

# LODDON MURRAY COMMUNITY ALLIANCE

“Partnerships building the region’s future”

## The Alliance partnerships:

- Provides a proven alternative to the competitive relationships that operate between service providers at the moment. LMCA provides a collaborative approach to problem-solving, with much better outcomes;
- Provides improved value for the government resources and funding provided into the region, and
- Provides the platform for a truly whole-of-government approach to regional needs.

## The Alliance partnerships:

- # Provides opportunity to plan at a broader regional level;
- # Facilitates co-ordination of regional planning at agency and community level;
- # Offers an inducement for bodies across the community to work together and share resources. LMCA understands, and works through synergy;

## The Alliance can:

- # Provide a strong regional voice;
- # Undertake the regional planning process and identify a long-term regional Vision, through development of a Regional Communities Plan;
- # Identify and assist in implementing the short-term programs through which the community and government can build the region's long-term future;
- # Build on the new employment prospects being created in the region;
- # Offer government a complete engagement with all the region's communities;
- # Engage with three LGAs as one region;
- # Coordinate short-term regional programs.

## The Opportunity

- Objective - “Build sustainable regional communities”** by aligning community needs and government programs
- Develop a 25-year Regional Communities Plan
- Work with Heads of Government Depts. to develop strategies that will achieve that Plan
- Establish Service Delivery Teams to implement and monitor those strategies
- Encourage intra-regional communication

# Sustainable Communities Structure

## Sustainable Communities Plan

- Strategic pathway, 30 years ahead
- High-quality analysis
- Continuously updated

- Determines Objectives
- Identifies issues and linkages
- Identifies Priorities
- Influences Gov't programs

## LMCA Board

- The strategic regional driver  
The Regional Champion

- Determines actionable priorities.
- Connects community needs and government programs/services.
- Ensures effective communication

## Sustainable Communities Structure (Cont'd)

### LMCA Operations

- A skilled Executive Officer, and Admin support functions

- Carry out Board policy
- Co-ordinate Plan needs and government resources
- Co-ordinate community effort

### Regional Communities

- Service Delivery Teams
- Councils, agencies, organisations
- Towns & Districts (Loddon model)

- Bring information to the Plan
- Develop short-term operational strategies
- Achieve plan objectives

## Support Sought

- ❑ Three to five-year funding commitment:
  - The initial Communities Plan; \$100,000+
  - Chairperson; \$40,000 pa
  - Executive Officer, admin; \$315,000 pa