

Our Journey So Far

A story of evaluation
for community change
in South Australia



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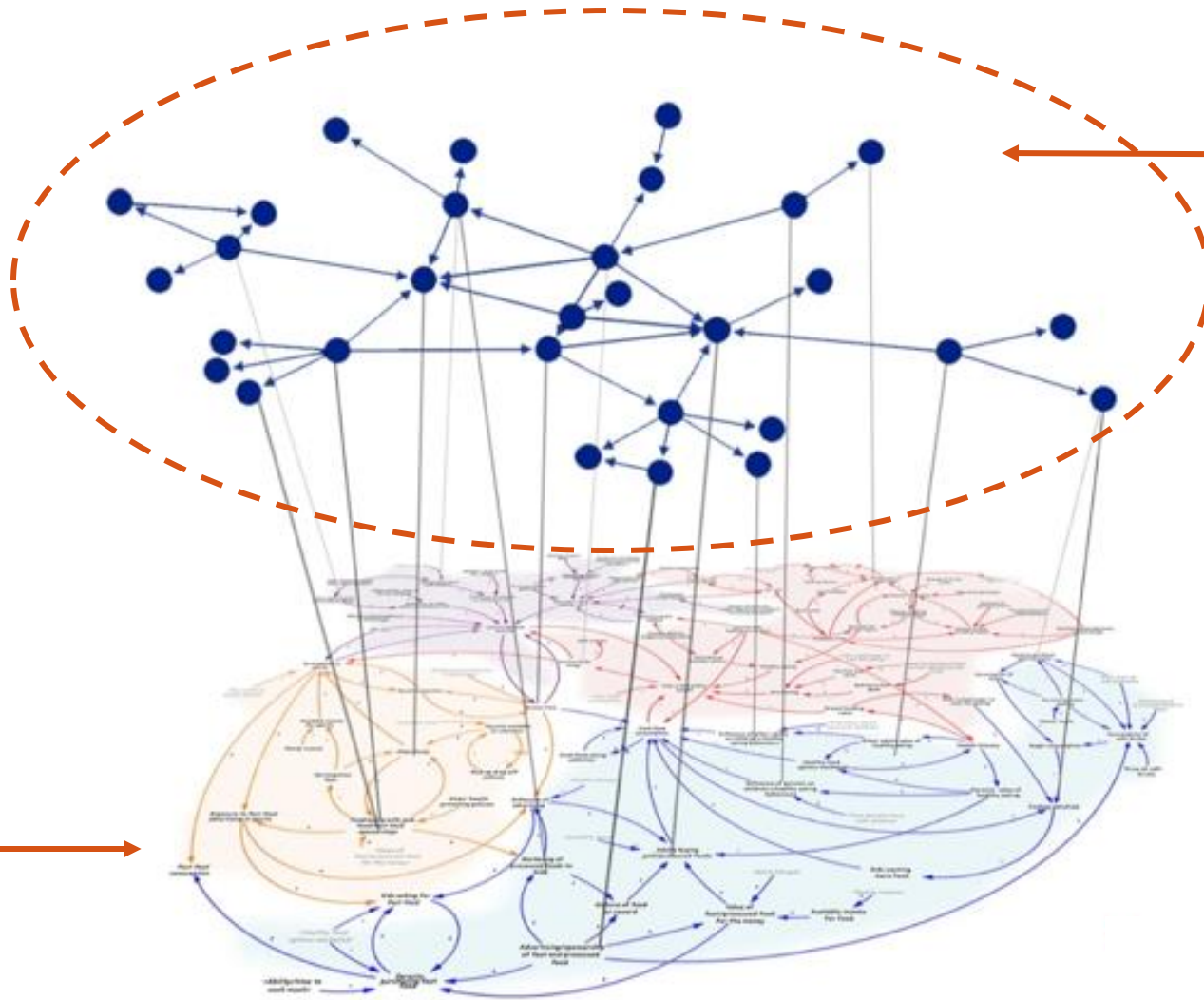
Acknowledgement

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as the first peoples of our nation and the rightful Traditional Owners. We recognise the unique cultural heritage, customs, spiritual beliefs and relationship with Country, Language, and Spirit, are of ongoing importance today. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging leaders of the future.

We acknowledge that we are presenting today on Aboriginal land and pay respects to the traditional owners.







