



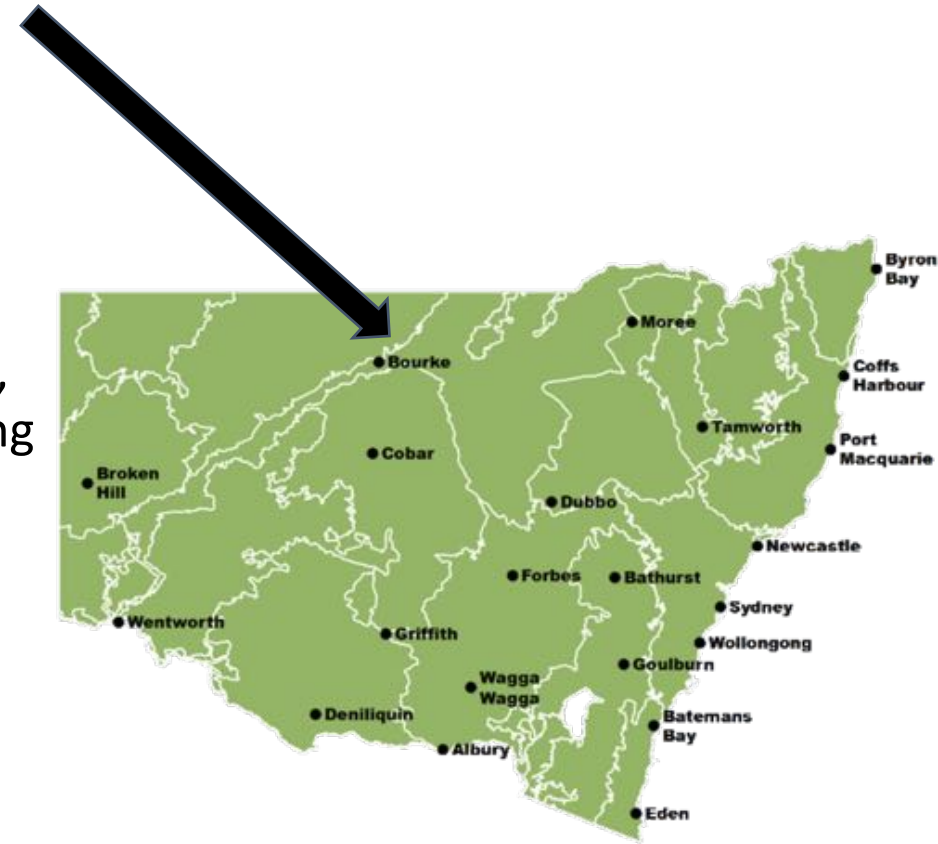
Justice Reinvestment for Aboriginal Young People



**ACT Communities not Prisons
December 2018**

Maranguka Justice Reinvestment

- It is taking place in the town of Bourke.
- 800km from Sydney
- It forms part of the traditional boundary of the Ngemba, Murrawarri, Budgiti and Barkinji Tribal Groups. As a result of past policies including forced relocation, there are now 26 different language groups in Bourke.
- 2,465 people live in the Bourke Shire - approximately 30.9% are Indigenous.
- The median age of Bourke's Indigenous population is 25 years, approximately 33.7% of which are children aged 0 to 14 years and 4.7% are aged 65 years and over.



Building Community Readiness



Start of the Change Process – the motivator:

- children and young people in the justice system

Maranguka was established: the change maker

Our Way of Doing Business – the Maranguka Principles:

The reform agenda: Programs, projects and services must work with Maranguka in a different way:

