



# Project Summary:

Wholistic and long-term approach

Community wide setting of the domains to be tracked

Commitment to an annual field trip each year for five years

Where did the project emerge from?



**Key Words**  
Yapa: Indigenous person  
Kardiya: Non-indigenous person



# Project principles

Respect Warlpiri culture, skin names and kinship

Yapa must be in the driver's seat at every step of the way

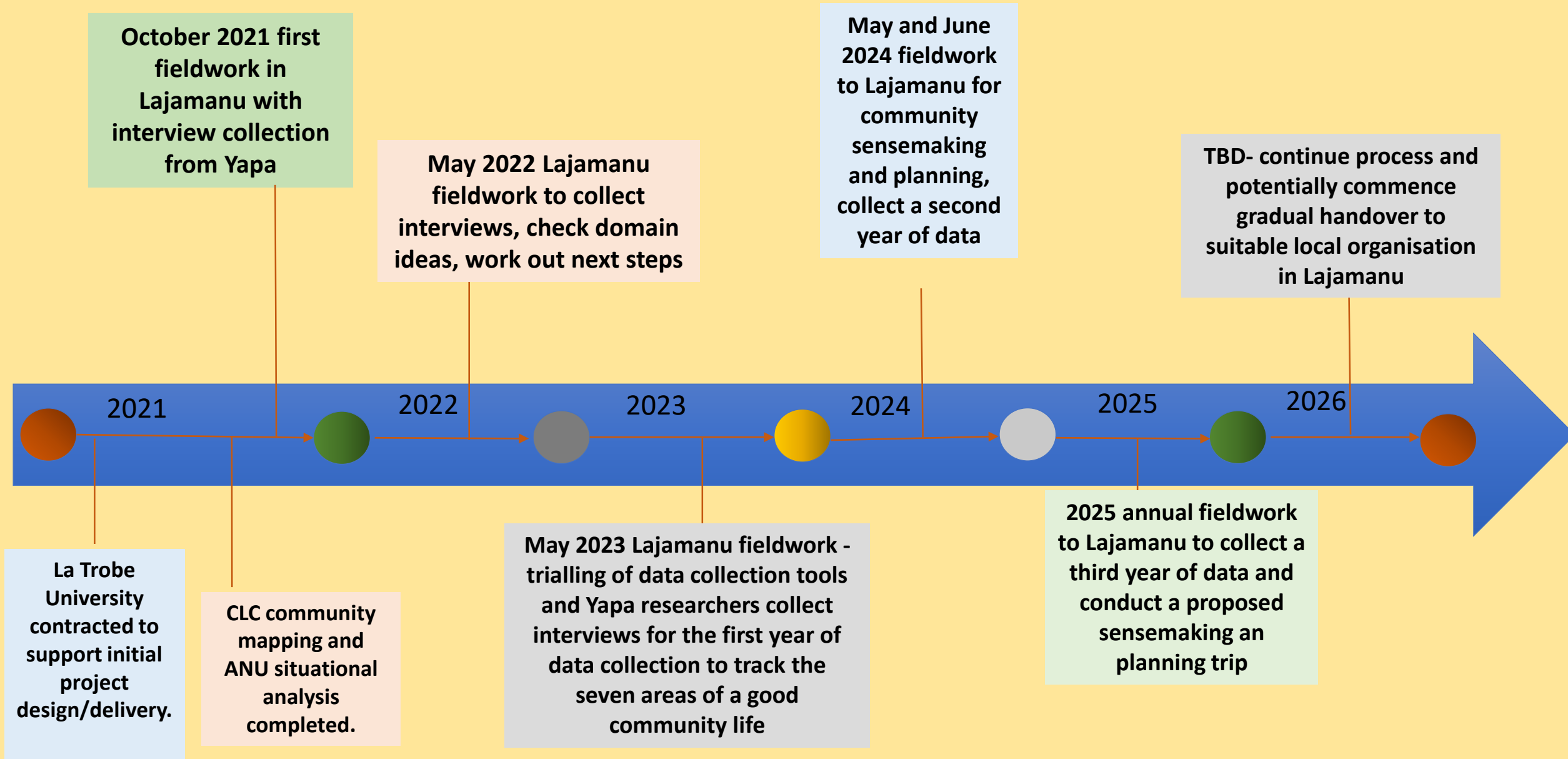
Get young people involved to learn and do this work

Yapa share the project story with the community, CLC and other organisations

Two-way approach with Yapa and Kartiya working and learning from each other

Long-term commitment to see this through

# Project Timeline



# Developing the domains for a good community life for Yapa

Community research started in October 2021

20 Yapa shared their stories on what a good life looks like, what helps/stops it, and who is involved.

In the second year 28 Yapa shared their stories.





