

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

The community of Ouyen and the surrounding districts are well resourced with a range of emergency services.

Ouyen has full time policing, with several staff members working across the area.

The community has volunteers committed to the Country Fire Authority and the State Emergency Services. Like many other volunteer organisations, a larger base of volunteers would make these vital services more sustainable.

The Mallee Track Health and Community Service provide a range of high quality health and emergency services to the wider community.

Ouyen has a staffed Ambulance station with two ambulances available, this service is supported by a number of volunteer ambulance officers, who are committed to ongoing training and service to the community.

An increase in the number and severity of worldwide destructive events may cause the Ouyen community to examine how it could be possible deal with a large scale emergency event. Many of these events have occurred in areas not associated with disasters, and these areas have been found lacking in their ability to deal with the impact of the event.

The Ouyen Community may need to spend some time in association with MRCC and the local emergency services to develop a plan to develop responses to any potential significant event.

## **COMMUNITY ENDORSEMENT**

The Ouyen Community Plan was developed in consultation with the community, and a major component was the endorsement of the plan by the community through Ouyen Inc. as the key community representative body. The Ouyen Community Plan was also endorsed by the following community organisations.

Ouyen Inc

Ouyen Probus Club

Ouyen Senior citizens Club

# APPENDIX 1

## REFERENCE GROUP

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## APPENDIX 2

**Deep Design**, as used in the final session of the Futures Forum is also known as **Causal Layered Analysis** (CLA) and is one of several futures techniques used as a means to inquire into the causes of social phenomena and to generate a set of forecasts as to the future course of the phenomena. As a theory, CLA seeks to integrate empiricist, interpretive, critical and action learning modes of knowing (loosely, science, social science, philosophy and mythology). As a method, its utility is not in predicting the future but in creating transformative spaces for the creation of alternative futures. It is also likely to be of use in developing more effective — deeper, inclusive, longer term — policy.

Causal layered analysis consists of four levels: the litany, social causes, discourse/world-view and myth/metaphor.

1. The first level is the litany – the official unquestioned view of reality.
2. The second level is the social causation level, the systemic perspective. The data of the litany is explained and questioned at this level.
3. The third level is the worldview/discourse. Deeper, unconsciously held ideological, worldview and discursive assumptions are unpacked at this level.
4. The fourth level is the myth-metaphor, the unconscious emotive dimensions of the issue. The challenge is to conduct research that moves up and down these layers of analysis and thus is inclusive of different ways of knowing. Doing so allows for the creation of authentic alternative futures and integrated transformation.

CLA begins and ends by questioning the future.

For further information - <http://www.metafuture.org/Articles/CausalLayeredAnalysis.htm>

## **Spiral Dynamics**

*Spiral Dynamics* argues that human nature is not fixed: humans are able, when forced by life conditions, to adapt to their environment by constructing new, more complex, conceptual models of the world that allow them to handle the new problems. Each new model includes and transcends all previous models. According to Beck and Cowan, these conceptual models are organized around so-called Memes: systems of core values or collective intelligences, applicable to both individuals and entire cultures.

Sometimes called levels of psychological existence theory, this work lays out a pattern of human diversity and a trajectory for change. It addresses why we have unique perspectives on living, and how our own senses of what the "real world" is like can vary.

The three futures discussed at the Ouyen Futures Forum were derived from three different Memes.

Further information - <http://www.spiraldynamics.net>

<http://www.spiraldynamics.org>

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