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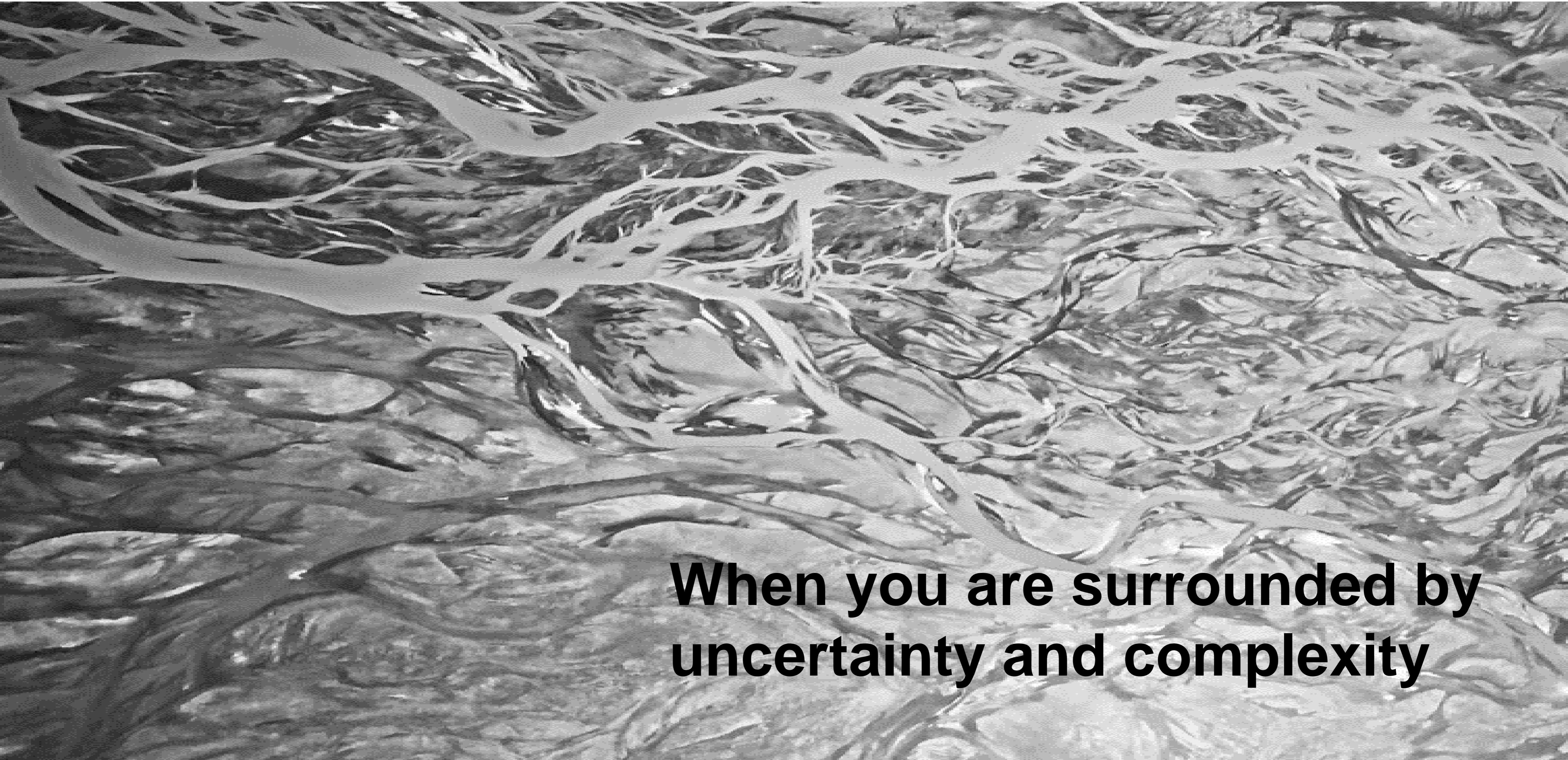
Water Sensitive Bendigo

