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Adelaide Zero Project

Ending street homelessness in the inner city

David Pearson
Executive Director, Don Dunstan Foundation

Adelaide Zero Project Update

- What we've found
- What we're trying to do
- What we've done
- What more we need to do

Connections Week



We have a problem...

Rough Sleeping in Adelaide

143  **Connections Week** volunteers engaged with **143** people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city in May 2018.



73%
Physical Health Issues



48%
Mental Health Issues



44%
Substance Abuse



37%
Relationship Breakdown

Length of time sleeping rough

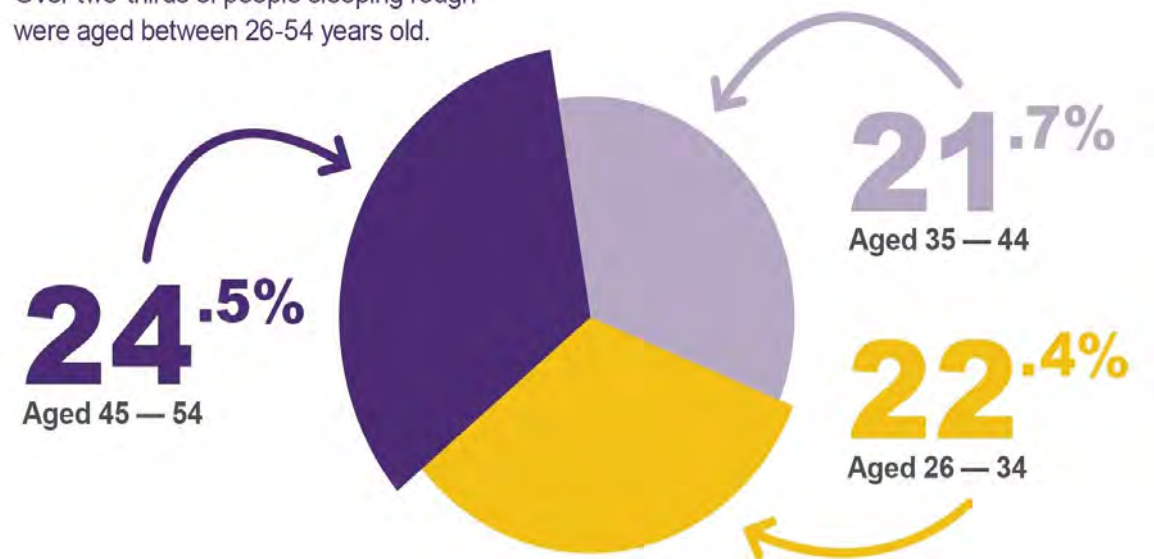
29%
had been sleeping rough for more than **2** years

15%
had been sleeping rough between **1 & 2** years

35%
had been sleeping rough for less than **1** year

Age of Rough Sleepers

Over two-thirds of people sleeping rough were aged between 26-54 years old.



28%  of rough sleepers were **ABORIGINAL and/or TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER** despite being only **3%** of the overall Australian population

