



Collaborative Evaluation and Research Group (CERG) Health Innovation Project – Inquiry Phase

Background:

The Collaborative Evaluation and Research Group (CERG) has partnered with the Latrobe Valley Authority to deliver the Health and Wellbeing stream of the Gippsland Smart Specialisation Strategy (GS3). The Smart Specialisation approach is based on three principals:

- Smart: Identify the regions own strength, comparative and competitive assets
- Specialisation: Prioritise research and innovation in competitive areas
- Strategic; define and develop shared vision for regional innovation

Working in partnership with stakeholders, the CERG is exploring current and future strengths and challenges in the heath and community sector. There are three phases to the project: Discovery, Inquiry and Design. The Discovery phase that identified key issues in health and community services is complete. Summaries of the two workshops that were held in this phase can be found on our website: www.federation.edu.au/cerg

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The Inquiry Phase:

During the Inquiry Phase the emphasis is on exploring the depth and reach of the issues and mapping the trajectory of the issues to ascertain the sustainability of the need in the region. At the end of this phase, health issues will have been prioritised in preparation for the design phase of the project.

Summary of Inquiry Phase Workshop 1

The first workshop in this phase utilised activities and strategies to dive into four themes that were identified in the Discovery phase: Digital Health, Community Resilience and Wellbeing, Place-Based and Data Sharing and Governance.

Under each theme key issues were identified, alongside the strengths that the region has in those areas. Ideas of how to address the issues and how to turn the ideas into opportunities was discussed. Challenges, goals and risks were identified, and four focussed concepts proposed.

OUTCOME OF INQUIRY WORKSHOP 1: FOUR FOCUSED CONCEPTS		
1. Development of a Data sharing system for Gippsland.	 Explore the type and variety of data that can be shared in a secure location Develop an understanding of complexities of sharing data among agencies Develop a strategy to ensure that data is shared during environmental events Develop a membership and communication strategy 	





2. Town centric approach to improve health initiatives that incorporates a whole of community engagement strategy.	 Multifocal approach to health and wellbeing activities that build upon existing community initiatives and test and try new ways of empowering residents to work together in partnership with health agencies.
3. Develop a model to connect health services to the needs of individuals working towards better health outcomes	 Build a shared understanding of good health within individual communities Provide residents with an early intervention mechanism
4. Develop of a digital health hub in a rural / remote township that will address the inequalities to health service delivery for that region.	 Pilot a digital health hub model in a single township / region Develop a sustainable model for future funding Develop / Strengthen relationships with a central health provider which will support the digital health hub model

Next steps:

Inquiry Phase Workshop 2

The next workshop will explore the four concepts identified in depth against the three Smart Specialisation principles: Smart, Specialised and Strategic. The workshop will be held in Morwell and repeated in Sale.

The Workshops will be held on:

MORWELL	SALE	
Date: Monday 4 th April	Date: Wednesday 6 th April	
Time: 10.00am – 1pm (Networking Lunch Included)	Time: 10.00am – 1pm (Networking Lunch Included)	
Venue: Morwell Innovation Centre, Morwell	Venue: TBA: Sale	
Registration:		
Workshop Inquiry Phase Workshop 2		



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CERG has created a survey relating to the four concepts identified in Inquiry Workshop 1. We would like your thoughts on each one and which you feel are the highest priority. The survey will assist in guiding the discussion in Workshop 2 and give all interested parties a chance to participate regardless of their ability to attend the Workshop.

To complete the survey please go to:

Inquiry Workshop 2 Pre Workshop Survey



If you would like more information about this project, please contact the CERG: CERGroup@federation.edu.au