Service system

An adaptive, culturally responsive and co-designed service system that enables remote and regional Aboriginal people to thrive

Complexity

McGlashan (2019)



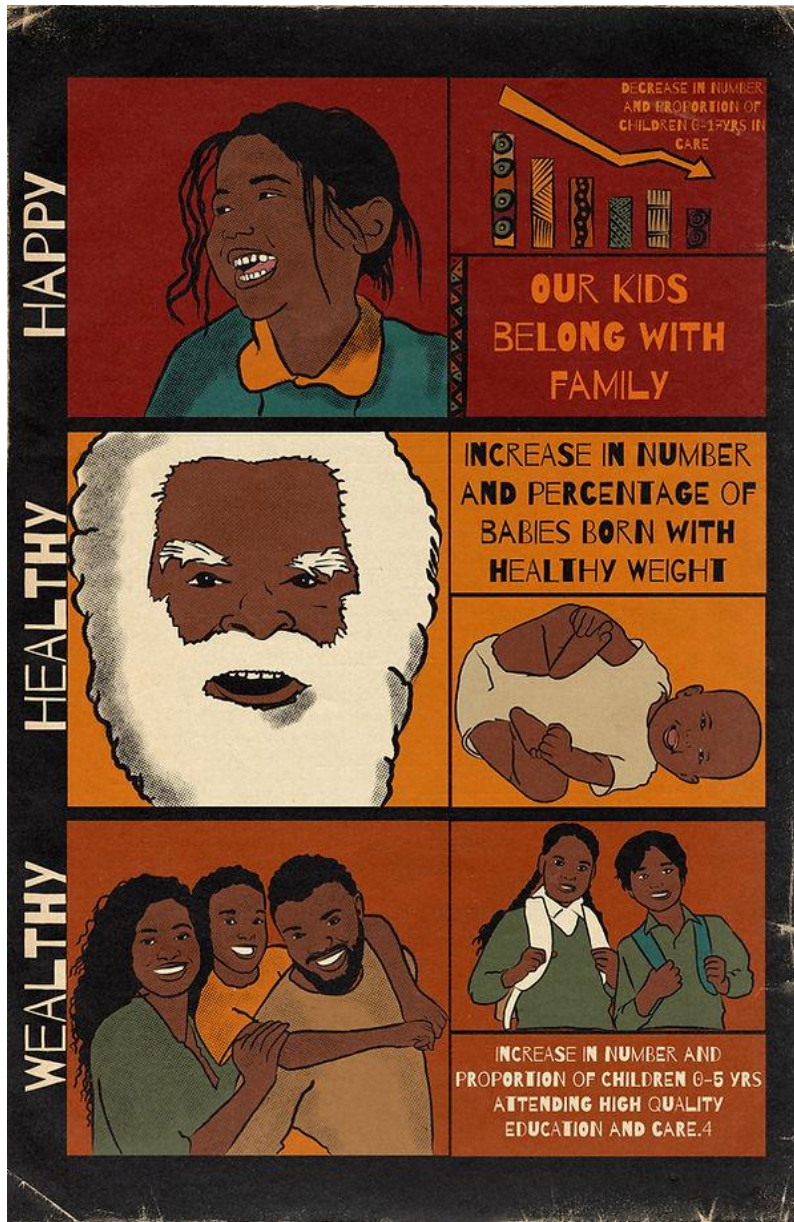
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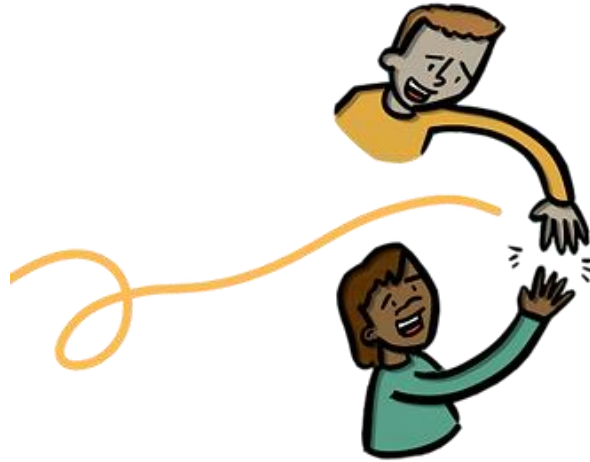


FWCP Data Story



WE ARE HAPPY WHEN...

- We make decisions through choice, not chance → **We are in control.**
- We are connected to the things that are important to us → **We are connected.**
- We participate and contribute within our community → **We participate and contribute.**
- We get the help we need → **We are supported.**
- We are safe to embrace and share our identity → **We show our identity.**
- We see ourselves as part of the future → **We are represented.**
- We have access to and are connected to country → **We are connected to country.**



WE ARE WEALTHY WHEN...

