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Aboriginal Strategic Governance Forum (ASGF)

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Agenda Item 7

Community Data Project (Morwell Place-based Partnership)

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Community Data Project

August 20, 2025



Latrobe Valley Community

- Rebuilding from 20 years of losing community led services, including an ACCHO, school and cultural connections.
- Community frequently move between West and East Gippsland for work, family needs, sorry business, and service access.
- Traditional owner body corporate, Gippsland Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation has been involved from the start.
- Ninedana Quarenook Aboriginal Corporation is being reestablished as the ACCHO for the Latrobe Valley region

National Priority Reforms

1. Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision Making
2. Building the Community Controlled Sector
3. Transforming Government Organisations
4. Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level

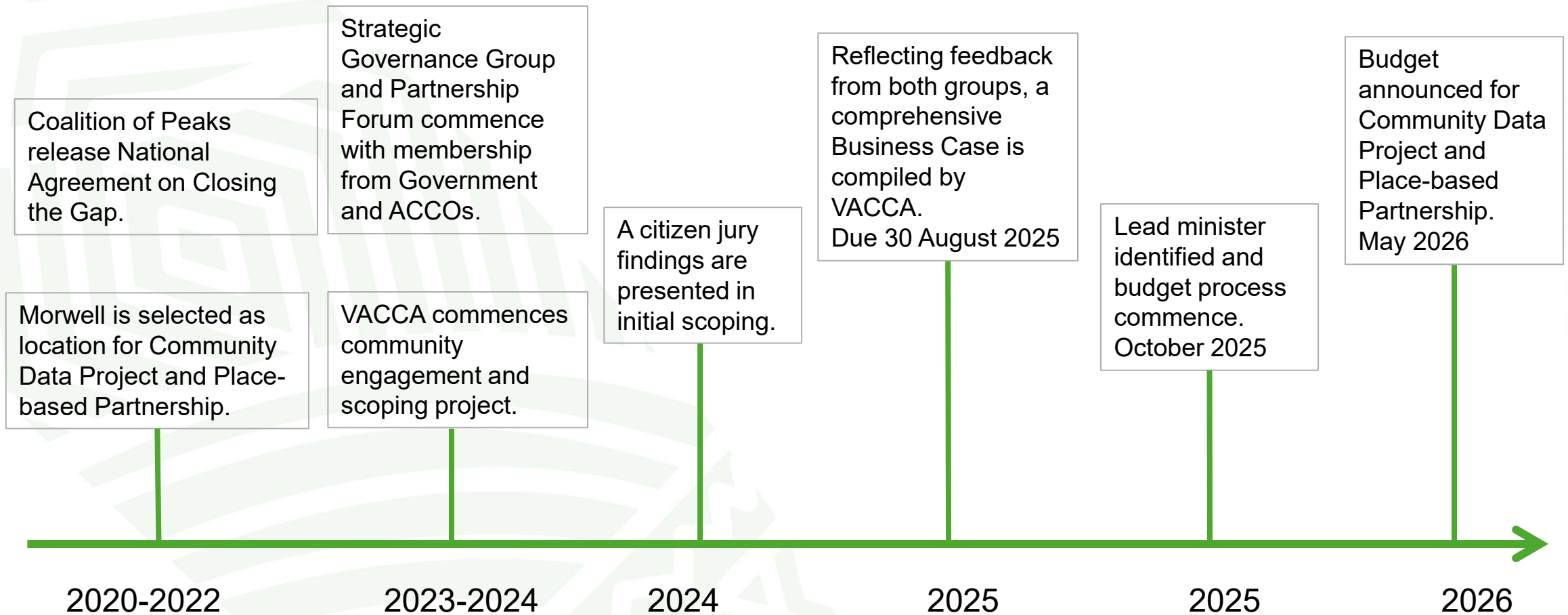
National Agreement on Closing the Gap: Priority Four

Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level

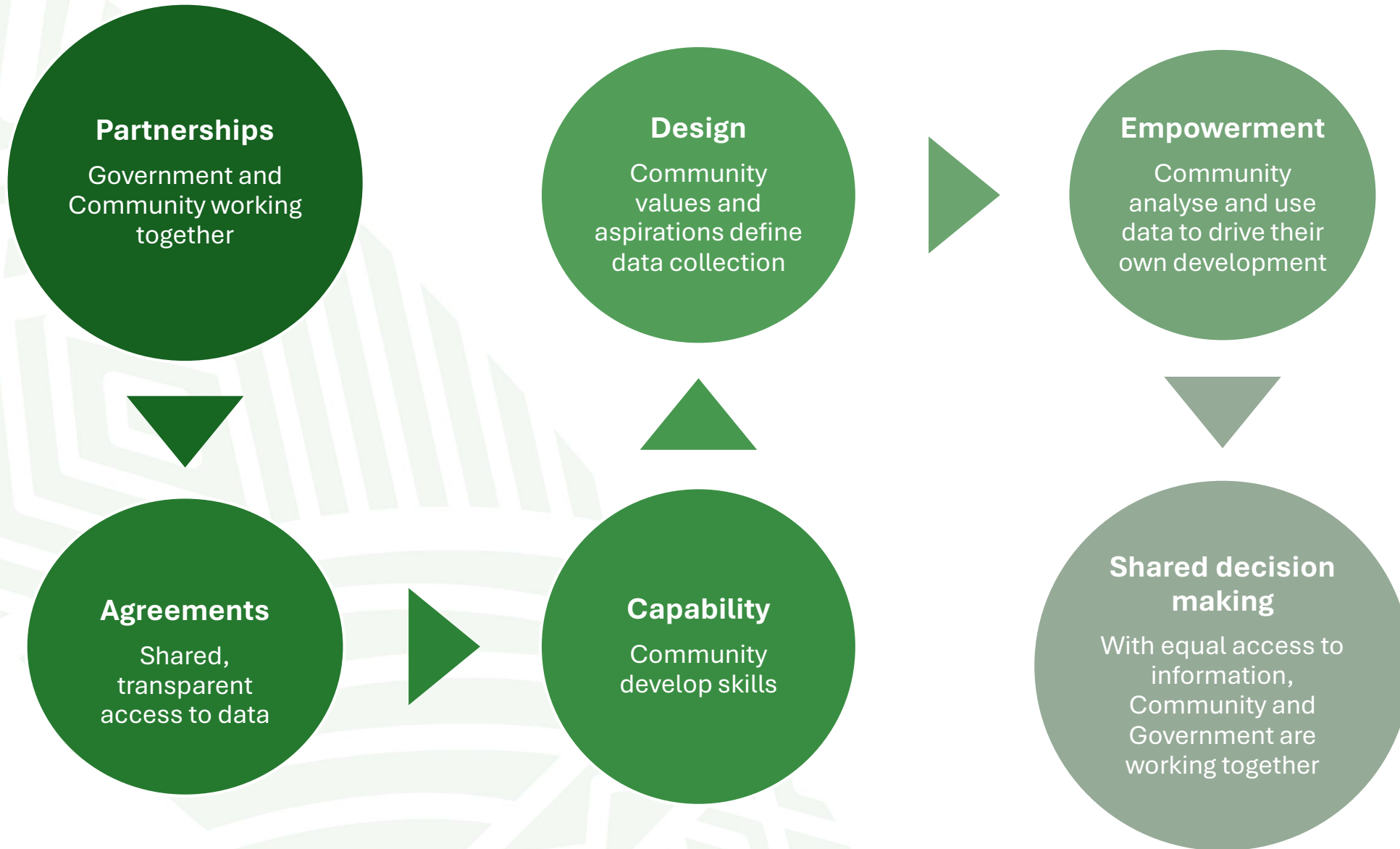
Outcome: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to, and the capability to use, locally-relevant data and information to set and monitor the implementation of efforts to close the gap, their priorities and drive their own development.

Target: Increase the number of regional data projects to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to make decisions about Closing the Gap and their development.