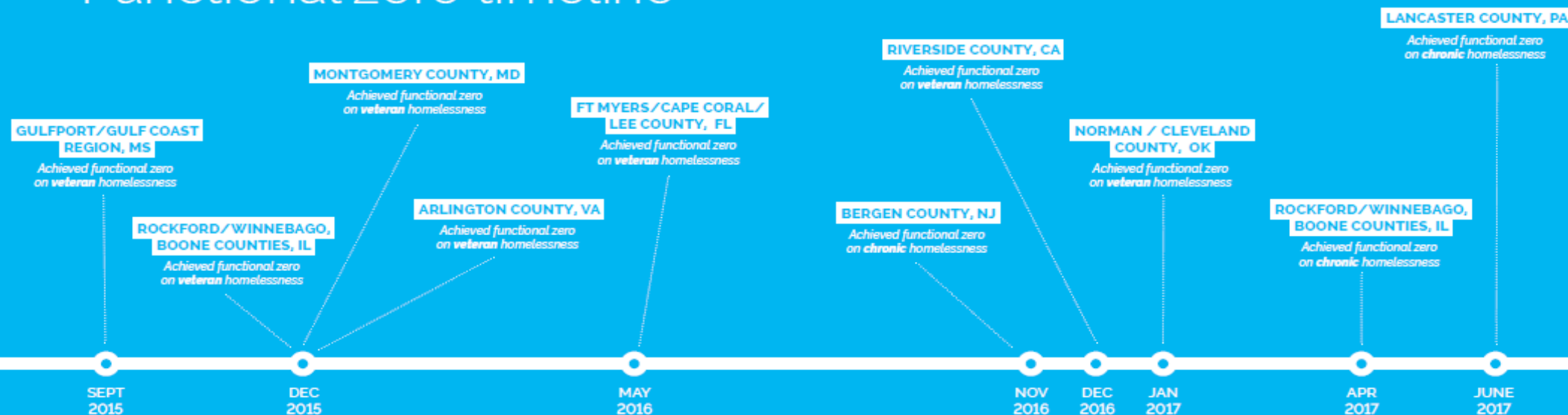
73% of rough sleepers were **male** 

We're trying what's worked elsewhere...



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Functional zero timeline



7 COMMUNITIES ENDED **VETERAN** HOMELESSNESS

3 COMMUNITIES ENDED **CHRONIC** HOMELESSNESS

85,0002 TOTAL PEOPLE HOUSED

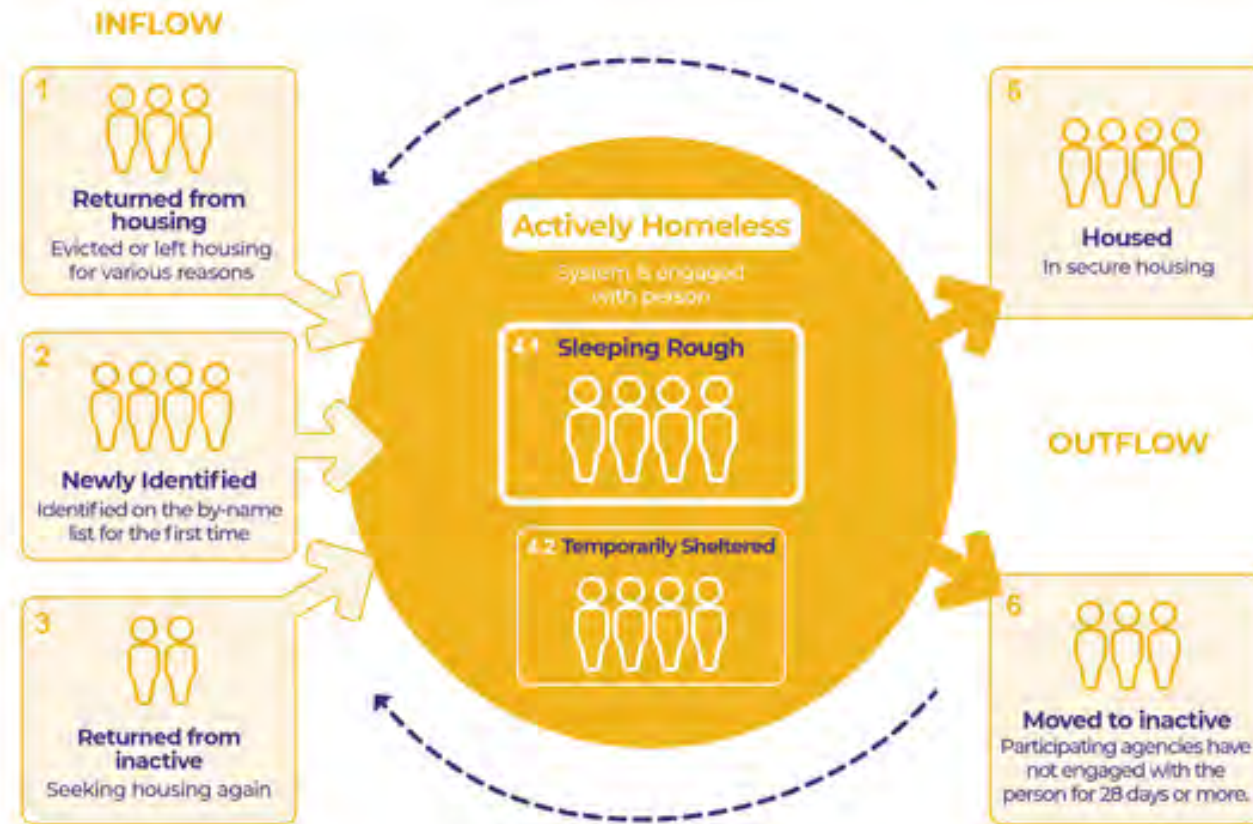
12 COMMUNITIES REDUCING ACTIVELY HOMELESS NUMBER **VETERANS**

7 COMMUNITIES REDUCING ACTIVELY HOMELESS NUMBER **CHRONIC**

59 COMMUNITIES WITH **REAL-TIME DATA**

89% COMMUNITIES SUSTAINING **FUNCTIONAL ZERO**

We're trying the Functional Zero approach...