- The things that make us unique are celebrated → **Culture.**
- We come together to share → **Community.**
- We take care of the people that are connected to us → **Family.**
- We learn the skills we need for our future → **Education.**
- We are able to economically participate → **Employment.**
- We can access the things we need to thrive → **Resources and Infrastructure.**
- We can tell our own stories our way → **Knowledge and Information.**

WE ARE HEALTHY WHEN...

- Our mind and body are strong → **Physical health and wellbeing.**
- We build and look after our connection to people and place → **Relationships.**
- We have a safe space to make our home → **Housing.**
- We use resources to invest in our future → **Growth and development.**
- We stand by the things we say and do → **Accountability.**



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Interface

• Mutual Respect • Shared Benefits • Human Dignity • Discovery*

Courtney Ryder, Tamara Mackean, Julieann Coombs, Hayley Williams, Kate Hunter, Andrew J. A. Holland & Rebecca Q. Ivers (2019): Indigenous research methodology— weaving a research interface, *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*

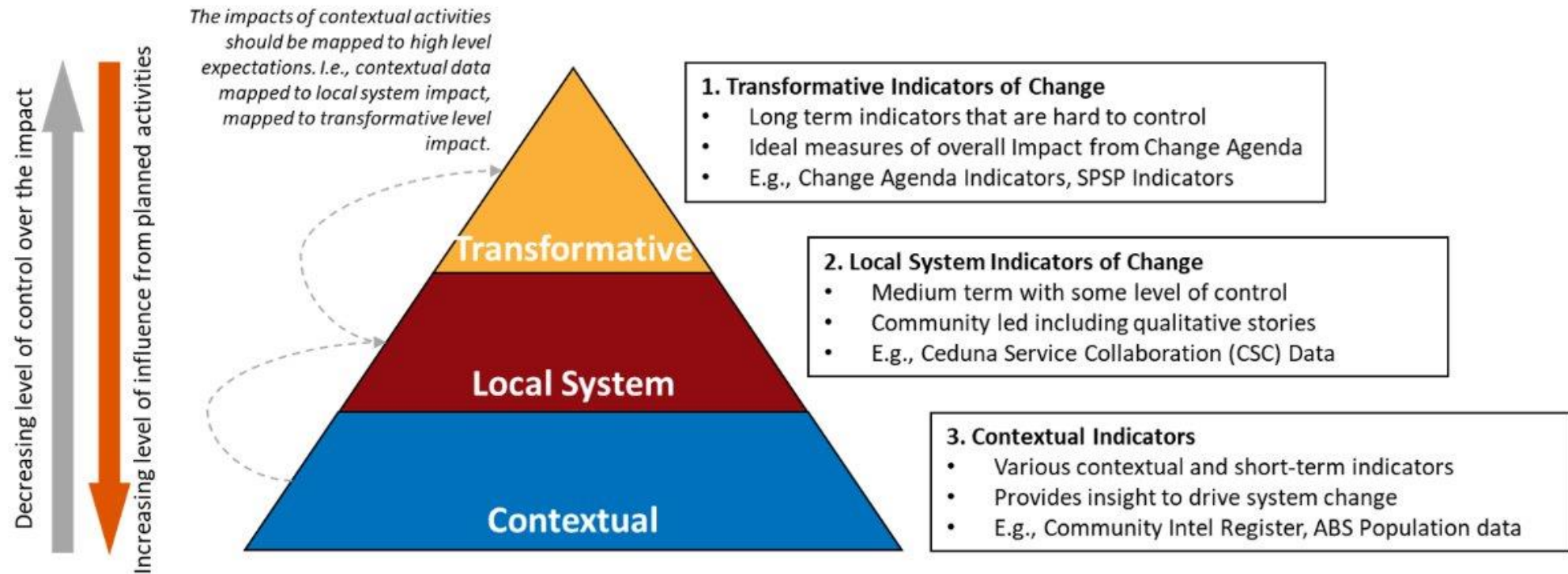


Data and Evaluation are a shared priority

- For Government:
 - We want to prove our investment is ‘working’
 - We want to maximise and leverage resources
- For Community:
 - We want to understand what is happening in our communities
 - We want our knowledge to inform decisions about us



FWCP data strategy



For Government, working together takes trust and maturity.....

- Data about communities should be shared with communities
- Evaluation needs to be informed by local agendas and should be shared
- Power dynamics can't be ignored
- Evidence comes in many forms
- Relationships are the glue in the system but not always valued in evaluation



For Community, working together takes trust and maturity.....