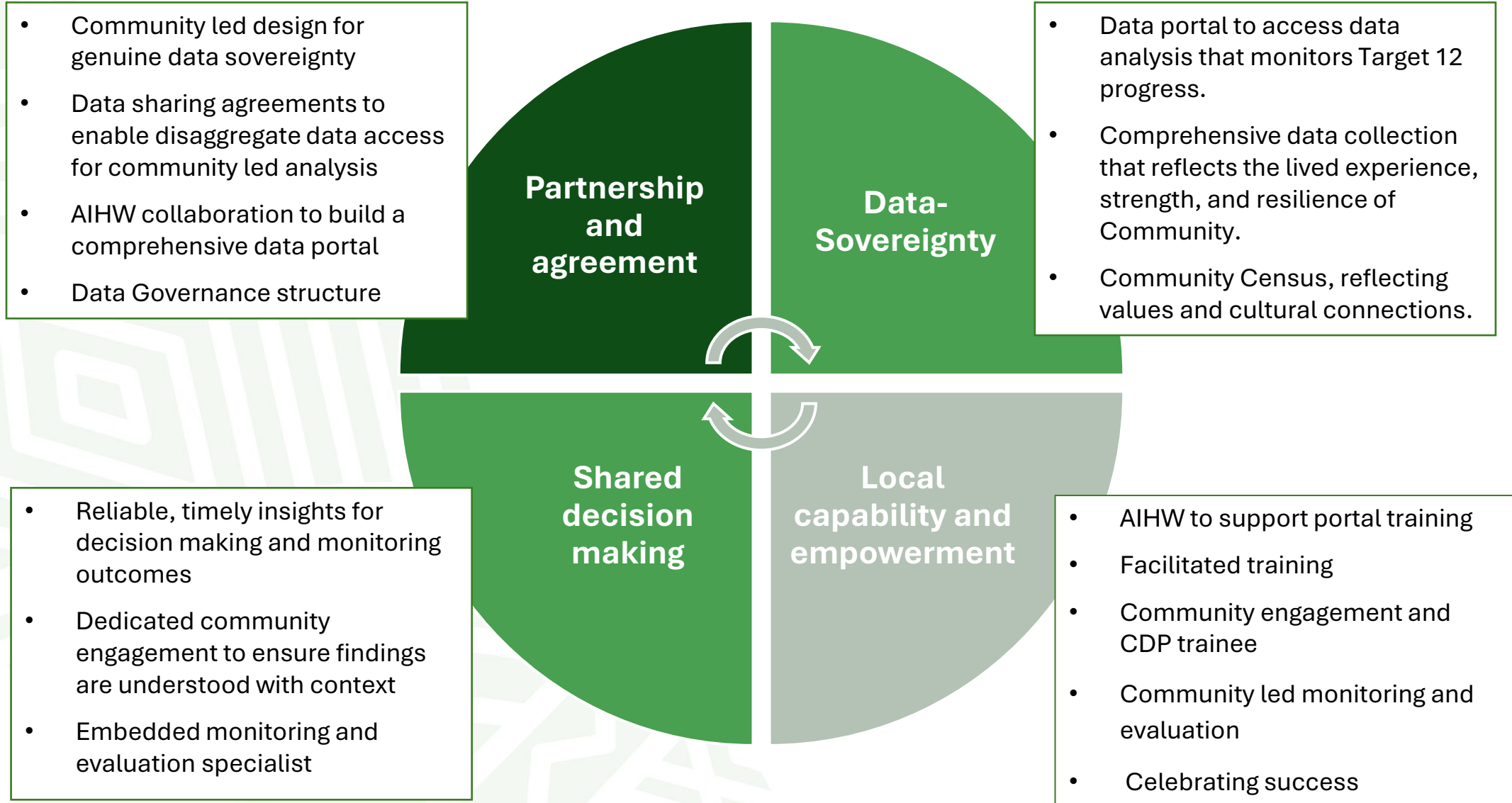
Project Timeline



Community Data Project – The Roadmap



Proposal highlights



Community Data Project, three streams



Community Data Partnership

- Partner with data custodians
- Enable access to data
- Reflect on monitoring and evaluation
- Commit to actions



Community implementation

- Define priority outcomes and information needs
- Identify information gaps
- Share and reflect on local stories
- Design community data collection tool (i.e. local census)
- Reflect on monitoring and evaluation
- Lead action design process