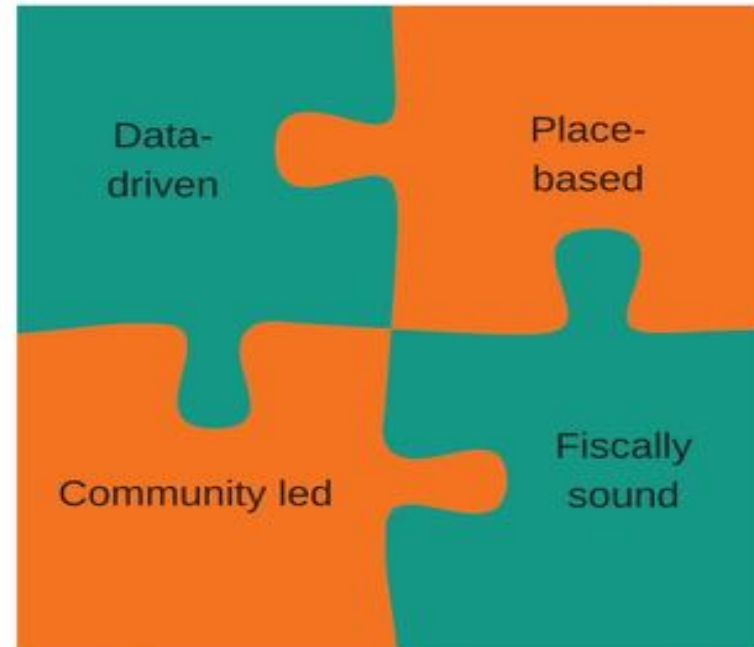
short, medium and long term



Changing the System: The Context for Justice Reinvestment in NSW

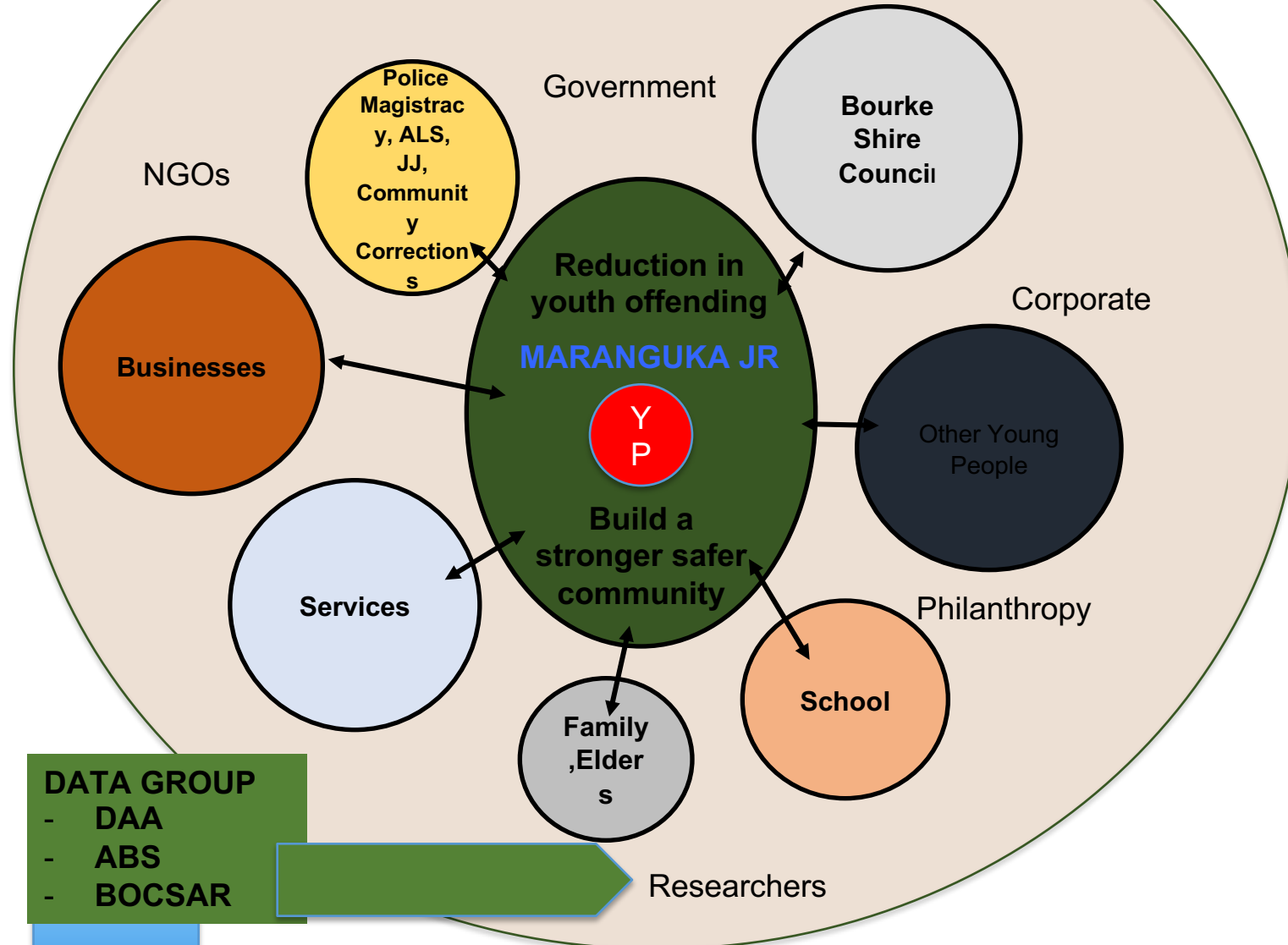
- Crime rates v imprisonment rates
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander offending v imprisonment
- Prisons are not reducing reoffending
- A small number of communities produce a large number of those imprisoned
- The cost of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander incarceration in NSW
- NSW Government: projected spend on prisons

