



The Local SDGs in Forrest: a view from the community

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Acknowledgements

- ▶ Virtual Centre for Climate Change Innovation (VCCCI), Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
 - ▶ Funding through the VCCCI grant enabled Forrest community to contribute financially to Deakin's research work on the Local SDGs project
- ▶ Deakin University
- ▶ Forrest & District Community Group, including
 - ▶ Forrest Gateway Project Steering Committee
 - ▶ Communities of Forrest and surrounding areas

Background

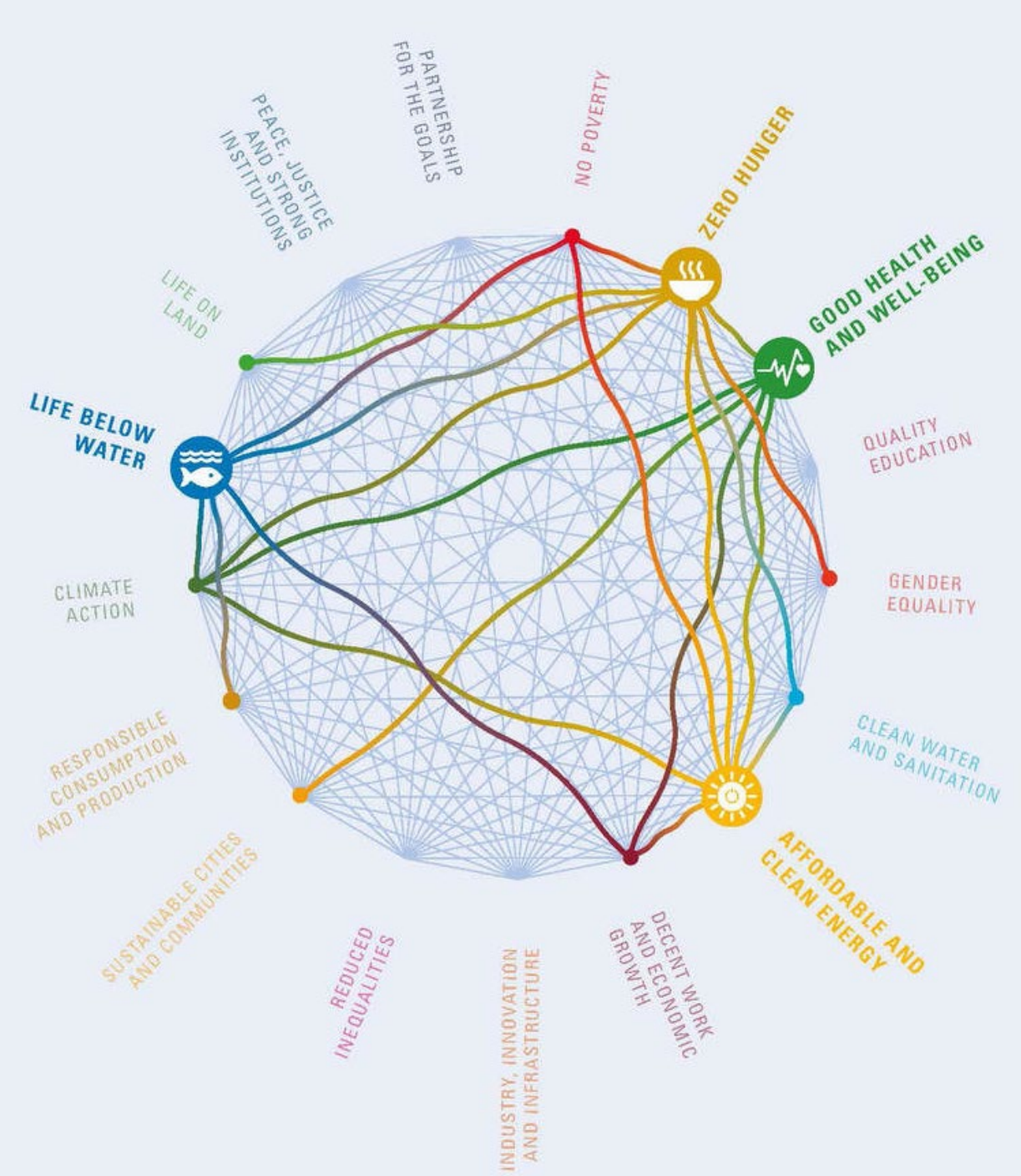
- ▶ Former DELWP site handover to community led to creation of The Forrest Gateway Project
- ▶ State Government grant funded feasibility studies for a bushfire-adapted community centre
 - ▶ Includes three research projects for community-led climate change adaptation
 - ▶ Local SDGs program is one of these, in collaboration with The Ian Potter Foundation and Monash University



Collaboration

- Forrest community worked with Deakin as founding partner for Local SDGs Program
- Forrest Gateway Project works in collaboration with Deakin PhD student
- DELWP on board as a community engagement partner