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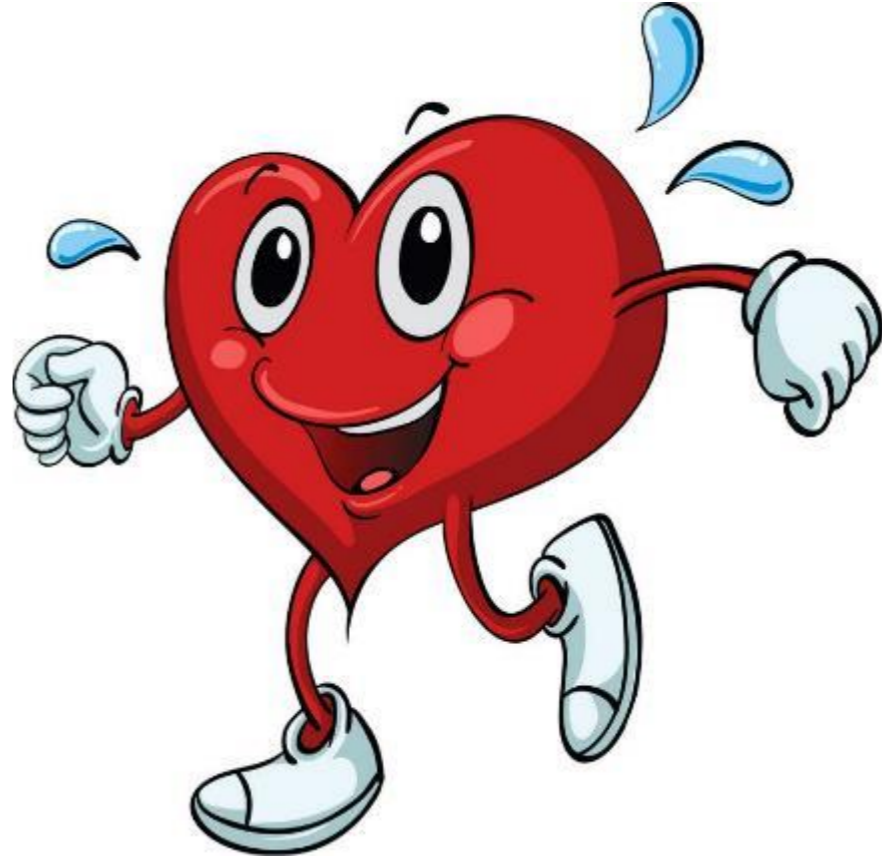


How do you transition to a Water Sensitive City?