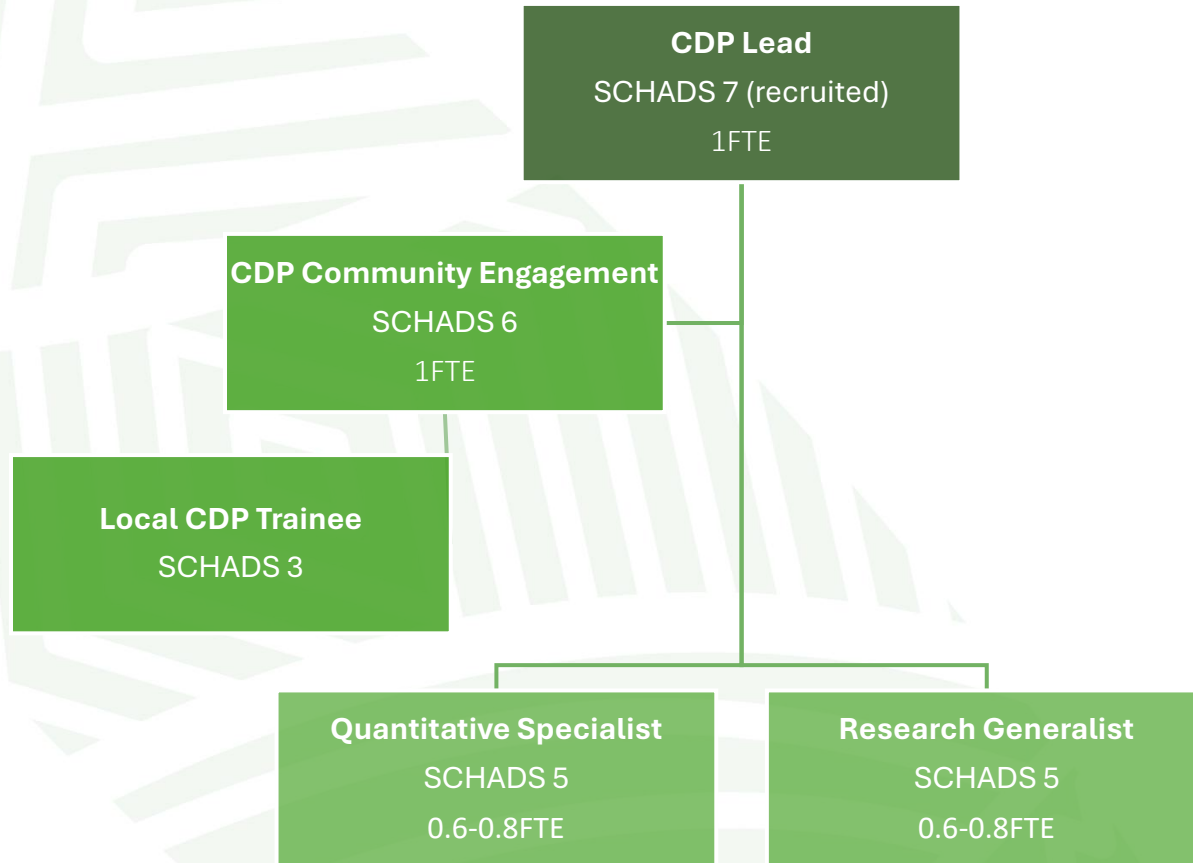


Partnership monitoring, accountability and reporting

- Outcomes Framework
- Website for information access and sharing
- Synthesis community data collection with other sources
- Periodic reporting to measure, reflect and action
- Embedded evaluation

