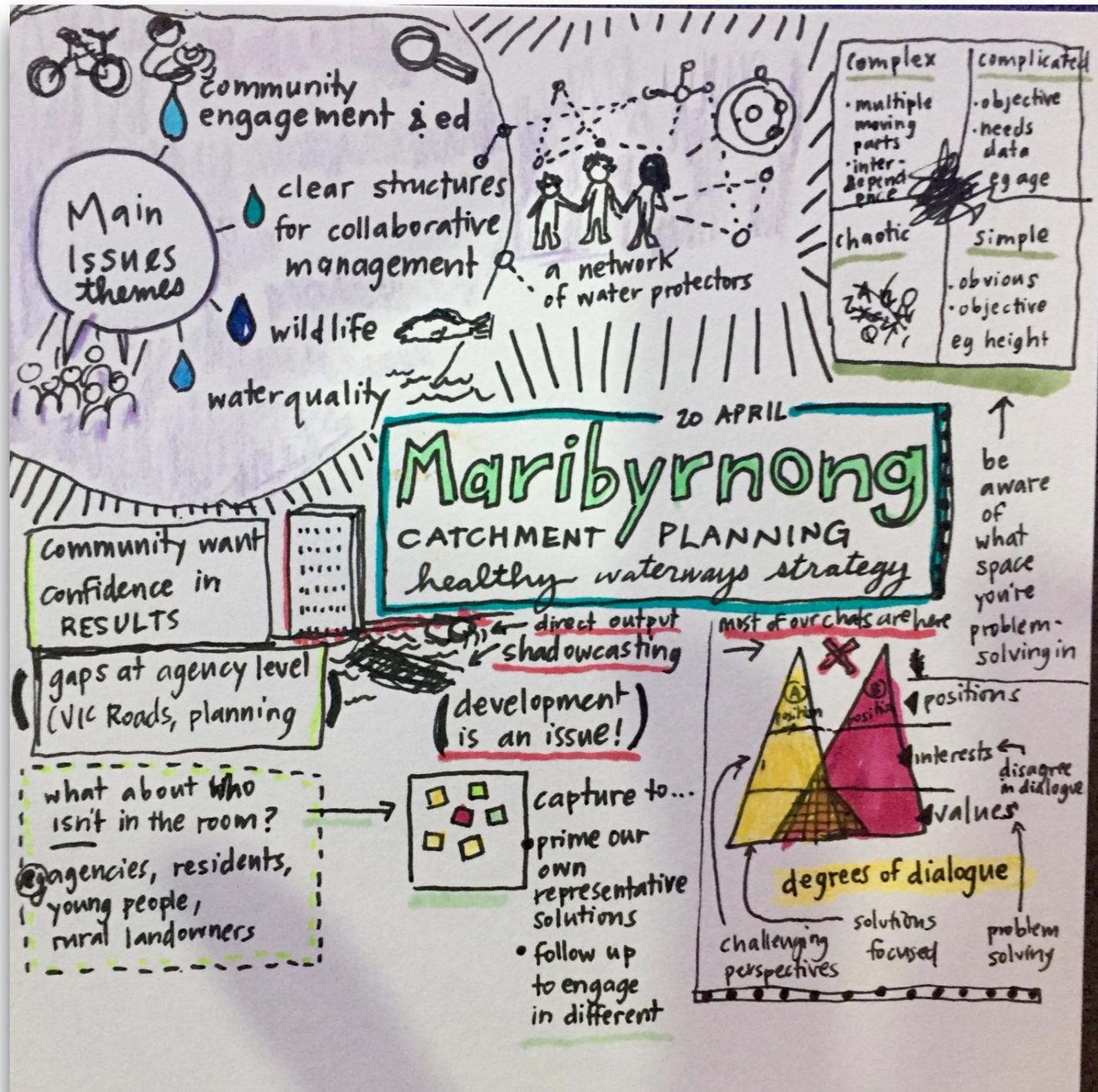


This report provides a visual snapshot of the main outputs from the Workshop. It also briefly describes the group process used by the facilitators.