Interlinkages of the SDGs

- Reflects the complexity of life
- The future is not linear
- Introduces challenges to a deep understanding of the SDGs

The SDG Framework

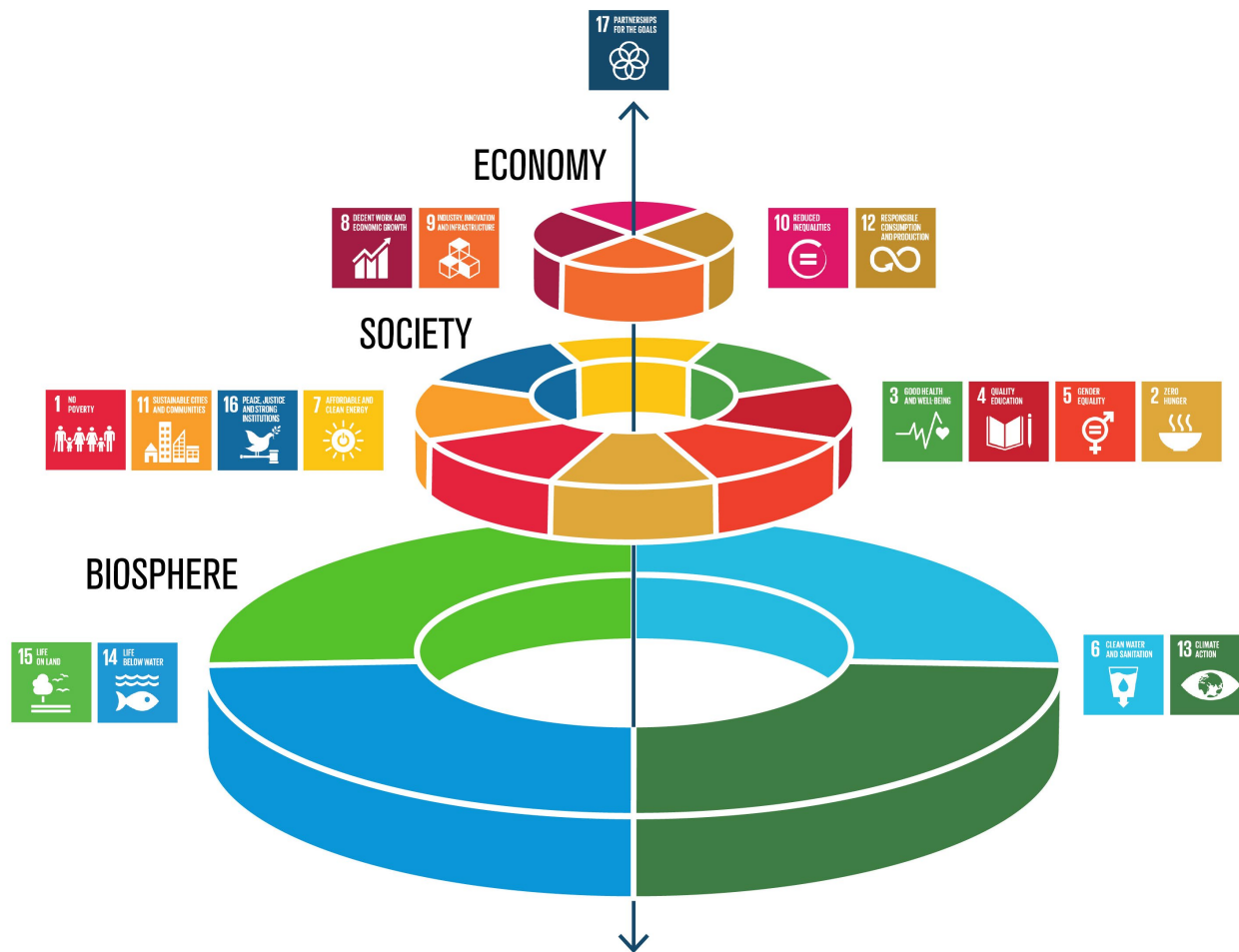
- Community could vote for their top priority SDGs
- Democratic and equitable way for voices to be heard
- Began the conversation about community priorities

LOCAL SDGs Forrest Futures II: Towards a Sustainable Community
The Sustainable Development Goals

<p>1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere</p> 			<p>8. Promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all</p> 
<p>2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture</p> 			<p>9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation</p> 
<p>3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all ages</p> 			<p>11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable</p> 
<p>4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p> 			<p>12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns</p> <p>Did you know that...?</p> <p>one third of all food goes to waste</p> 
<p>5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls</p> 			<p>13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts</p> 
<p>6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all</p> 			<p>15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and biodiversity loss</p> 
<p>7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all</p> 			

Which are the challenges for Forrest?

Complexity within the framework



- So much contained within the SDGs
- A community engagement process can't encompass the depth within the SDGs

Challenges

- Scale and data
- Population of 230 – 400 if you widen the definition
- Where will the data come from?
- SDG targets and indicators

