



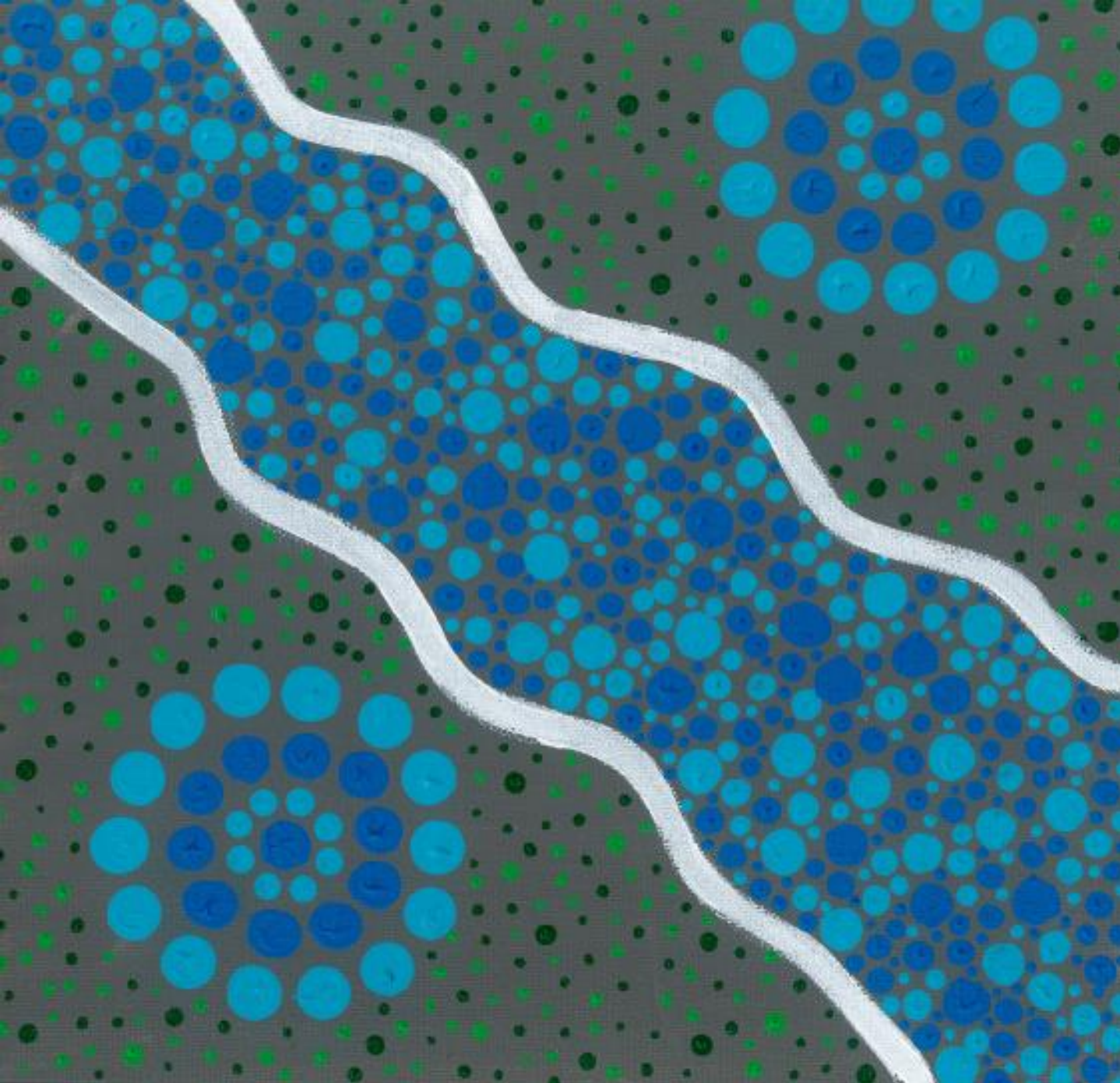
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Ginninderry Residents Association Workshop

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Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Communication Link acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which this office resides.

We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of our community in Canberra and the region.