# Getting Ready Harvest Report



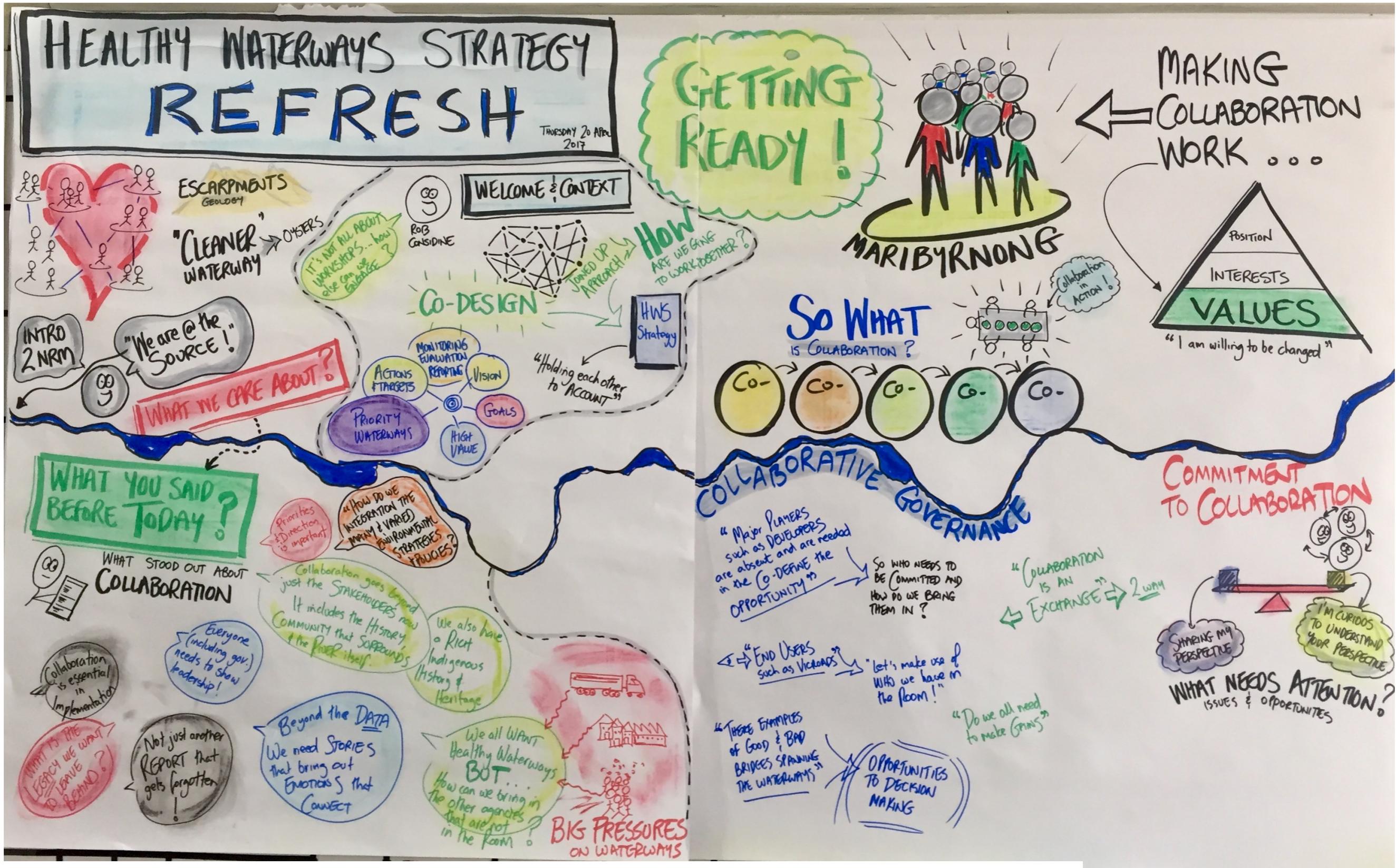
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The Brownstone Café, Brimbank Park, East Keilor



Picture (left) provided by April Seymour - Executive Officer Port Phillip Ecocentre