1. Yijardu Warlpiri-  
patuku kurawarri  
yungurlu mardarni




(Yapa decision-making  
and control)



2. Yimiki, Jukurrpaku,  
nguruku Warlpiri-  
patuku




(Warlpiri country,  
culture and language)




3. Jalangu-warnu-patuku  
yapaku yirri-yirriki  
puranjaku manu milki-  
yirraninjaku manu pina-  
maninjaku yapaku




(Kids and young people  
supported)



Ngurrju kirri  
Palkakulu

Ngurrju  
Nguru  
Lajamanu -la

7. Warrki-jarrinjaku  
manu pina-jarrinjaku





(Employment and  
Training)







4. Yapa Warlalja  
manu ngurra  
jintangka




(Family and  
Community Unity)



6. Yuwarli  
ngurrjungka manu  
pirrjirdi nyinanjaku  
yapa warlalja-kurlu

(Housing)



5. Pirrjirdi yapa-patu  
nyinanjaku nyurnu-  
wangu




(Health)




# Trialling the tools and collecting stories about the domains

May 2023 we trialled different data and story collection tools

Selected a tool and collected the data

Grew the research team and our research skills



3. Jalangu-warnu-patuku yapaku yirri-yirriki puranjaku manu milki-yirraninjaku manu pina-maninjaku yapaku

(Kids and young people supported)

7. Warrki-jarrinjaku manu pina-jarrinjaku

(Employment and Training)

Getting weaker

Pirrijirdi-wangu ka karrimi

6. Yuwarli ngurrjunga manu pirrijirdi nyinanjaku yapa warlalja-kurlu

(Housing)

Staying the same

Yangka-piya jurru nyinanjaku

2. Yimiki, Jukurpaku, nguruku Warlpiri-patuku

(Warlpiri country culture and identity)

4. Yapa Warlalja manu ngurra jintangka

(Family and Community Unity)

Getting Stronger

Pirrijirdi-nyayirni nyinanjaku

1. Yijardu Warlpiri-patuku kurvwarri yungurlu mardarni

(Yapa decision-making and control)

5. Pirrijirdi yapa-patu nyinanjaku nyurnu-wangu

(Health)





# Community feedback BBQ



**FAMILY & COMMUNITY SAFETY**  
 - STILL THE LACK OF ACTIVATION  
 - POLICE + POLICE + RANGERS  
 - POLICE GET WAYTHER TO HELP  
 - POLICE LEAVE THE COMMUNITY  
 - BUT NOT ASIDE TO BURGLAR  
 - POLICE + COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
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**HOUSING:**  
 - Staying the same or getting worse  
 - why? overcrowding, not enough  
 - housing, not enough, hard  
 - for only 3 years, need more  
 - few people could be  
 - repairs and maintaining, too  
 - slow from outside contractors  
 - there some could be jobs and  
 - training for jobs in building new  
 - jobs + more jobs  
 - need more jobs down side  
 - need training for young people  
 - need more leadership roles in  
 - jobs so gaps cause a...

**EMPLOYMENT + TRAINING**  
 - Mostly 'staying the same' or 'worse'  
 - CDP Activity Centre helping  
 - need more training  
 - jobs + training not well advertised  
 - workplace hollering + sometimes feeling  
 - with gaps left  
 - jobs coming + going - not always  
 - resulted in job training  
 - need more leadership roles in  
 - jobs so gaps cause a...