We also acknowledge all other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of all land on which our work and connections may reach, and pay our respect to their Elders, past and present.



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Welcome



Housekeeping

- Facilities
- Emergency exits
- Please switch phone to silent
Everyone has a chance to
speak and be heard

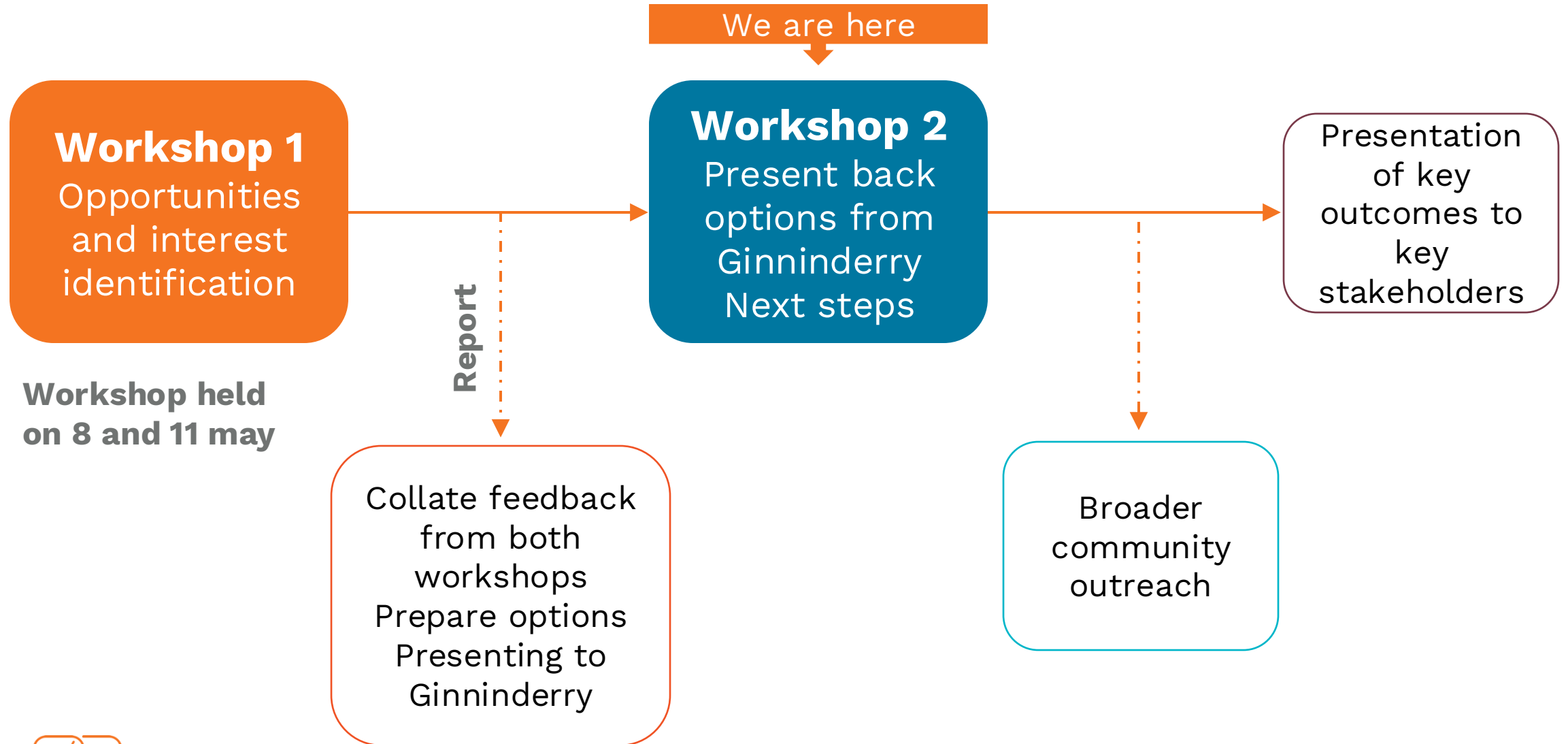


Our agenda for today



- Workshop 1 outcomes - recap
- Ginninderry JV support options (establishment)
- Incorporation
- What's needed? - Support and resources
- Next steps - broader community outreach