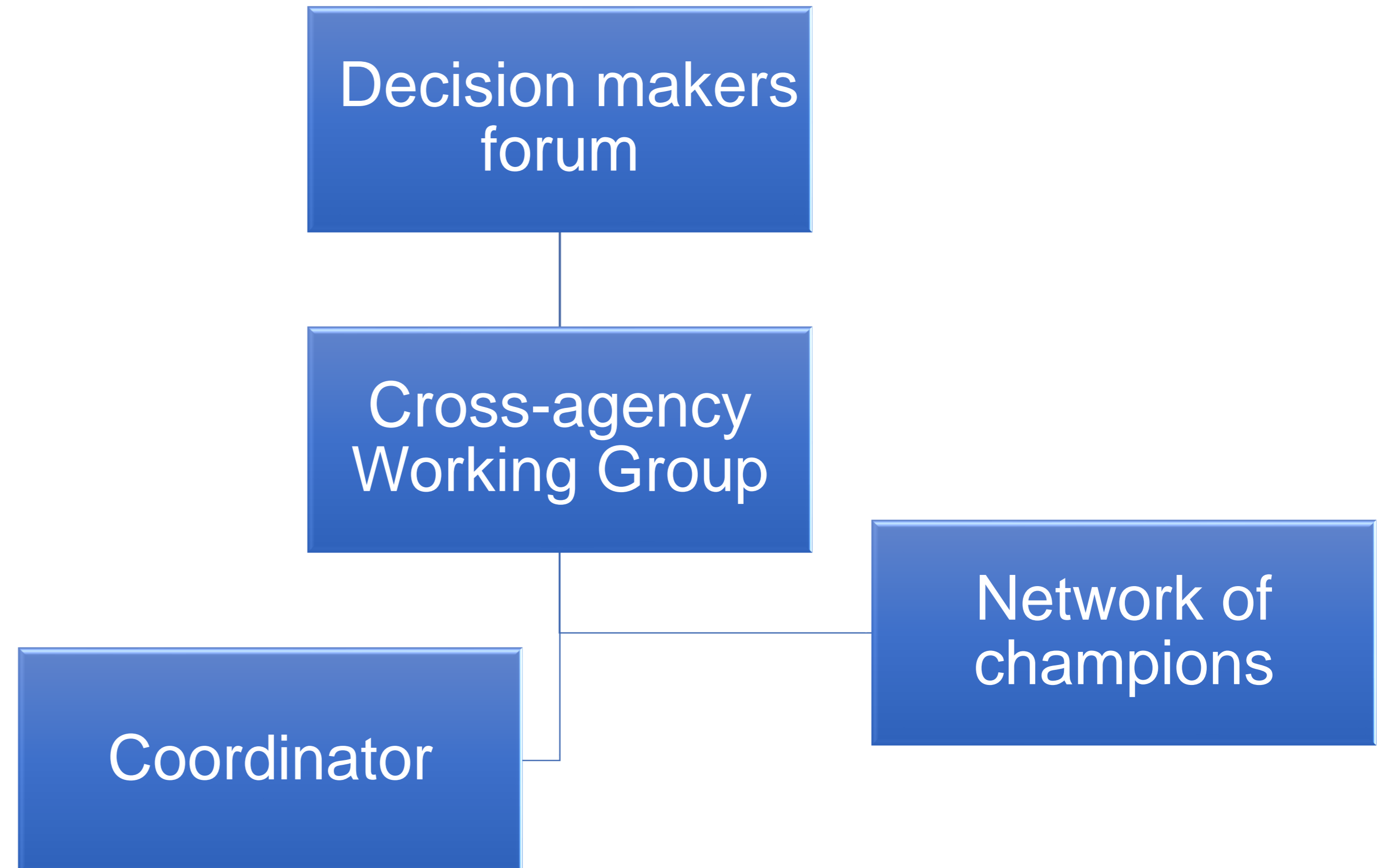
**When you are surrounded by
uncertainty and complexity**

Who needs to come along the journey?



How we are approaching the transition in Bendigo

1. Signed a Memorandum of Understanding between eight organizations
2. Formed a cross agency Working Group who are responsible for developing and delivering a 3 year implementation plan
3. Initiated a Network of practitioners and community champions
4. Council employed me on an ongoing role to coordinate the transition



Where are we heading?

“Creating a safe space to play, experiment and learn”

Embrace
Traditional
Knowledge

Commence
preventative
health projects

Transform urban
waterways



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What's next along the journey?

Use the first three years to

- Learn how to collaborate amongst eight organizations – embed processes and align resources
- Build a network of champions to drive innovation and advocate for change
- Explore problems and start experimenting with innovative solutions
- Design and implement pilot projects to showcase Water Sensitive Urban Design
- Build business cases for large scale interventions such the restoration of the Bendigo Creek



