

WHY CITIZEN SCIENCE?

RESOURCES THAT CAN ACCESS **MORE DATA & PROVIDE NEW PERSPECTIVES**

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FEASIBILITY OF EMBEDDING IT IN POLICY FOR PREVENTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

3 YEAR PROGRAM BUILDING **KNOWLEDGE** AND **CAPACITY** IN CITIZEN SCIENCE

CITIZEN SCIENCE IN PREVENTION

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

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CITIZEN SCIENCE

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AND OUR PARTNERS

KATHERINE (SA)
IT'S NOT CHEAP OR EASY - MUST BE **TEAM LED** TO GET ALL THE SKILLS

KAREN (NSW)
ADVANTAGES USING IT FOR **HEALTH PROMOTION**

BETTER UNDERSTAND **TOOLS NEEDED** FOR **HEALTH PROMOTION** STAFF

SELL IT AT ALL LEVELS - IMPROVES UNDERSTANDING & UPTAKE

KIM (TAS)
SUPPORTS PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH & **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** IN **POLICY DEVELOPMENT**

CONTINUING TO USE IT IN RESEARCH - KEEN FOR **POLICY & HEALTH PREVENTION**

LOCAL GOV VERY ENGAGED - CONSIDER PARTNERING

TRUE, GENUINE ENGAGEMENT

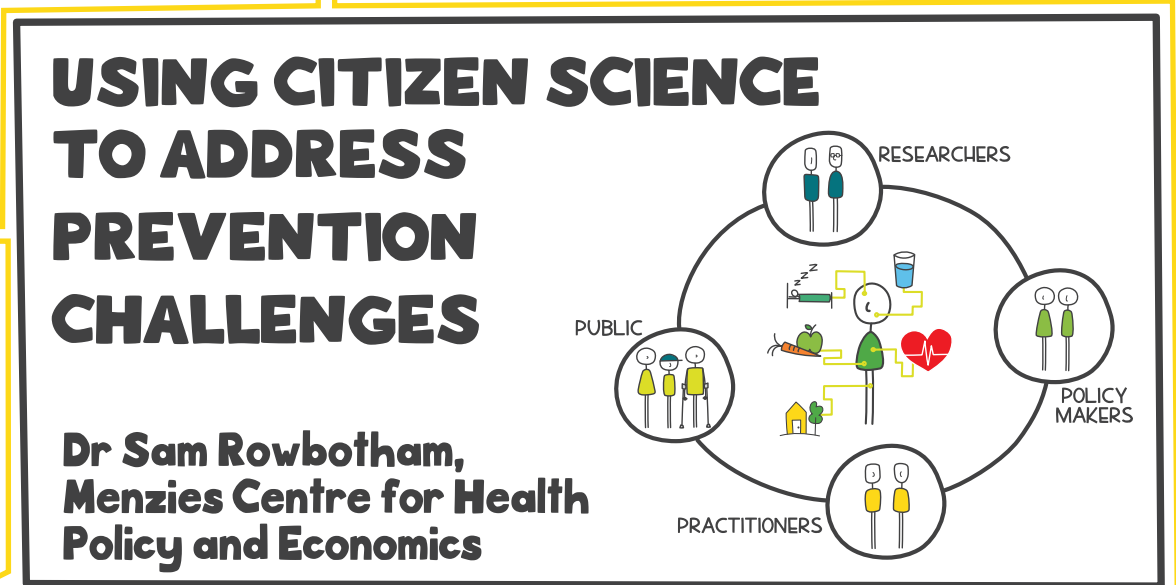
PARTNER PROJECTS

PARTNERS ARE **STRONG ADVOCATES** - SHARING THEIR PROJECTS & OUTCOMES WITH OTHERS

SUPPORTING PARTNER AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT CS PROJECTS **ALLOWED US TO BUILD CAPACITY**

WE ALSO GAVE **BROAD ADVICE** TO OTHER **AGENCIES & COUNCILS**

OUR **EVALUATION** IS LARGELY EXPLORING THE **SUCCESS & CHALLENGES** OF OUR PARTNER PROJECTS



OUR REFLECTIONS

FACTORS THAT ASSIST UPTAKE OF CITIZEN SCIENCE

- PARTNERSHIPS & PEER-SUPPORT
- EVIDENCE OF FEASIBILITY & IMPACTS
- ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT
- INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT ACTIVITIES
- INFORMATION, ADVICE & SUPPORT WAS VALUED BY STAKEHOLDERS**
- KNOWLEDGE OF AND INTEREST IN CITIZEN SCIENCE HAS INCREASED**

TIME, COST & ETHICS ARE ALWAYS CHALLENGES

BEN - PROVIDED **REAL WORLD INSIGHTS** INTO WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS WORK

WELLBEING SA
COMMUNITY GARDEN INITIATIVE
SMALL SCALE BUT HELPED **SHOWED PUBLIC** **VALUED IT DIFFERENTLY** TO INTENDED PURPOSES

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RURAL WALKABILITY
PARTICIPANTS HELPED ANALYSE & **USED DATA** TO **ADVOCATE FOR CHANGES** IN THEIR COMMUNITIES

VICHEALTH
MONITORING ONLINE MARKETING
PARTICIPANTS HELPED WITH ANALYSIS - **BECAME MORE AWARE** OF AD TARGETING

SWSLHD
URBAN REGENERATION
DELAYED BUT TEAM WAS STILL **INVOLVED** IN ADVISING

PROJECTS HAVE TO BE **DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEEDS** OF THE PROJECT & **CITIZEN SCIENTISTS INVOLVED**

IT WAS A CHALLENGE - ESPECIALLY **COST FOR SINGLE PROJECT**

ALL FELT **INVOLVING CITIZENS WAS VALUABLE**

AND IN **LEARNING BY DOING** - **CONFIDENT** THEY CAN USE IT BETTER IN FUTURE

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE HELPED **DEVELOP RESOURCES & SHARE**

COP WILL CONTINUE AFTER PROJECT ENDS - WATCH THIS SPACE

COP HAS GROWN WITH DIFFERENT SPEAKERS - 25-88 PEOPLE ATTENDING

SUITE OF **RESOURCES** DEVELOPED - POSITIVE FEEDBACK

IMPACTS **LARGELY INDIVIDUAL** IN THIS TIMEFRAME - **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE**

STARTING TO **TRANSLATE COP** AND **RESOURCES** INTO THEIR WORK

ALSO **ADVOCATING** FOR PEOPLE TO USE IT

DID A **WORKSHOP** FOR **POLICY & PRACTICE** STAKEHOLDERS

RAN RANGE OF **INFORMATION SESSIONS**