Innovative Community Planning

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Points

1. Importance
2. How planning has been done
3. Keys to good planning
4. Challenges/Opportunities
Community Planning is Important

- Community improvement
- Clear, common direction
- Decision-making and investment
- Mobilising community
- Enhanced lobbying
COMMUNITY PLAN

COUNCIL

Corporate Plan
Planning Scheme
Roads & Infrastructure Plan
Asset Management Plan
Long term Financial Plan
Operational Plan
Budget

INFORMED BY:
State Policy context
State & Regional Plans
Community trends
Community Engagement
Council Policy & Plans

IMPLEMENTATION
Council
Community Organisations & Groups
Government Departments
Private Sector
How it Has Been Done

1. Assets and values
2. Main trends
3. Preferred future
4. Opportunities and challenges
5. Strategies, Goals and Actions
6. Implementation
7. Evaluation
Steps

1. Understanding the situation
2. Engagement
3. Drafting a plan
4. Feedback
5. Setting up for implementation
6. Continuous improvement
Engagement

- Community “Contacts”
- Sector Forums
- Open forums
- Community “conversations”
- Listening tours
- Feedback Forms
- DIY Kits
- Web input
Keys to Good Community Planning

- Genuine community engagement
- Drivers
- Leadership (Local Government)
- Engagement with other stakeholders esp state government
Keys to Good Community Planning

- Enough time and resources
- The right motives
- Sectors + geographic communities
- Small visible successes
- Transparency – action plans
- Building capacity
Keys to Good Community Planning

- Local government as “steward”
- Add value to existing action
- Partnerships and coordination
Challenges/Opportunities

- Follow Up
- Political commitment (Expectations)
- Drivers
- Becoming empowered (Learned dependence to joint responsibility)
- Planning, not the plan
- Developing a “wish list”
- Collective responsibility