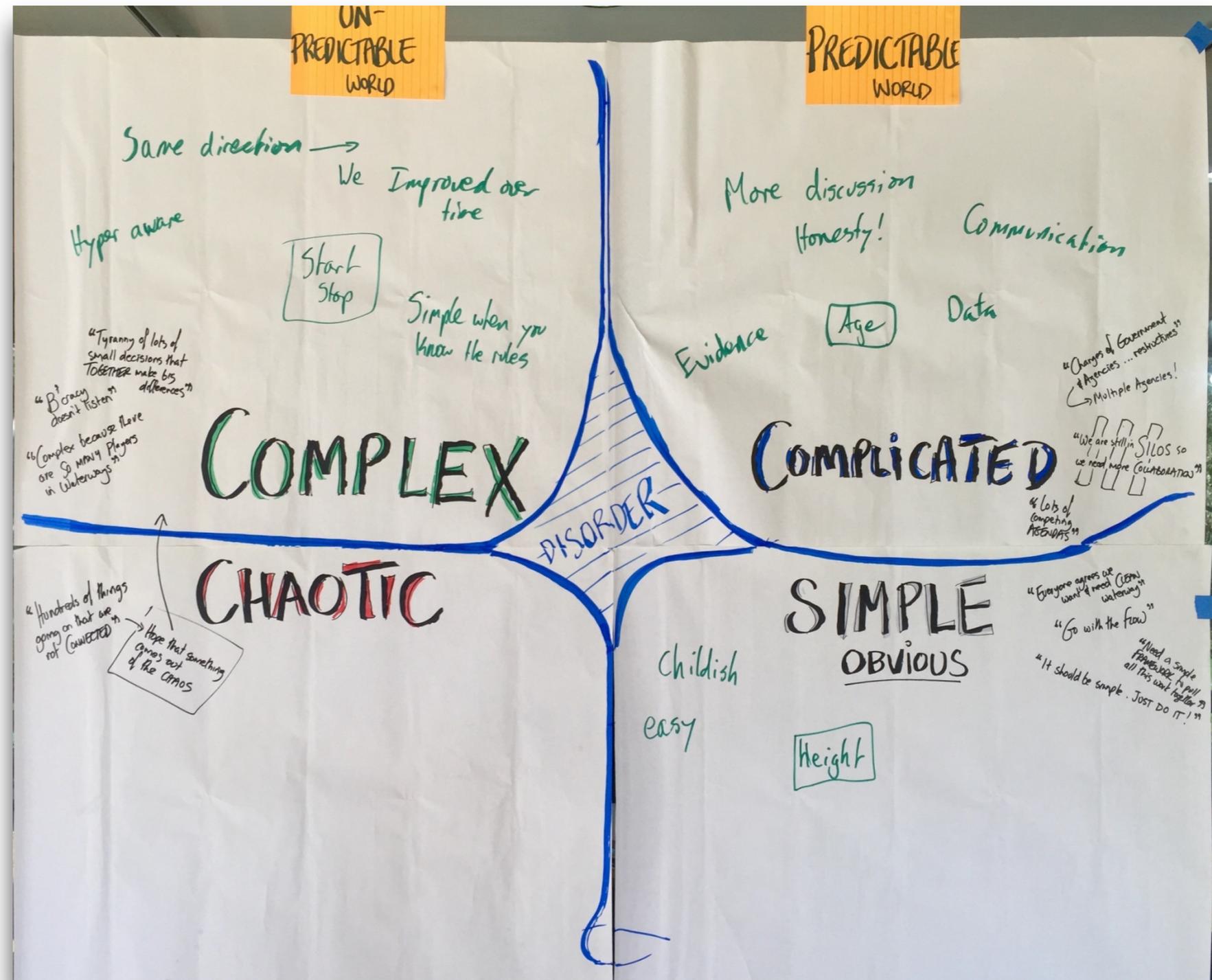
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# Collaboration and Co-Design is Complex

