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Measuring Community Wellbeing: Vital Signs Melbourne

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Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

- An established and proud history of supporting the Melbourne community through philanthropy.

- A contemporary organisation that inspires philanthropy to achieve positive social change.

- We aim to increase life opportunities and promote social inclusion to grow and build strong communities.

Community Indicators Victoria

- An online data repository of measures of community wellbeing (community indicators) across Victorian LGAs.

- Broad framework across 5 board domains: social, economic, environmental, cultural and democratic wellbeing.

- Supporting equitable, healthy, engaged and well planned communities.

- University of Melbourne, McCaughey VicHealth Centre for Community Wellbeing and the Liveability Research Program.

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How To...

Welcome to CIV

Community Indicators Victoria aims to support equitable, healthy, engaged and well planned communities. Community Indicators Victoria provides a comprehensive framework of community wellbeing measured by local level data. Our wellbeing indicator data can be accessed by our **Wellbeing Reports**, **Live Reports** or **Data Maps**.

Community indicators are **a democratic resource** for engaging citizens and communities in informed discussions about shared goals and priorities, **a policy resource** guiding evidence-based planning and action to address the issues identified as important by communities, and **a reporting resource** tracking and communicating progress towards agreed goals and outcomes.

CIV is a collaborative project within the Place, Health and Liveability Research Program at the McCaughey VicHealth Centre, within the School of Population & Global Health, at the University of Melbourne.

Wellbeing Reports

Choose from the following 5 ways to view our data:

View LGA Profiles
See a range of Wellbeing Indicators for a given LGA

Create a Live Report
Create a report by choosing a combination of Locations and Indicators

News and Events

FREE Community Balanced Scorecard Training September 4th! Register now!

September 4: Paul Epstein Results That Matter New York - Using the Community Balanced Scorecard approach in Health Planning. Managing partnerships to achieve results can be especially difficult. In this half-day morning workshop, you will practice working with three tools to help you harness the power of community collaborations to achieve desired outcomes with high impact: **Strategy Maps; Driver-Outcome Measurement;** and **Community Results Compacts.** Register here.

To lead the workshop, Paul Epstein will come to us

Why Community Indicators?

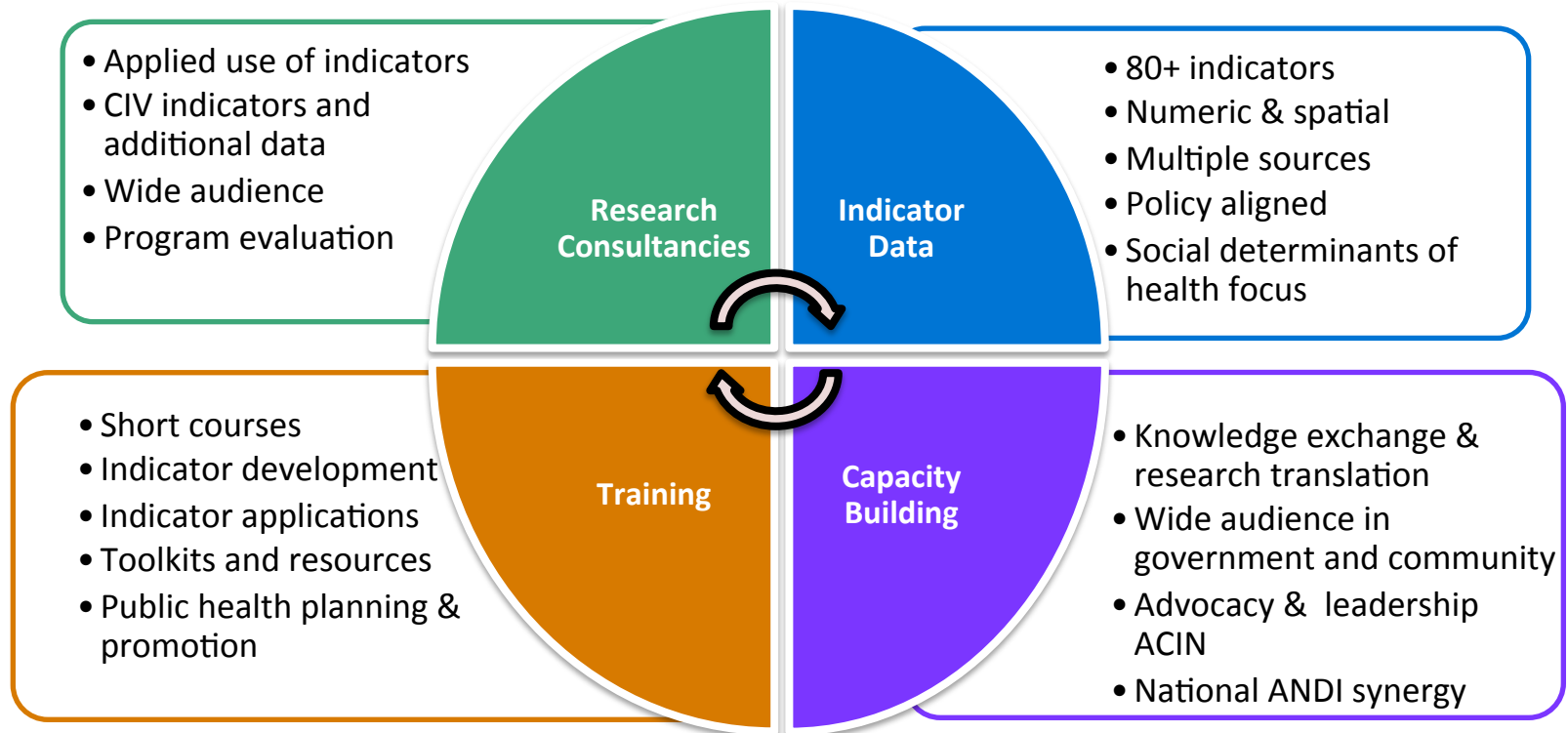| **Policy**	**Reporting**	**Democracy**
• Evidence based policy and planning • Deep knowledge of issues and importance of context	• Measuring and monitoring progress towards agreed goals	• Participatory democracy and engagement with the community • Partnerships essential