What we are trying to do...



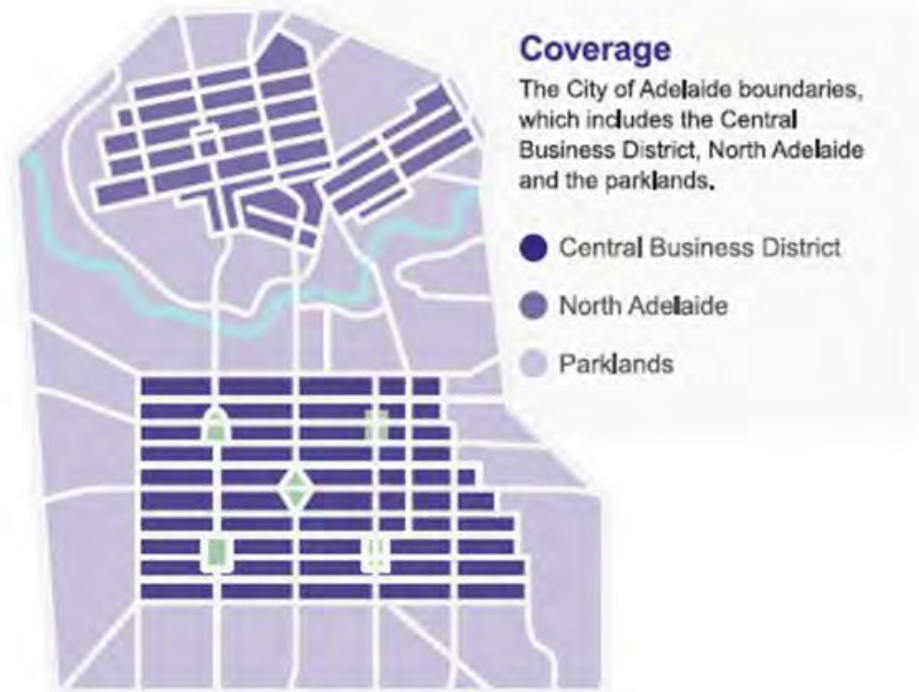
We're trying this in Adelaide's inner city...

This project will engage with all people sleeping on the streets of the Adelaide inner city area.

A person is recognised as a rough sleeper if they are living in a:

- STREET/PARK/OUT IN THE OPEN
- IMPROVISED BUILDING OR DWELLING
- TENT
- BOAT
- MOTOR VEHICLE
- CABIN

Source: DHS

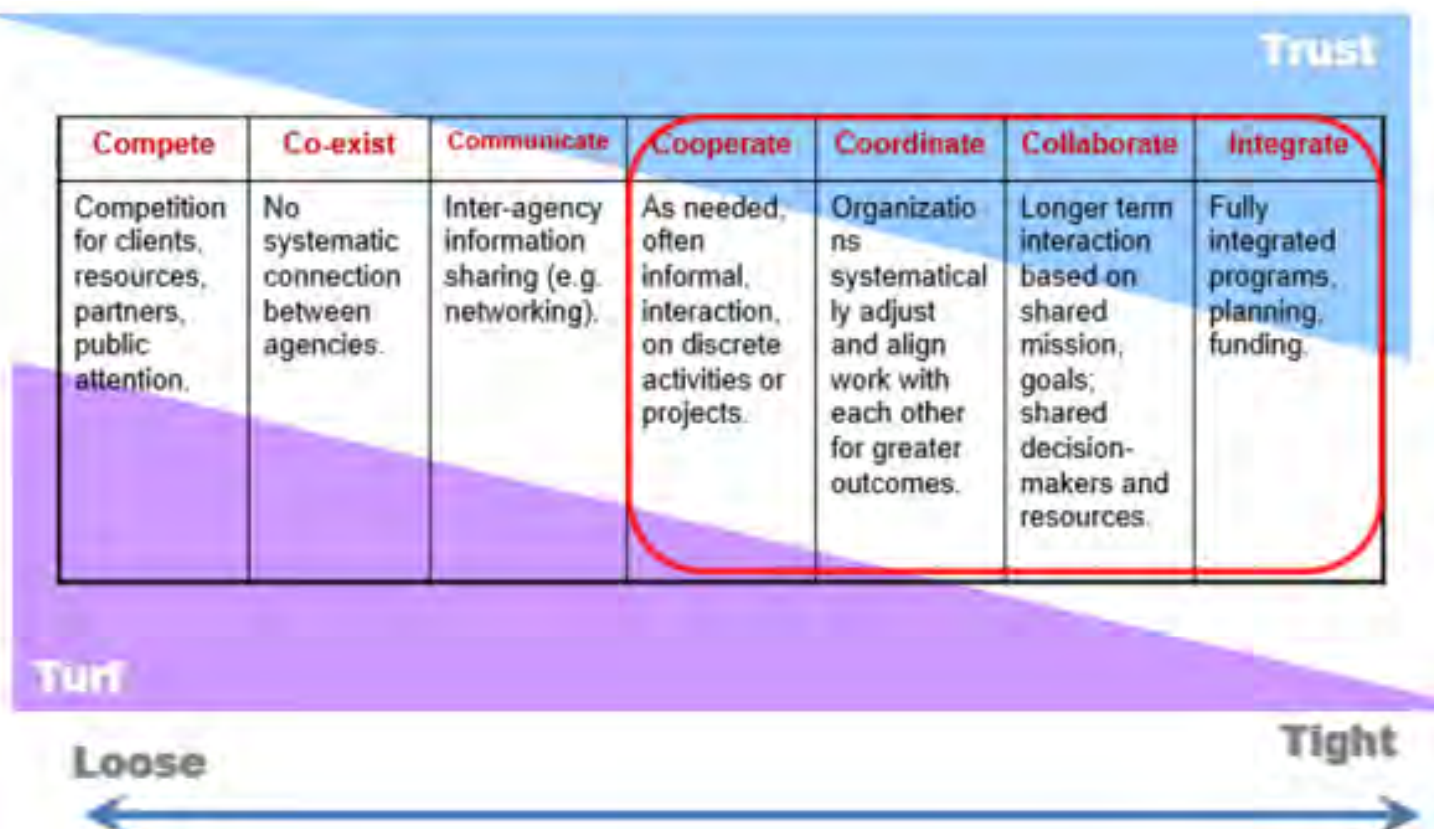


We're trying to do this with a network of other cities...



Vanguard Cities Network

We're trying a new approach to collaboration...