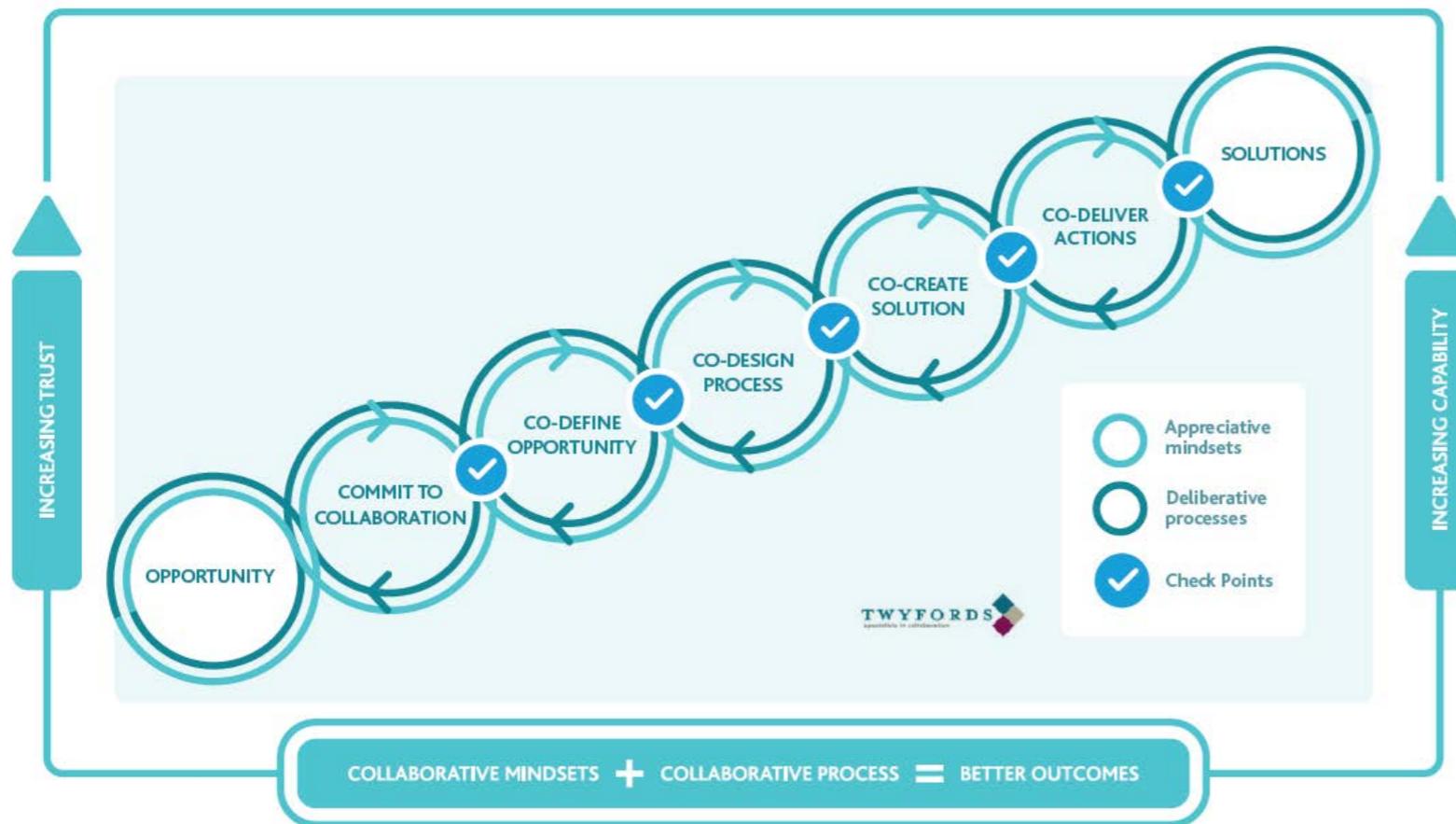
Stuart and Geoff talked and walked the group through the Cynefin framework.