The work of CIV

Research Consultancies
- Applied use of indicators
- CIV indicators and additional data
- Wide audience
- Program evaluation

Indicator Data
- 80+ indicators
- Numeric & spatial
- Multiple sources
- Policy aligned
- Social determinants of health focus

Training
- Short courses
- Indicator development
- Indicator applications
- Toolkits and resources
- Public health planning & promotion

Capacity Building
- Knowledge exchange & research translation
- Wide audience in government and community
- Advocacy & leadership ACIN
- National ANDI synergy

Why Vital Signs?

- Vital signs helps Community Foundations to:
  - Increase the effectiveness of their grantmaking
  - Better inform donors about issues and opportunities in the community
  - Make connections between individuals and groups to address those issues
  - Make data accessible to the community
  - Increase involvement, interest and awareness of current issues in our communities

How did we approach the task?

1. Compilation of a research report from CIV across broad domain areas

2. Link with the Foundation's granting areas

3. Workshops to agree on most appropriate/useful indicators

4. Drafts written for each section

5. CIV reviewed each of these and provided feedback

6. Indicators were selected from a larger report and developed for publication into Vital Signs format

7. Designer worked with content to develop report

Synergy with Grants Program

- This is Melbourne / Gap Between Rich and Poor

- **Seven Impact Areas:**

- Ageing
- Arts & Heritage (Arts)
- Community & Preventative Health (Health)
- Environment
- Food Security
- Homelessness
- Youth (Learning and Opportunities for Youth)

What have we learnt?

- Partnership with Community Indicators Victoria was key

- Greatest areas of difficulty:

  - Choosing which indicators to use

  - Access to recent data

  - Area based effects and broad geographic scale

  - Time

- Greatest benefit so far – learnings for the Foundation through the workshops with CIV

Community Engagement & Next Steps

- Community consultations - Foundation Grants Advisory Panels

- This will be built upon for future editions

- The next edition is likely to be 'single issue'

- Communication of the report – print linking to online.

A Snapshot of Melbourne
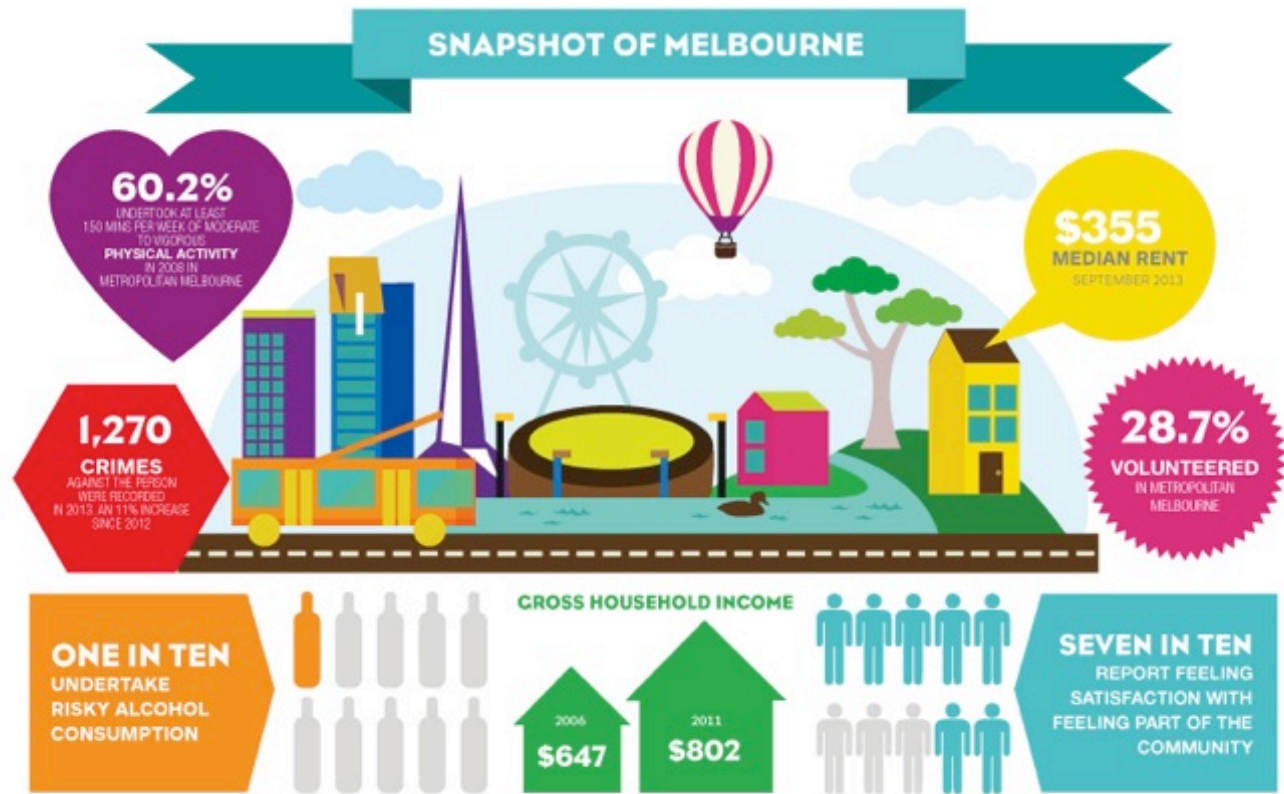
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