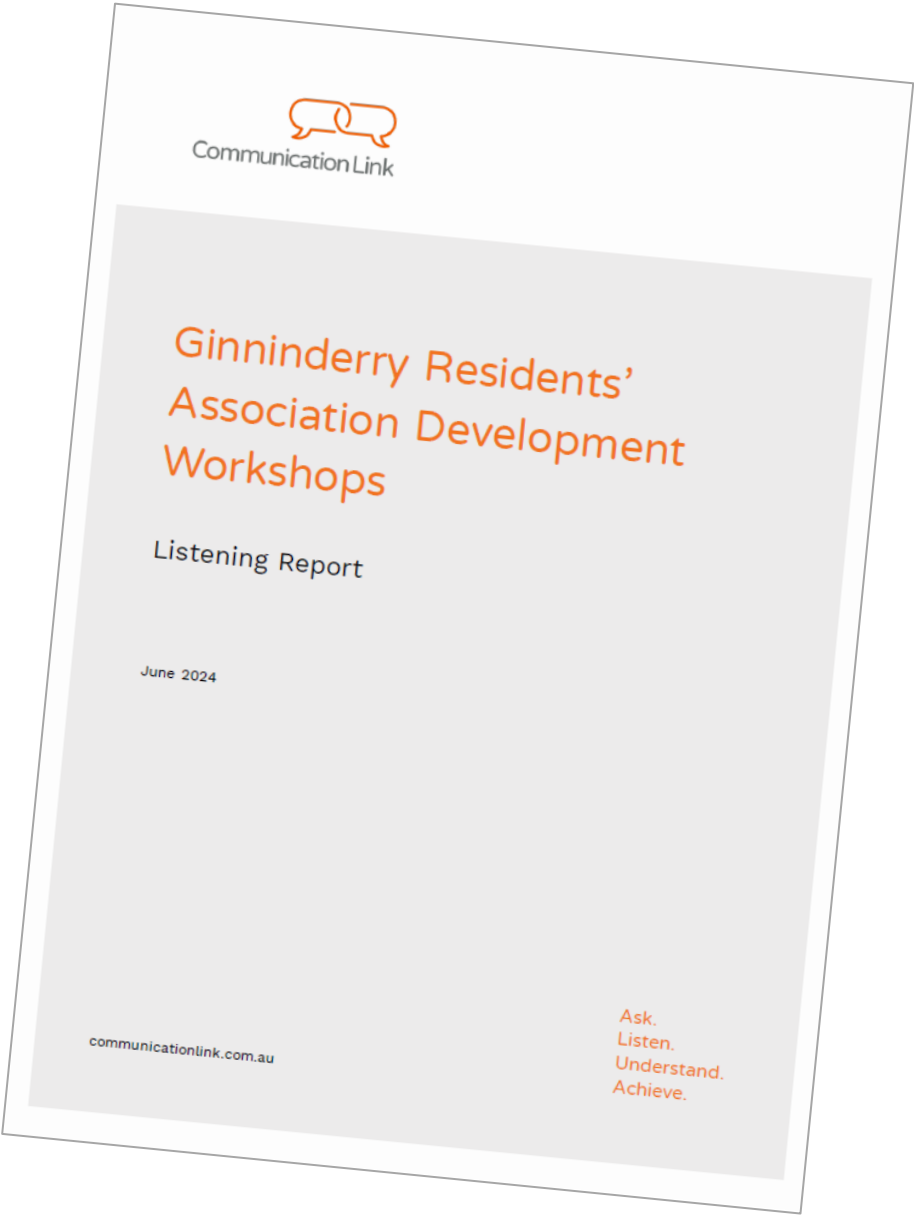




Workshop held on 8 and 11 may



Recap of workshop





Aims and objectives

- Build community through inclusive social events and engagement opportunities.
- Represent residents by gathering feedback, and advocating for their interests.
- Strengthen partnerships with developers, local government, and stakeholders to enhance quality of life.
- Facilitate effective communication by establishing clear channels, providing a central hub for information.
- Promote community safety by supporting initiatives like neighbourhood watch and safety awareness programs.