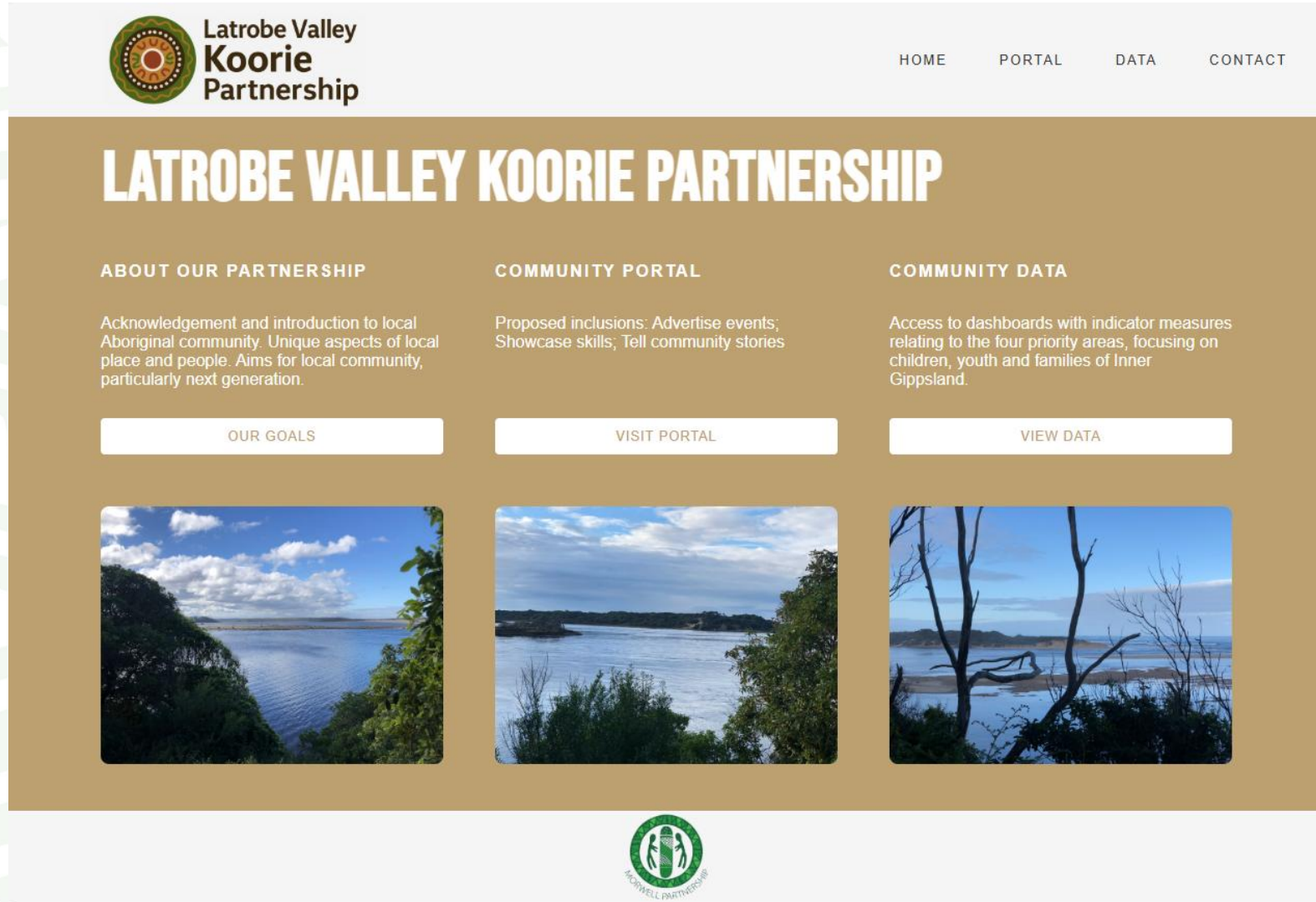


Proposed CDP Team

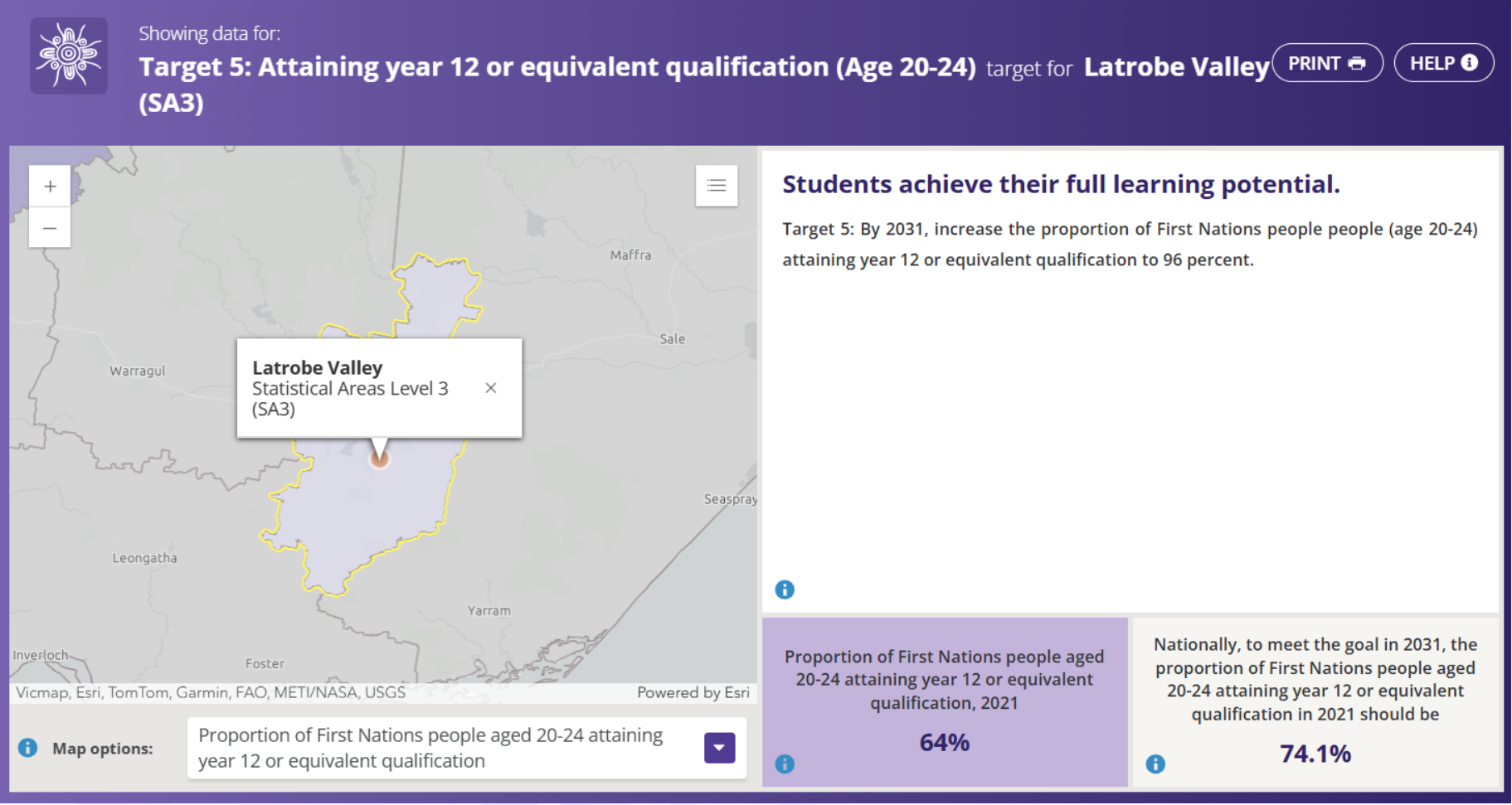


“We often focus on numbers and not what’s happening at home especially with education. Poor school attendance, that’s because we have a lot of kids staying home and looking after family members, we need carers so kids can be kids. We blame them, but look at them, what beautiful kids to look after family first.” (Citizen Jury attendee)

Website: Latrobe Valley Koorie Partnership



Australian Institute of Health and Welfare update



Project Milestones

Activity	Key dates
Committee Gippsland road trip	August 4 and 5
Latrobe Valley Place-based Partnership and Community Data Project Business case	Due August 30
DTF budget submission negotiations	September – October
Data Sharing Agreement Scoping	October – November
Budget outcome	May 2026

Community Data Project – ASGF Supplementary Paper

Key issues for discussion

- **Option 1:** Discuss inclusion of Closing the Gap projects in ACF monitoring, as this aligns to Wungurilwil Gapgapduir Aboriginal Children and Families Agreement, objective four: Capture, build and share Aboriginal knowledge, learning and evidence to inform practice.
- **Option 2:** Consider resource allocation feasibility to nominate a DFFH Community Data Project liaison representative to ensure reliable access and interpretation of data relating to achieving Target 12.
- **Option 3:** To fulfill equal access to data for shared decision making endorse commencement and commitment to support an application to access VSIIDR to align to National Agreement.