# Annual Story Collection



# Researcher workshop and live updating of domains





2023

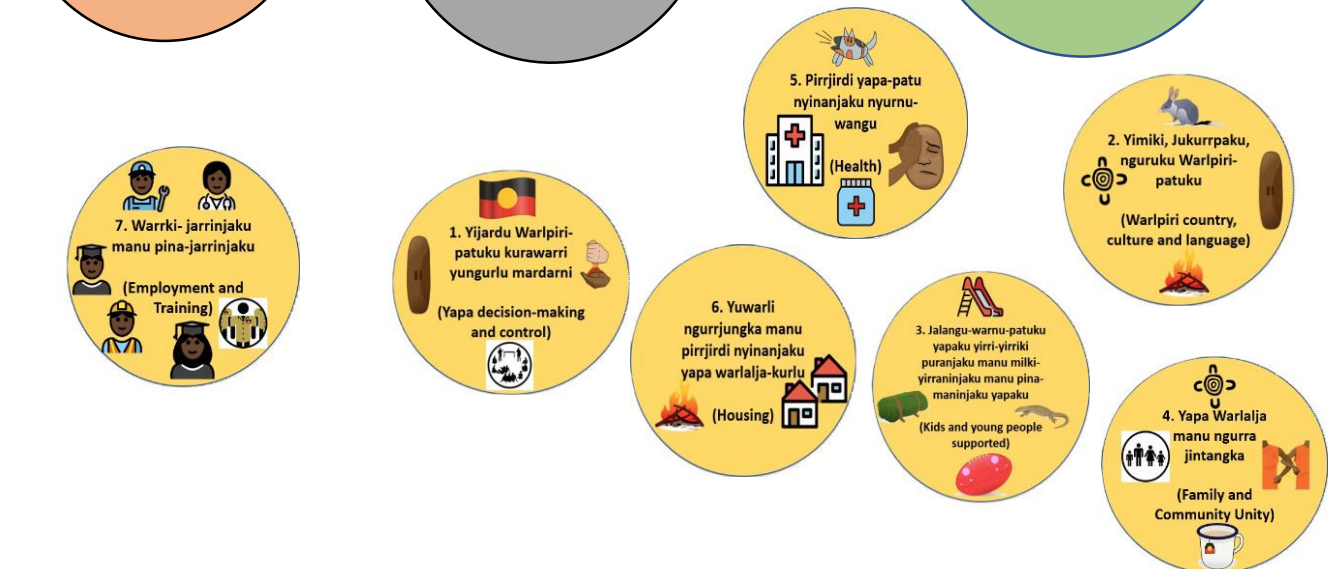


Getting weaker

Staying the same

Getting Stronger

2024

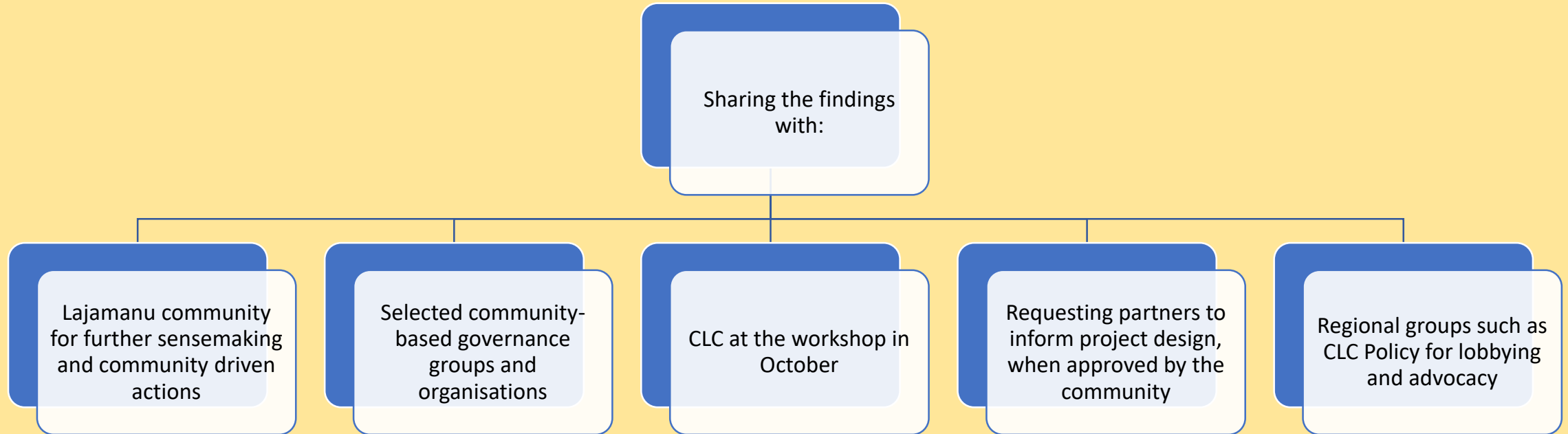


# May 2024 fieldwork to share the findings with the community





# Future steps



**Challenges we work through:**

Governance – approach is not rigid but multi-levelled, networked, fluid, evolving

Funding gaps - reduced speed of information feedback to community and community driven responses

Weather and local events

## Strengths:

- Starting with a long-term commitment, guided by principles set by community and taking an emergent co-design approach
- Yapa researchers have deep community and cultural knowledge, strong relationships in the community to draw on, supporting:
  - ⑩ the work to be done the right way culturally, effectively and safely
  - ⑩ recruitment of participants and growing the Yapa research team
- The La Trobe Senior Yapa Researcher has ensured Warlpiri world views and ways of working are central to the research approach from the beginning, and increasingly the CLC Senior Yapa Researchers
- Non-Aboriginal researchers constantly reflecting and checking so not to introduce predetermined approaches and tools, stepping back to acknowledge Yapa as experts in their communities and safe and effective research practice.