[Dave Snowden - Cynefin Framework](#)

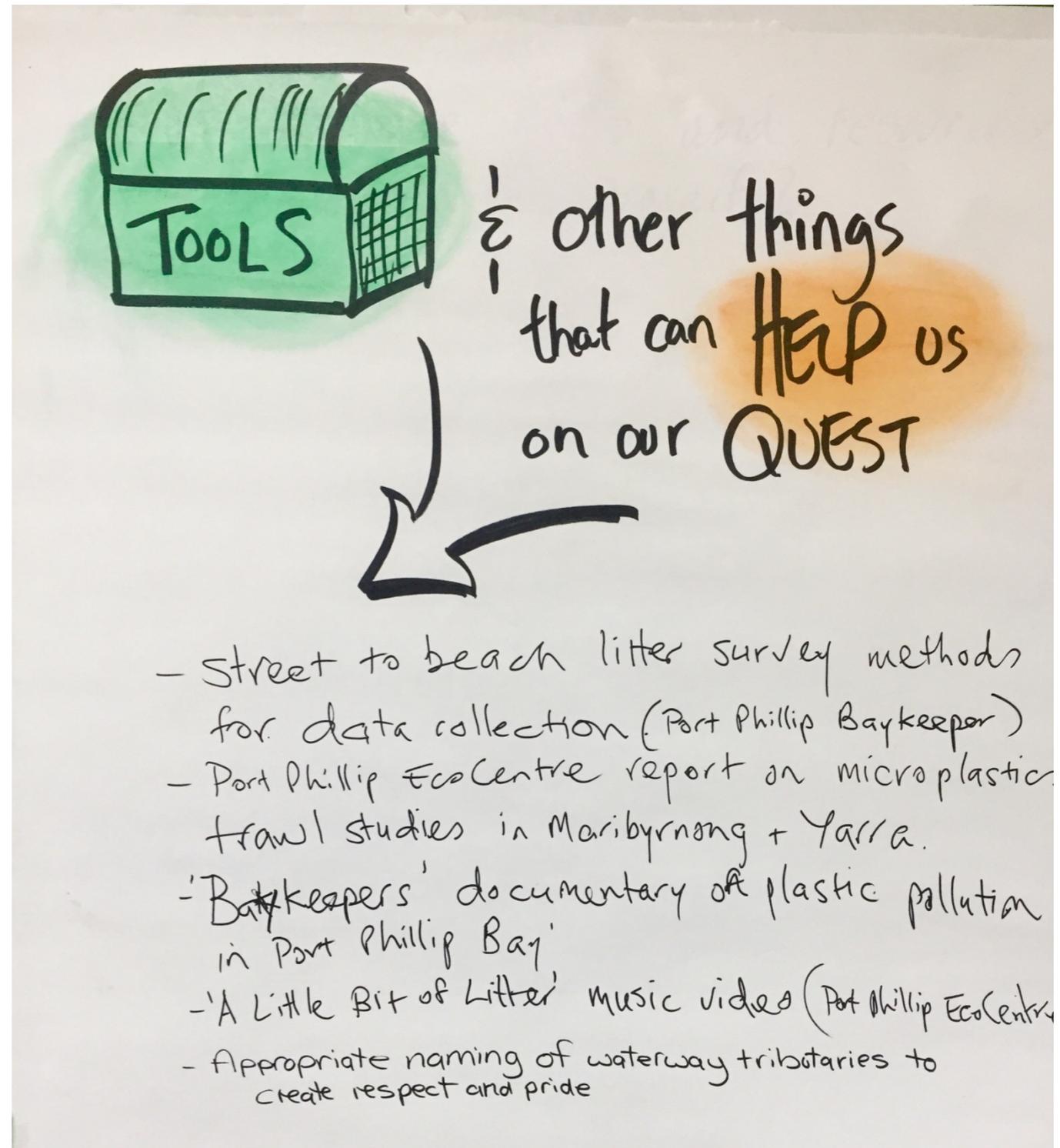
