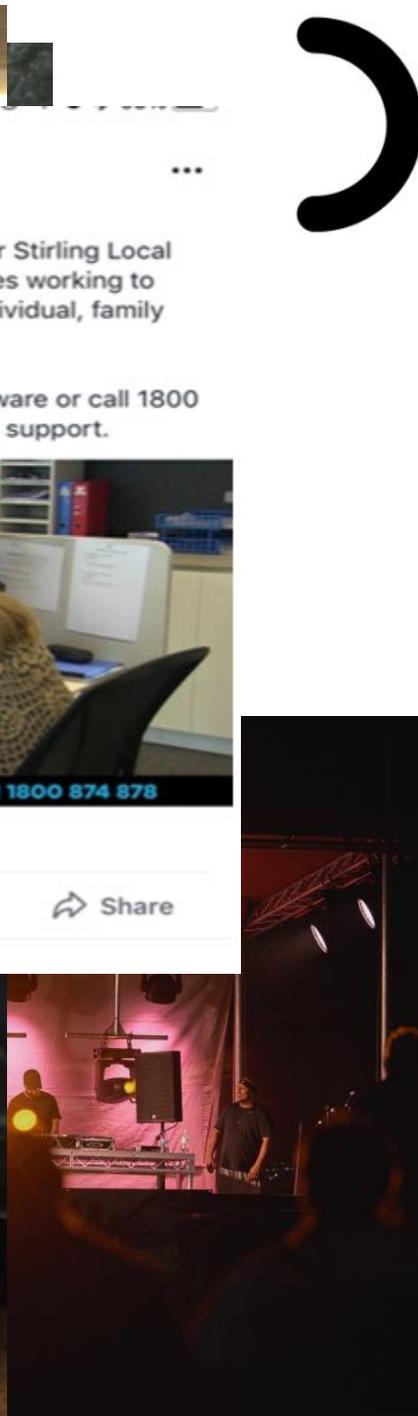
City of Stirling are the lead agency for Stirling Local Drug Action Team, a group of agencies working to reduce the impact of meth on the individual, family and community.

Concerned about meth? Visit Drug Aware or call 1800 874 878 for free confidential info and support.

**CALL THE METH HELPLINE 24/7 ON 1800 874 878**

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# Impact

**What happened / what do you anticipate will happen?**

- Participation
- Feedback
- Impact so far and anticipated impact
- Learning
- What has changed
- Next steps...

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## Top tips

- 1. You don't have to know what you are doing but you need to surround yourself with people who do
- 2. Engagement is key.. Community driven, community inspired
- 3. Strengths, strengths, strengths!!!
- 4. Common Goal
- 5. Clear communication

‘The art of working together is as old as humanity. With smart leaders and processes that are respectful, informative and flexible we can work together to find enduring solutions to even the most complex problems’.

Twyford (2012)

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# 'Building our Future'

Creating natural play scapes in a community park



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# YFCC – who are we?

- A not for profit, community based organisation
- Working across the North West and West Coast of Tasmania
- Supporting community to access the support, encouragement and resources they need for their health and wellbeing.

What do we do?



# Devonport Local Drug Action Team

Partner organisations:

- Devonport Community House
- Devonport City Council
- Department of Education
- Don College
- Cornerstone Youth Services
- Tasmania Police
- Beacon Foundation
- Dr. Jane Cooper



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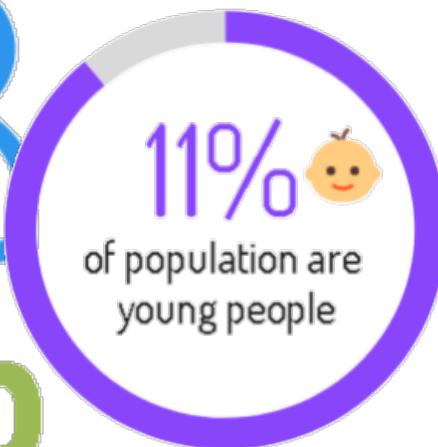
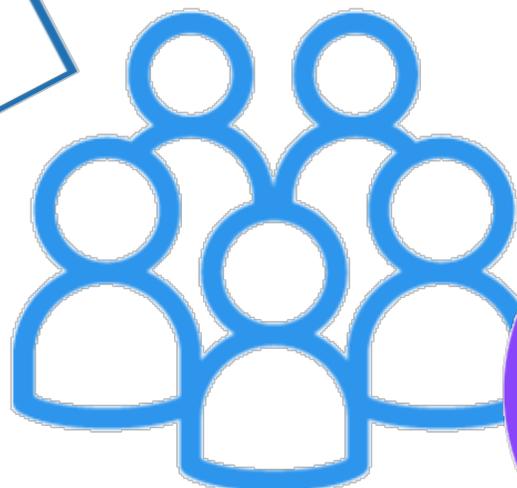
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# Local challenge

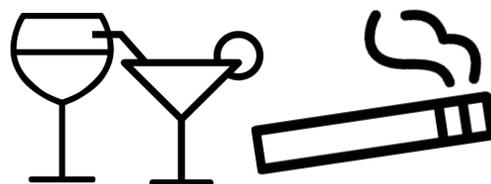
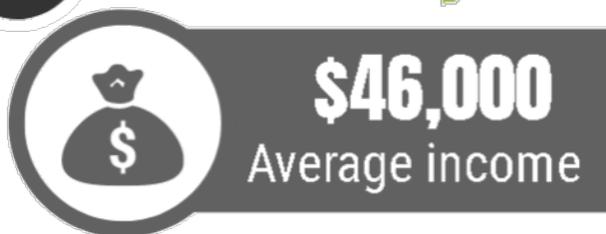
Area	SEIFA Index
Devonport	902
Tasmania	940
Australia	956