Justice reinvestment is



The response of NSW Government: show us that it works

ENGAGE & PLAN





GROWING OUR KIDS UP SAFE, SMART & STRONG

GOALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Every Aboriginal Child...

- Is born healthy
- Lives in a safe place
- Arrives at school ready to learn
- Has strong family relationships

Every Aboriginal Parent & Caregiver...

- Values learning and feels supported and confident in raising children
- Supports their children's connection to culture & country

GOALS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

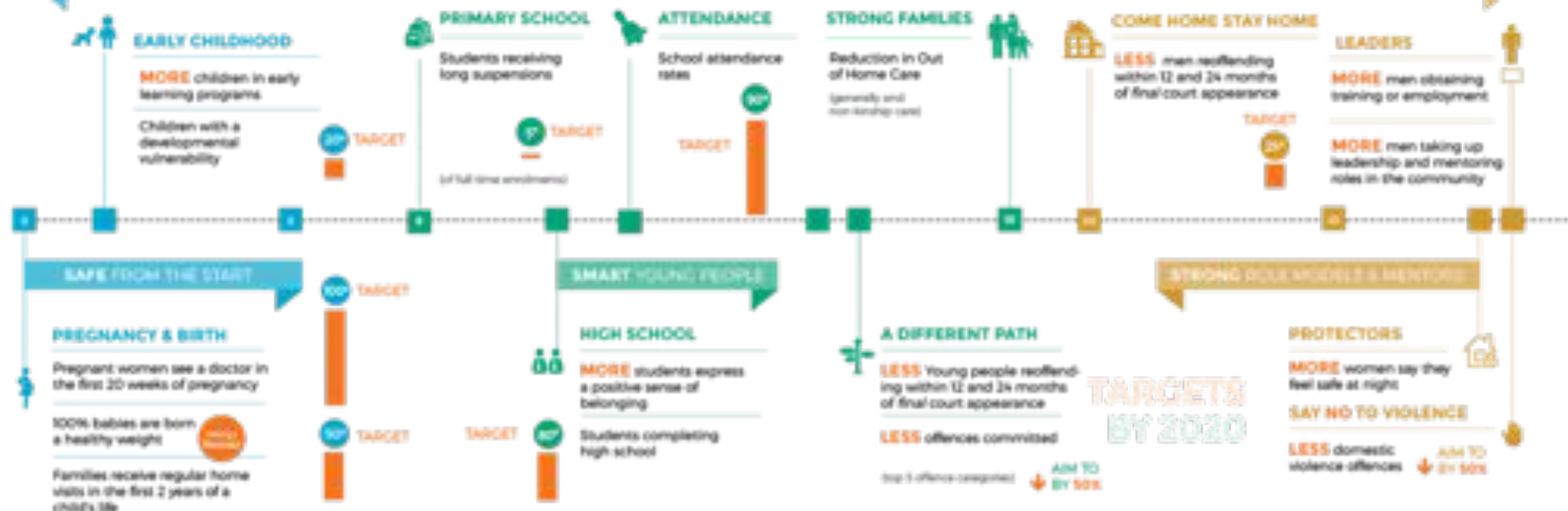
Every Aboriginal Child & Young Person...