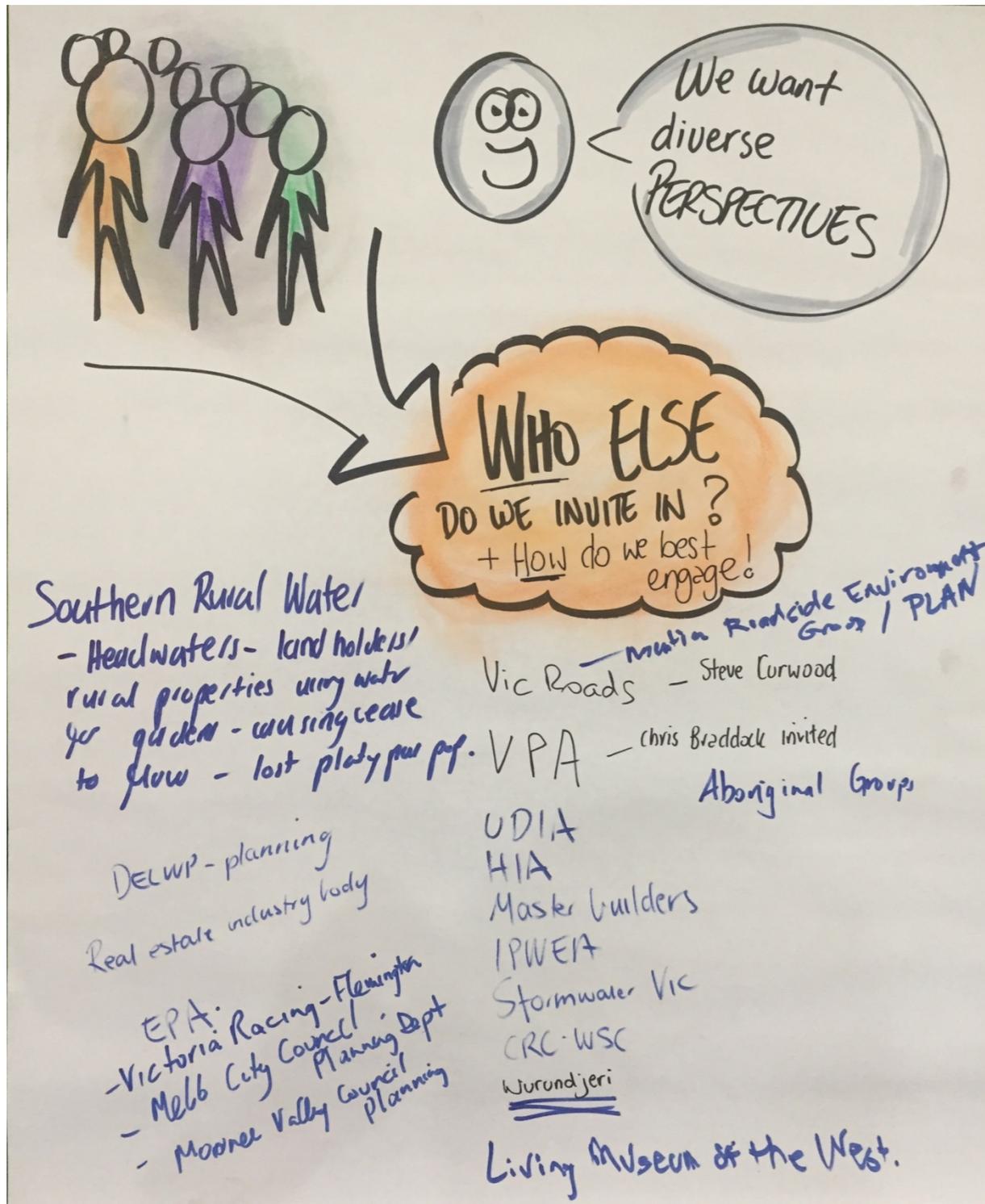