- Trust is build on shared knowledge and understanding
- Trust can be activated through genuine partnerships
- Benefits come from shared agendas for change

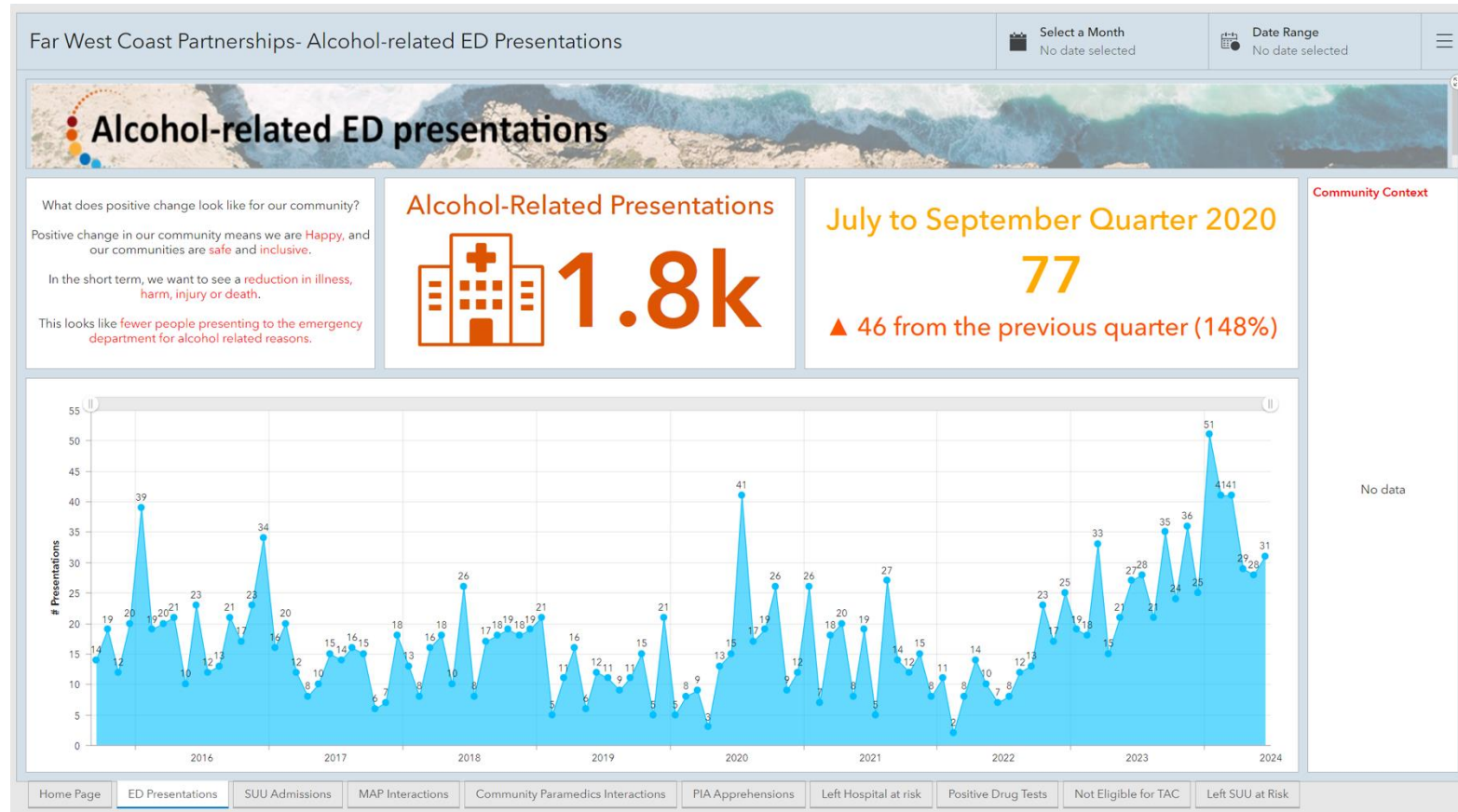


Some of our successes....

- The first multi-agency and community data sharing agreement based on new SA Government Data sharing legislation
- Co-owned data dashboards that align quantitative data sets with community context



Some of our successes....



What does this mean for evaluation?

An evaluator needs to :

- Be an advocate
- Be a facilitator
- Be able to embrace complexity
- Amplify voices
- Balance the political agenda
- Share knowledge



Thankyou



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