- Feels connected to culture and country
- Has strong family relationships
- Has a positive sense of identity & belonging
- Feels respected and has increased self confidence
- Is receptive to services and assistance
- Is mentally and emotionally equipped for their future
- Is on positive pathways

GOALS FOR MEN

Every Aboriginal Man...

- Feels connected to culture and country
- Is supported to overcome trauma, grief and loss
- Is supported along his healing journey
- Is a skilled parent, caregiver and role model
- Feels respected
- Protects his family and community
- Is on positive pathways



TARGETS BY 2020

ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LED

BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL (NSW)	WARRUMBUNG & WESTERN DISTRICTS (NSW)
CHAMBER OF TRADING, WOMEN'S GROUP (NSW)	ROY OF BOURKE (NSW)

Members of the Working Group

Premier and Cabinet, Aboriginal Affairs, NSW Police, Bourke Public School, Family and Community Services Primary and Community Health, Eternity Aid, Bourke and District Children's Service, University of Sydney Mission Australia, St. Ignace Parish School, Western NSW PHN, Bourke Aboriginal Health Service, Centacore Family Referral Service, Centralink, Juvenile Justice, Strong Enterprise Corporation Ltd, Clonsarf Academy, PCYC Community Mental Health, Bourke High School, Youth Off the Streets, Office of Environment and Heritage Bourke Shire Council, SAFE, The Men of Bourke, Third Action Plan, SOS, Aboriginal Legal Service