A Community Perspective

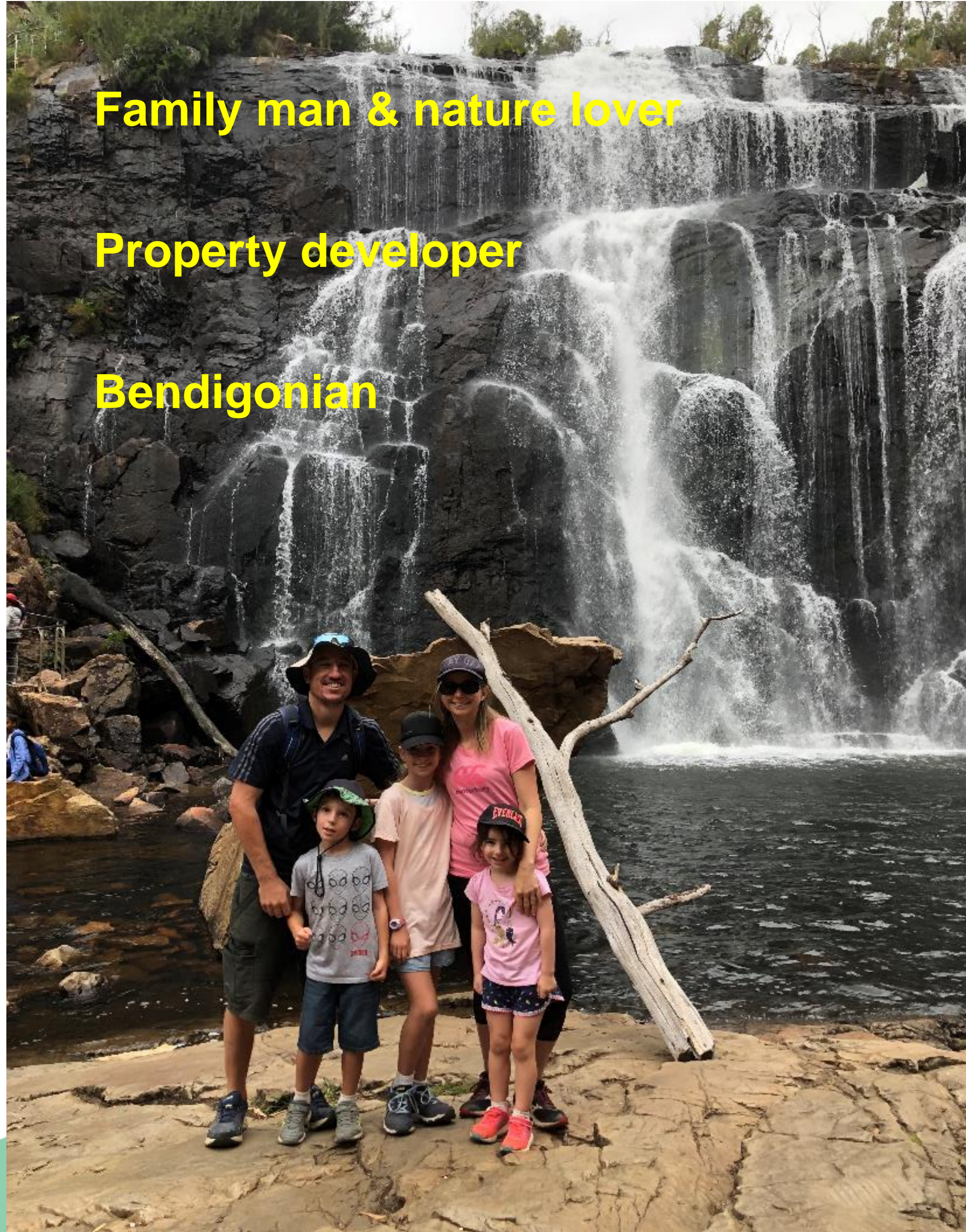


Who am I?

Family man & nature lover

Property developer

Bendigonian



Why I want to be part of the transition?

Give back to my community

- Learn more so I can educate my family and others
- Provide a legacy for my children and their children

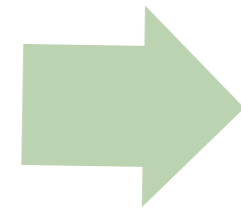
Avid water explorer / user

- Want to see water given its true value
- Protect the precious resource for continuing use and enjoyment

Where do I see it going, & how do we get there

“A community that highly values water for life, leisure and liveability”

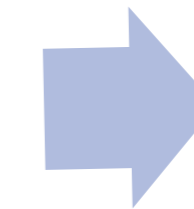
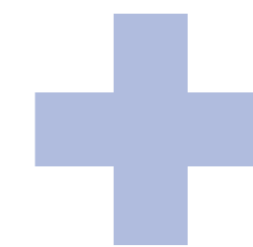
Equip our
community with
knowledge &
skills



**Bendigo
is a
vibrant
ecosystem**

Focus on
invigorating
local
waterways

Innovative
solutions
encouraged



**Value
Water!**

Harness and
harvest our
stormwater



Thank you



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