# Collaborative Process

Stuart Waters (Twyfords Consulting) then provided participants with a snapshot of the collaborative process that we are applying to the project. He invited groups to explore their own understanding of the collaborative process.



# Emerging questions and resources



# In small groups, around the tables, participants gave their view on .....

Volunteers in community organisation

- 'Recruiting, induction and insurance of volunteers take time, and younger people aren't coming in (time poor).'

Taking joint responsibility

- 'We defer accountability and responsibility to others instead of sharing and collaborating'

Community culture and education

- 'Rubbish in the lower reaches of the river is a massive issue. Stormwater quality - getting people to connect run off to river quality.'

Managing Development

- 'Currently a lot of the rivers are held in private ownership so not everyone is connected to the waterways but when development occurs it allows more people to connect to the waterways. Means we need to get set backs rights'

Rural Land

- 'Rural. Getting fenced waterways and biodiversity corridors and working with farmers to ensure productive farms that are better for the environment especially the tree changers'

Local level staff

- 'Continual change of staff. Relationships need time and constant change makes that difficult. Government staff turnover means people are not up to be speed on local issues.'

## Issues to be Tackled



and.....

Collaboration  
between  
organisations

- 'Co-ordination and co-operation between agencies to improve outcomes for biodiversity.'

Opportunity  
to look at  
whole  
catchment

- 'Catchment based approach - considering integration of whole catchment, not just drilling down into small reaches'

Controlling  
urban  
development

- 'The Healthy Waterways Strategy can be a strong bold control mechanisms for inappropriate development.'

Getting clear  
commitment

- 'All groups to provide pledge to show commitment - government, SRW, council, developers, VicRoads. Vic memorandum for health and nature good example of government agencies coordinating'

Community  
input

- 'Building in community engagement and emphasis on the community (Rural land workshops) as well as just capital works'

Knowledge  
sharing

- 'Capture, storage and sharing of knowledge and indexed along the river, making it accessible to others including things like store telling and reports on maps..'

## Opportunities to tap



# Evaluation: What did people think of the workshop?

38 participants shared their response to the workshop. To read the full evaluation report, go to the [yoursay](#) site

What did you enjoy most about today? (% of respondents)	
Meeting and talking with other stakeholders <i>"Meeting people from the different catchment areas was helpful and learning of their different experiences."</i> <i>"(I enjoyed) the variety of people. I usually attend these workshops and it's the same people each time. I met a lot of new people this time."</i>	42%
Group's commitment and open discussion of stakeholders' priorities and concerns <i>"Real sense of community, all passionate about the Maribyrnong catchment."</i>	40%
Enjoyed the activities and pace <i>"A good balance of activities and conversation and ample opportunities to meet others."</i>	29%
Taking action and getting things started	10%
What was difficult but useful? (% of respondents)	
Getting out of comfort zone and allowing difficult conversations among participants <i>"Building rapport with participants and discussing contentious issues."</i> <i>"Working with different views and priorities for waterways."</i>	24%
Understanding collaboration and wider picture strategies <i>"Discussion about how to collaborate was a little laborious but probably useful."</i> <i>"Interesting to see it's a long process of collaboration."</i>	16%
Nothing was difficult	16%
A lot of information and a lot of theory <i>"I totally agree (collaboration) is the way forward but preferred when we were applying the theory rather than learning about it."</i>	11%
Frustrated that this is just a start-up workshop <i>"Having to wait for another workshop to see how inputs will translate to final outcome."</i>	8%

What ideas are you taking away from today? (% of respondents)	
Better understanding of collaboration <i>"Definition of complex and complicated."</i> <i>"Greater collaboration in strategic planning."</i>	24%
Understanding people's values and interests to better collaborate <i>"Really trying to understand people's values which influence their opinions."</i> <i>"Refining my approach to community with developers to emphasize shared value and interests rather than combative or authoritative approach."</i>	18%
Facilitation tools for collaboration	13%
More information about waterways issues	13%
Look for opportunities and links with other strategies	8%
Do you feel motivated to take action? (% of respondents)	
Yes 98%                      No 2%	
What actions specifically? (% of respondents)	
Build relationships, community engagement and collaboration <i>"Get wider stakeholder involvement and healthy waterway principles into any development/planning/government agency impacting on Maribyrnong."</i> <i>"Proactively seek out those who weren't in the room to day and encourage them to attend again."</i>	42%
Start the process to improve health of waterways <i>"... just keep moving forward and motivated knowing we are working towards the same goal/ moving in the right direction."</i>	24%
Advocate for the HWS <i>"Get waterways onto agenda of revived Victorian Roadside Environmental Group."</i>	13%
Nothing special, continue with my work	11%
Learn more about co-design	8%

# Post workshop tour – a fish passage on the Maribyrnong River