Bourke Tribal Council

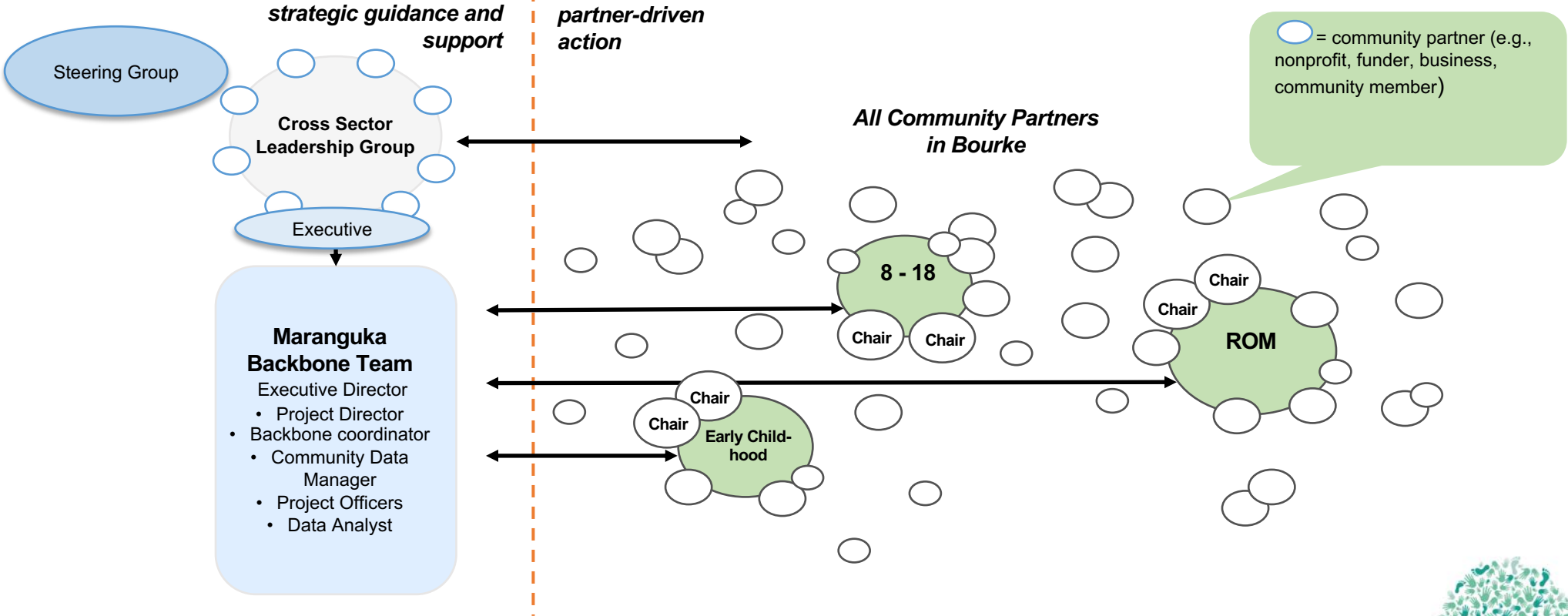
Strategic decision making & final veto

Journey to Healing

Men of Bourke

Maranguka Youth Advisory Council

Growing them up safe, smart & strong



Collaborating for Large-Scale Impact



The Working groups:

- Early Childhood and Parenting
- 8-18 year olds
- The Role of Men
- Test / Try / Learn approach
- Building shared accountability and measurement



Building authorisation

The Cross Sector Leadership Group and Executive



Circuit Breakers: Justice Initiatives

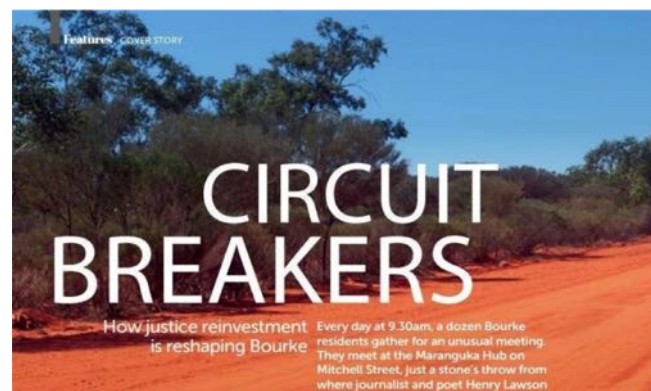
Bail, sentencing and the YOA

Warrant Clinic, the Justice Support Team, Hub Check-ins

Operation Solidarity

Children's Court List Days – a proposal

Driver Licensing/ Crime Prevention Program



Impact

Justice Reinvestment in Bourke


In 2014 Bourke had the highest rate of young people offending in NSW. Young people were being placed in prisons in Dubbo and Sydney a long way from their families. Local Aboriginal community members got together to start a Justice Reinvestment group and involved young people in this process. Since JR started in Bourke there has been a huge reduction in criminal incidents.

