

## GROW Compact Action Network Meeting Notes

Friday 8 July 2016

### Attending:

Alex	Houlston	Energy for the People
Annette	Gill	Karingal
Chris	Newman	ArcBlue
Damien	Burton	Programmed
Deb	Kearney	Dept Justice & Regulation
Gary	Simpson	Fagg's/Mitre 10
Ian	Clifton	Deakin
Jennifer	Labourne	Colac Area Health
Liz	Everist	GROW
Mark	Farrugia	Whittington Works Alliance
Paul	Rawson	Barwon Water
Peter	McCracken	ICN
Peter	Walker	CoGG
Rachel	Berryman	Karingal
Stephen	Ryan	RDV
Tim	Boyd	GMHBA
Tina	Perfremment	Future Proofing Geelong
Travis	Kirwood	CoGG

### Apologies:

Andrew	Henderson	ABS
Anne	O'Brien	GROW
Brendan	Snookes	The Gordon
Brendan	Davie	Gforce Employment Solutions
Eugene	Modystach	ArcBlue
Jo	Powell	Viva Energy
John	Timmer	Baptcare
Kirsten	Kilpatrick	Tract
Mat	Dickins	Corio Waste Management
Robyn	Hayles	Barwon Health
Shane	Drury	Lyons
Sue	Luke	Colac Otway Shire
Tim	Harrop	DHHS
Tina	Hewett	St Laurence Community Services
Virginia	Todd	RDV

### GROW Compact Action Planning

Liz welcomed and thanked all of those attending for their valued contribution to GROW. Jennifer Labourne signed the GROW Compact on behalf of Colac Area Health, one of five new Compact signatories. Chris Newman provided the attached presentation and proposed a process for Compact signatories as part of their Compact Action Planning:

1. Complete Self-Assessment (currently in development, proposed online tool)
2. Review Individual Dashboard (based on data collection of spend and employment)
3. Hold Workshops within your organisation – facilitation support available from GROW and ArcBlue, involving internal stakeholders
4. Develop your Compact Action Plan using Template (refer attached)
5. Submit Compact Action Plan (proposed to be submitted online)
6. Half-yearly (or yearly) data and Dashboard update
7. Half-yearly (and/or) Annual Review against Action Plan



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Members agreed to this proposal, and discussion included the following issues:

Each organisation to have password protection to access their individual Dashboards to understand and use their own GROW data.

GROW will capture the multiplier effect of the collective contributions through a regional Dashboard with aggregated trends and opportunities, but will also show impacts in target communities.

It was suggested the website include profiles of successes rather than a 'leader board' that cannot equitably compare such a range of different organisations.

Compact Action Plans should focus on the qualitative as well as quantitative outcomes, particularly stories (digital storytelling, case studies) from both organisations and individuals.

Internal workshops could be structured to the needs of each organisation, based on the specific data and opportunities. Organisations welcomed the idea of a generic PowerPoint presentation that could be used for briefing at internal meetings, with capacity to be tailored with individualised information.

Timelines for developing Compact Action Plans to be post the launch of the Social Procurement Toolkit, August or September 2016.

The template of the Compact Action Plan was discussed, with amendments proposed and agreed (attached). It was noted that actions could be evaluated either as quantitative or qualitative outcomes.



Compact Action Plan Template 08071

## Update on Key GROW Procurement Projects

Chris reported on the Regional Procurement Economic Modelling Project and distributed the summary report, with thanks to all members who participated in the workshop and survey. The final online version is available at [www.grow.g21.com.au](http://www.grow.g21.com.au)

The GROW Social Procurement Toolkit is nearing completion, with a Launch and Workshop proposed for September. It was discussed that a half day would be suitable for this event, with the Launch a key marketing opportunity. The Workshop will include showcasing successes and collaborative efforts, to provide practical support for application of the Toolkit.

It was noted that organisations (and their suppliers) who are seeking to apply Social Procurement principles may require additional support when investigating employment opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers. Additional tools and resources may need to be created, specifically related to employment, for the Toolkit.

The development of Dashboards for the Regional Shared Measurement System has commenced, and volunteers were requested to work with ArcBlue staff on the design of the individual Dashboards (Tim, Paul, Ian, Rebecca and Alex).

## Actions and next steps

- Members approved the GROW Compact Action Network Terms of Reference, please see attached. (Liz to send calendar invitations.)
- Amend Self-Assessment Tool to include employment data. (ArcBlue)
- Future CAN meeting to explore employment processes, opportunities and risks. (Liz)
- Future CAN meeting to explore Social Enterprise opportunities and collaborations. (Liz)
- Build support and tools for suppliers (and other organisations) to assist them to generate employment opportunities (GROW and partners eg. Whittington Works Alliance)
- Explore possible sponsorship of a Social Procurement Award in the Geelong Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. (Liz)
- Amend future CAN agenda to commence each Meeting with reports from members – case studies, best practice examples, test Compact Action Plans, news and local intelligence. (Liz)



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