



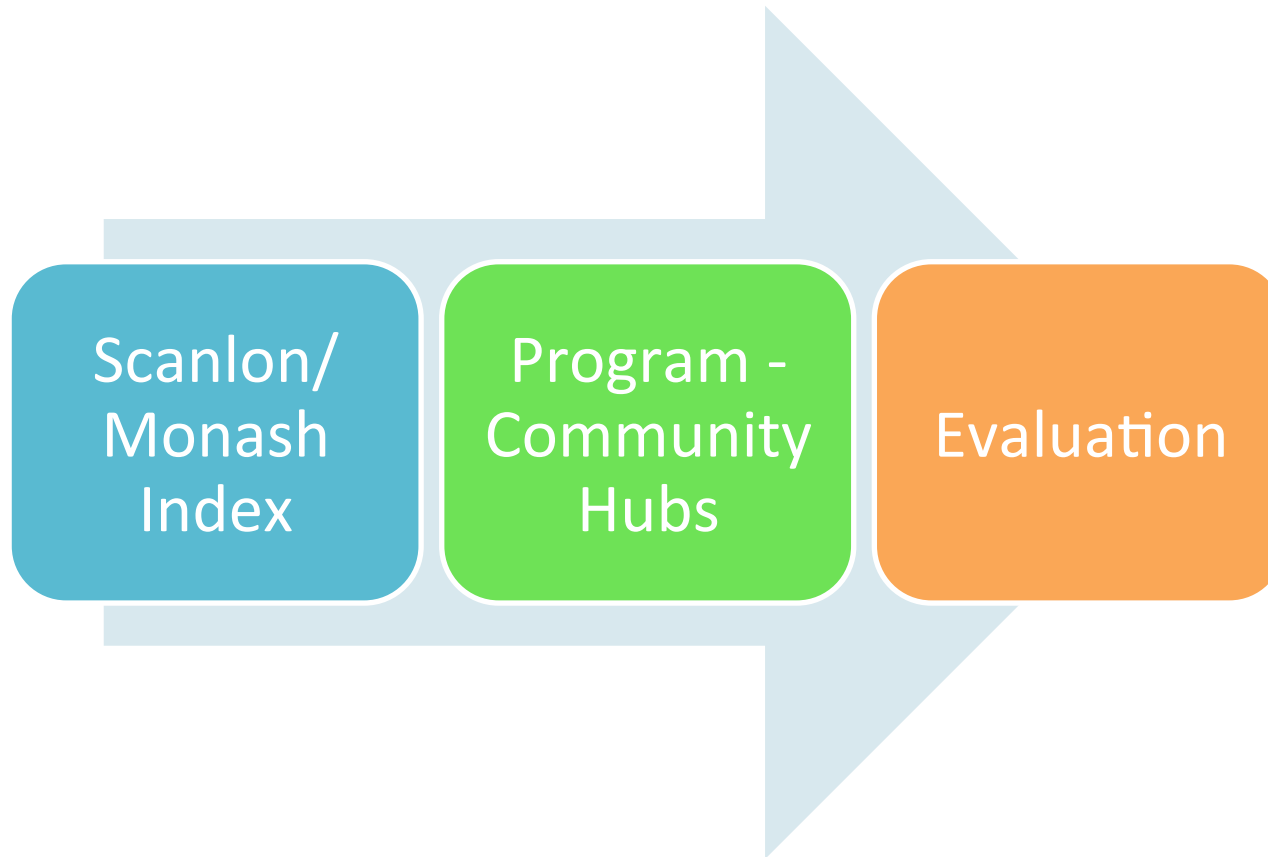
# Social Cohesion Requires a Long-Term Commitment

Key Initiatives to Advance Cohesion

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# Evidence guides investments



“Habit is stronger than reason”



**“THE HABITS THAT TOOK  
YEARS TO BUILD, DO NOT  
TAKE A DAY TO CHANGE”  
-SUSAN POWTER**

# Elements of social cohesion

1. There are shared values, mutual respect and common aspirations
2. It applies to a community which also has shared goals and responsibilities and in particular a readiness to co-operate
3. It is an ongoing process



# Key initiatives to advance cohesion

- Build community belonging
- Facilitate participation
- Build capacity
- Involve partners to achieve impact and scale
- Long-term commitment
- Improve the five domains of social cohesion, and
- Create opportunities and networks for leverage

# Scanlon Foundation Initiatives

- Cultural Diversity in the community
  - Community Foundations
  - Community Hubs
- Cultural Diversity in the workplace
  - A Taste of Harmony
  - Australian Industry Group
- Cultural Diversity in schools
  - Department of Social Services

*Though the road is long and never ending,  
the potential for impact is great and  
the journey is worth the effort*