Proportion of people 14 years and older who used illicit drugs according to National Drug Strategy Household survey 2016 ↓

State/Territory	Illicit use of any drug
Tas	17.4
NSW	14.7
Vic	15.0
Qld	16.8
WA	16.8
SA	15.7
ACT	12.9
NT	21.6
National	15.6



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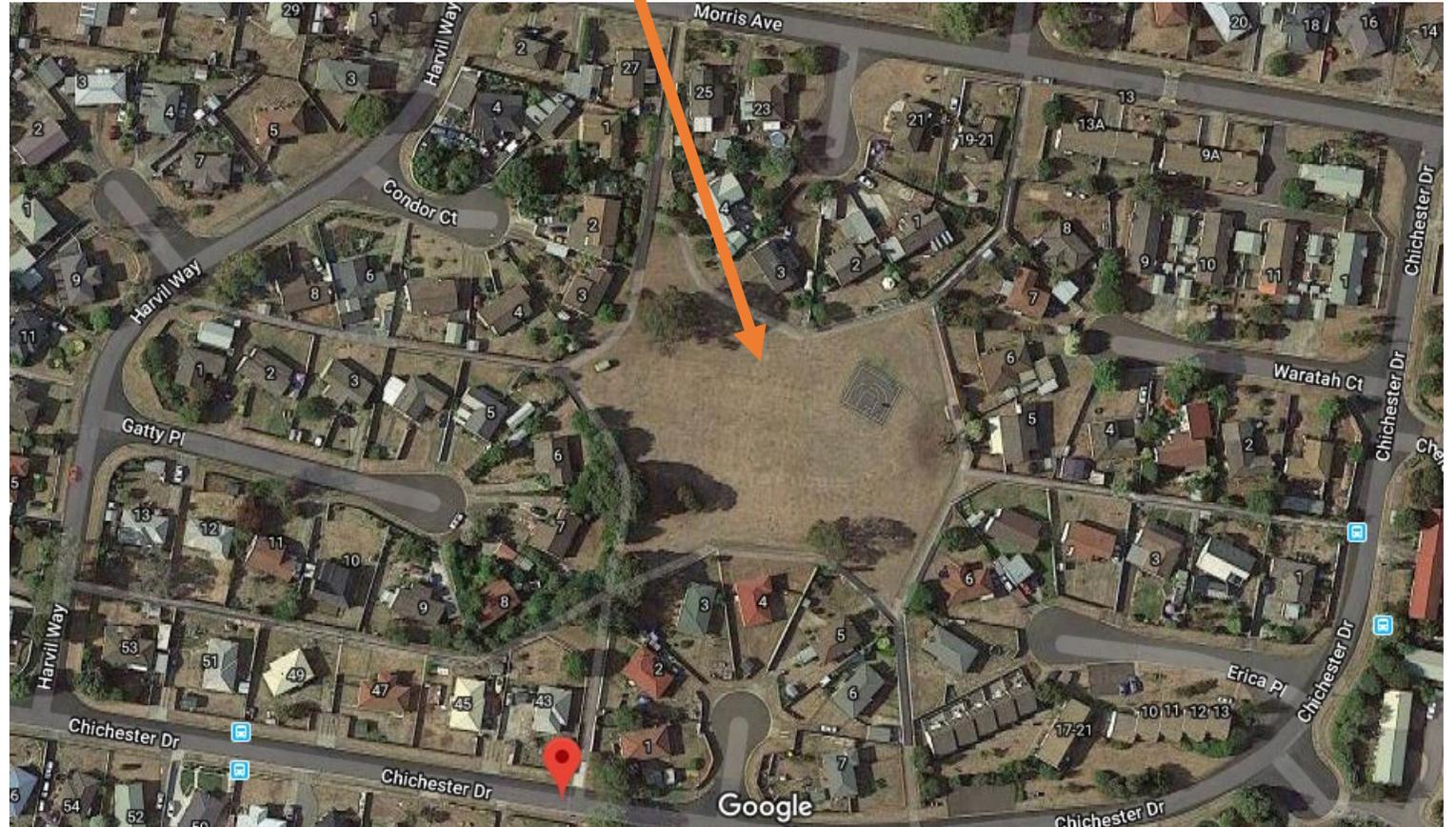
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# Highfield Park

- Park surrounded by houses with young families
- Traditional Tasmanian housing area
- History of distrust
- High rates of vandalism



# Solution



Community members know their communities best and have a huge opportunity to affect change.

Local community members voting on what they want to see in the park.



## Natural play-scapes

- Integrate natural components to create a playground
- Provide opportunities for both physical & creative play
- A space that all ages can enjoy

# Implementation

## Steps:

1. Key partners develop & sign MOU
2. Engage local residents
3. Identify & engage with up to 30 school students
4. Identify & engage suitable mentors based on the needs of the students
5. Co-design of the playscape



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Implementation steps continued:

6. Site preparation and purchase of equipment
7. Undertake building process
8. Launch playscape
9. Evaluation of project
10. Determine needs and future projects



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# Anticipated Impact

- Increased community cohesion
- Development of new skills
- A safe, usable community space
- Ownership of space & a sense of belonging
- Links to support networks





## Top tips

1. Be flexible
2. Work with the Community
3. Learn from others - their successes & challenges
4. Every little bit helps
5. Take time out to see the bigger picture

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