Preferred model

Which model do you prefer?



- 1. Local residents' association
- 2. New suburb association - developer supported
- 3. Incorporated community resident groups
- 4. No formal residents association

CASE STUDY 2

Residents' association in a new suburb - developer supported

Ginninderry

Residents' associations or community organisations for new suburbs that have established and are supported by a developer to bring residents together and foster a sense of community

Aims and objectives

- Facilitate community engagement and cohesion within the new community
- Advocate for residents' needs and concerns during the development process
- Establish partnerships with the developer, local government, and other stakeholders to address issues and enhance resident well-being
- Objectives may include promoting sustainable living, enhancing neighbourhood aesthetics, and ensuring residents' well-being.

Governance

- Committee structure similar to traditional residents' associations, with elected members representing the interests of residents
- Collaboration with the developer to establish governance mechanisms ensuring transparency and accountability
- Regular meetings to discuss development progress, community concerns, and future plans
- Incorporated organisation under relevant legislation.

Structure

- Committee composed of elected representatives, possibly including members appointed by the developer or local government
- Subcommittees or task forces established to address specific issues such as landscaping, infrastructure, or social activities
- Transparent decision-making processes to ensure resident input and accountability.



Funding

- During the initial stages, the developer provides seed funding to the association to get them established
- Funding could cover costs like website development, marketing materials, and initial events
- After a transition period, the residents association relies on membership fees, grants and fundraising events for ongoing operations.

Membership

- Membership is open to all new residents
- Emphasis on inclusivity to encourage participation from diverse demographics
- Membership benefits may include access to exclusive community events, discounts on local services, and a platform for voicing concerns.

Examples of this type of group include Googong Residents Association (Peet Limited), Aura Connected (Stocklands) and Kawana Forest Residents Group (Stocklands).