↘ **18%**

Reduction in major offences in a one year period

↘ **39%**

Reduction in DV assaults over a two year period

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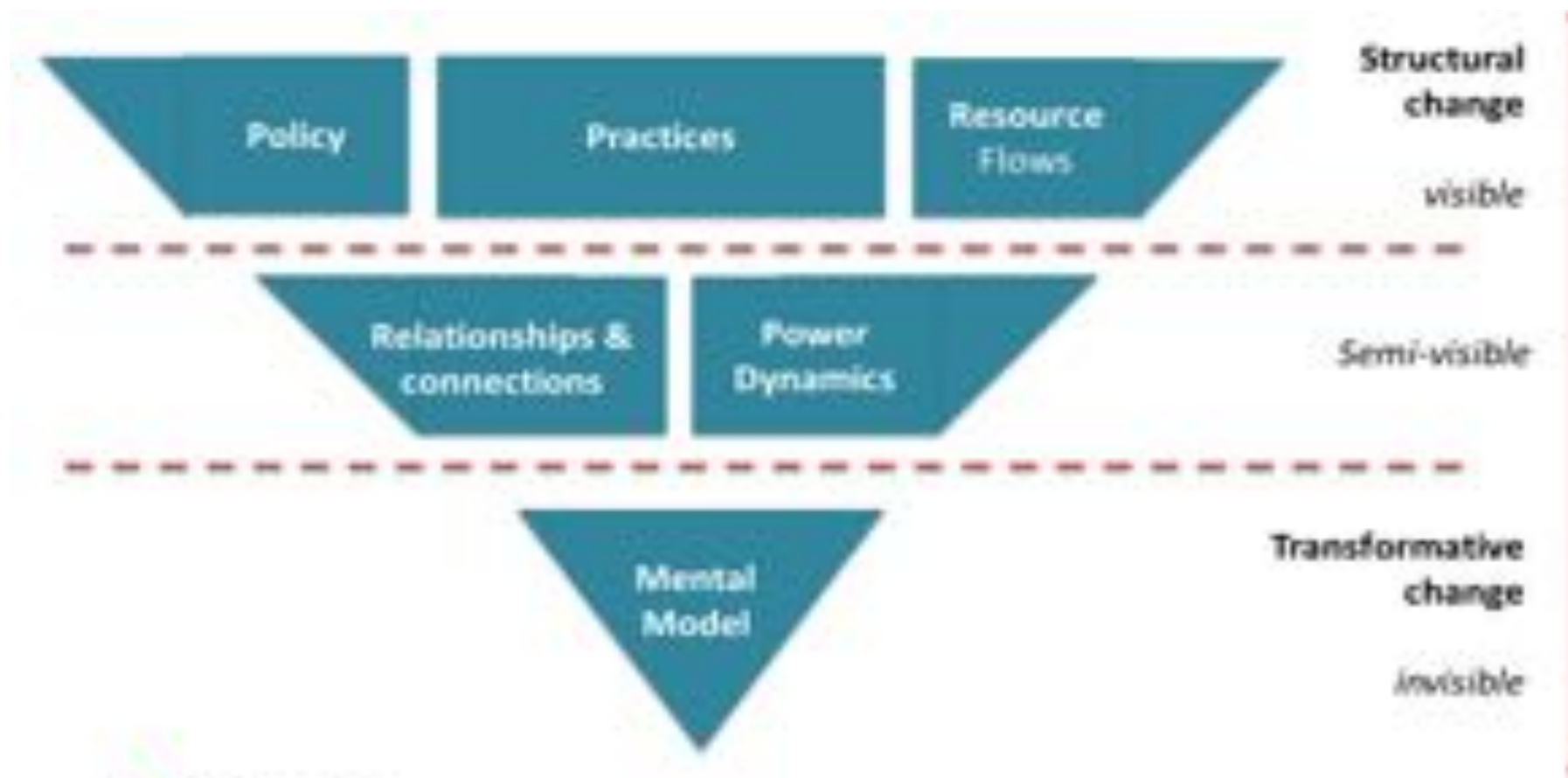
People obtained their drivers licence through a JR led program

↘ **72%**

Reduction in young people proceeded against for driving without a licence



What is systems change



Creating State Wide Change

Just Reinvest NSW Policy Paper #1 –

Legislative and policy reforms to reduce the rising prison population in NSW and the levels of Aboriginal overrepresentation.

A roundtable discussion with members of the NSW legal and justice communities and in consultation with a wide range of peak NSW Aboriginal organisations.



Key objectives:

Reducing crime to create safe communities:

adequate resourcing to address the complex needs of offenders in the community to address the underlying causes of crime, reduce recidivism and create safer communities.

An end to post-code justice:

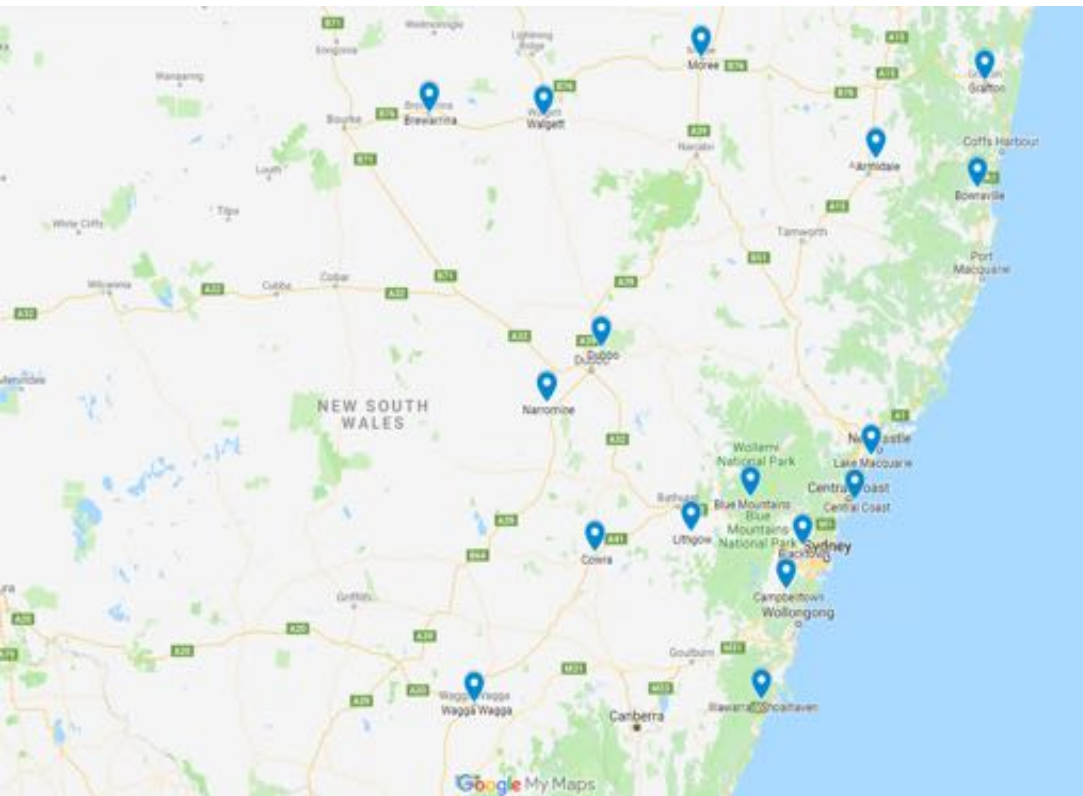
equal access to and adequate resourcing for diversionary options, rehabilitation programs and therapeutic court settings across NSW.

A smarter way to spend \$3.8 billion:

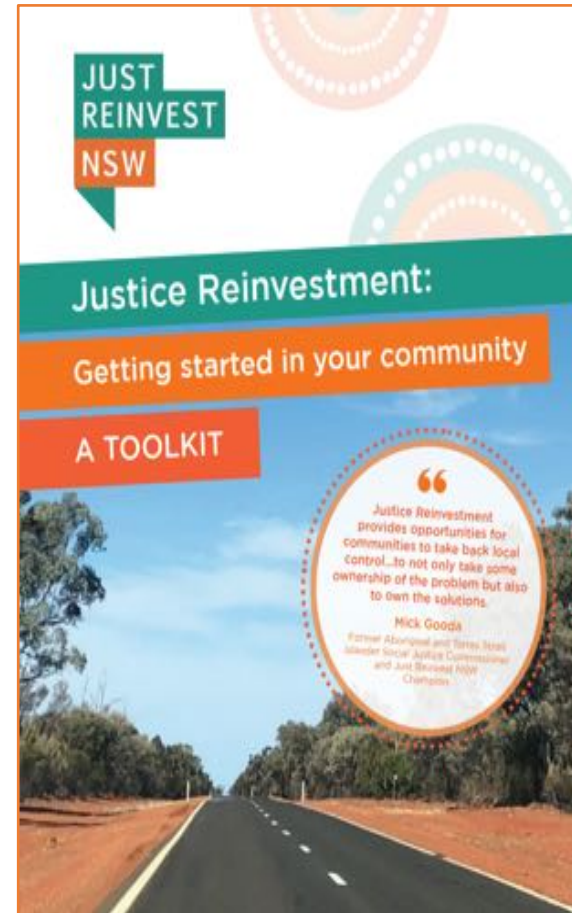
focusing expenditure on measures that will improve public health and prevent crime.

Bourke and Beyond

Communities reaching out to Just Reinvest NSW



The Justice Reinvestment Toolkit





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