facebook.com/GoogongRA
www.auraconnected.org
www.kafra.org.au



Incorporating an association

Overview of the steps to incorporate and operate an association

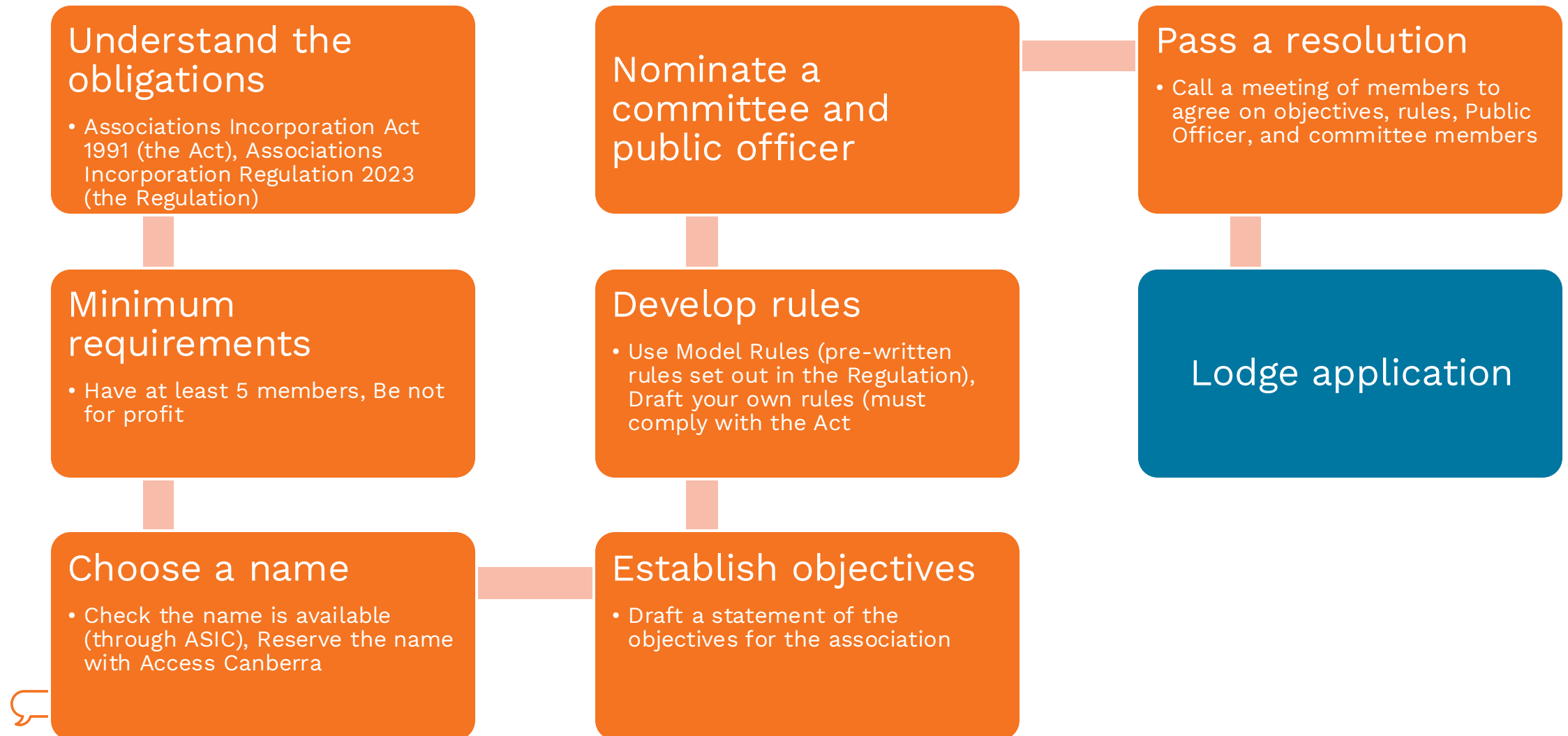


Benefits of incorporation

- **Separate legal entity:** Can own property, enter contracts, borrow money, and take legal action.
- **Clearer property ownership:** Can own assets in its own name.
- **Access to funding:** Eligible for government grants and tax concessions
- **Perpetual succession:** Continues to exist even if members change.
- **Limited liability protection:** Members aren't personally responsible for the group's debts.



Incorporation steps



Operating an incorporated association

- **Documents and record-keeping** – Maintain records and registers.
- **Register of members** – Keep a register of members.
- **Responsibilities of committee members** – Ensure compliance with obligations under the Act.
- **Committee meetings** – Hold meetings as required under the Act
- **Annual general meetings** – Hold the first AGM within 18 months of becoming incorporated
- **Special resolutions** – Follow proper procedures for special resolutions.
- **Financial reports** – Submit annual reports to Access Canberra.



Questions



What's needed?

Funding and budgeting

- Establishment & operational costs
- Sustainable/future funding strategies

Legal and administrative support

- Establishment advice (legal, insurance etc)
- Governance training
- Insurance
- Ongoing administrative and secretariat support

Logistical support

- Meeting spaces
- Administrative assistance
- Technology support



Capacity building

- Training programs eg community leadership, project management
- Mentorship/collaboration with established associations

Community engagement

- Events and activities
- Surveys and feedback

Monitoring and evaluation

- Ongoing governance requirements – operating the association

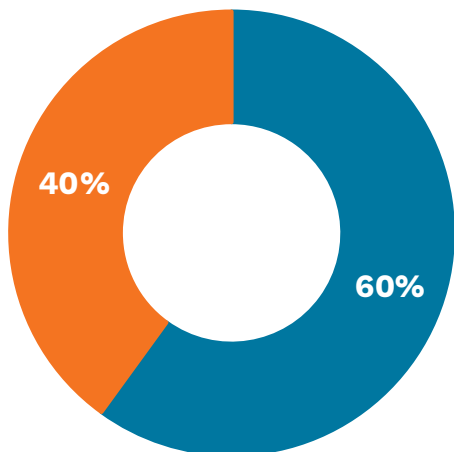
Roles and responsibilities

- What support and resources are needed?
- Where do these come from?



What's next? Timeframes?

Helping to establish a residents' association



■ Interested - but need to know more - 18 people

■ Really keen - sign me up! - 12 people



Parking lot