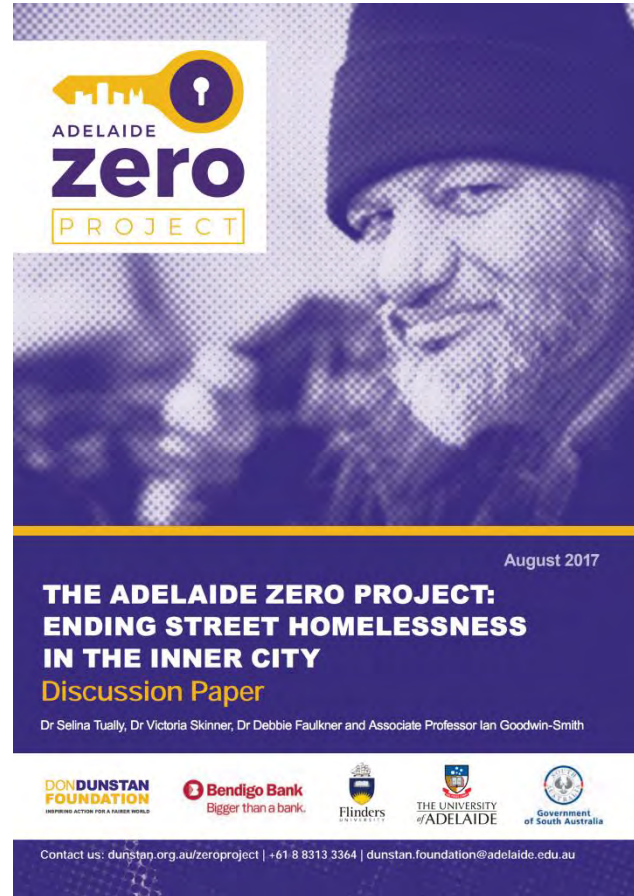
Source: Tamarack Institute, 2018



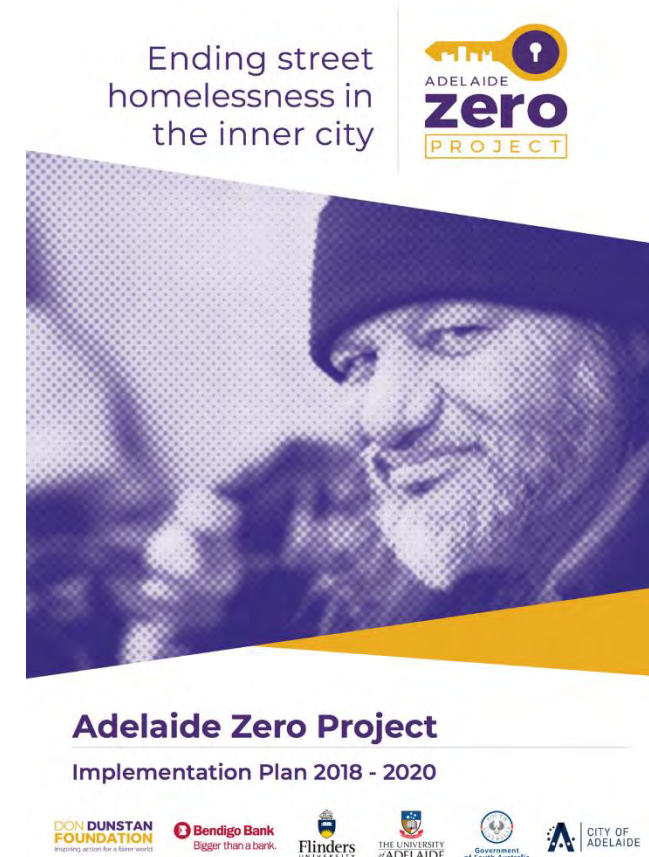
Source: Collaboration for Impact, 2018

So what have we done?

Discussion Paper



Implementation Plan Version 1.0



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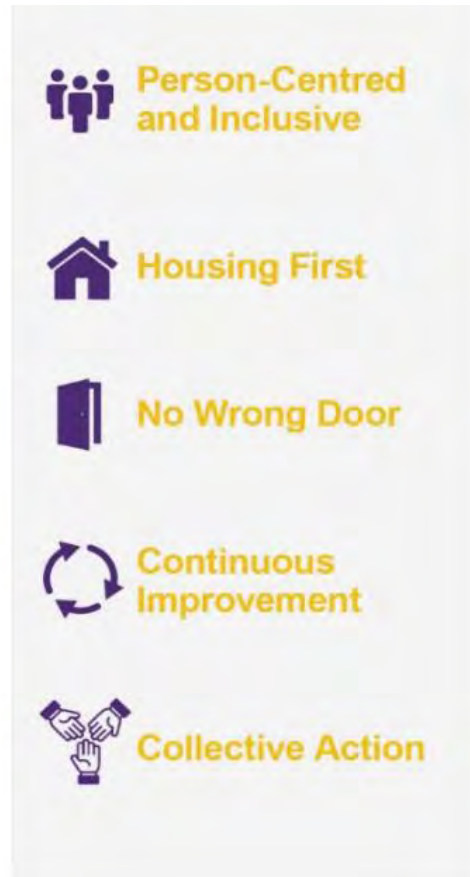
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Principles



Components



Coalition of stakeholders

Working collaboratively to make the greatest difference for people sleeping rough.



By-name data

Using street outreach to know the names and needs of every person sleeping rough in the inner city.



Commitment to Housing First

Ensuring people sleeping rough are housed in secure, safe, appropriate and affordable housing with the right supports in place to sustain it.



Shared goals

Consistently collecting person-specific data to accurately track progress toward achieving the Adelaide Zero Project goal.



Continuous improvement

Continually learning what works by testing new ideas to quickly build on successful strategies and actions.



Engagement

Involving the community in the solutions for ending homelessness and providing opportunities for people to play a meaningful part in helping to find such solutions.

Accountability framework

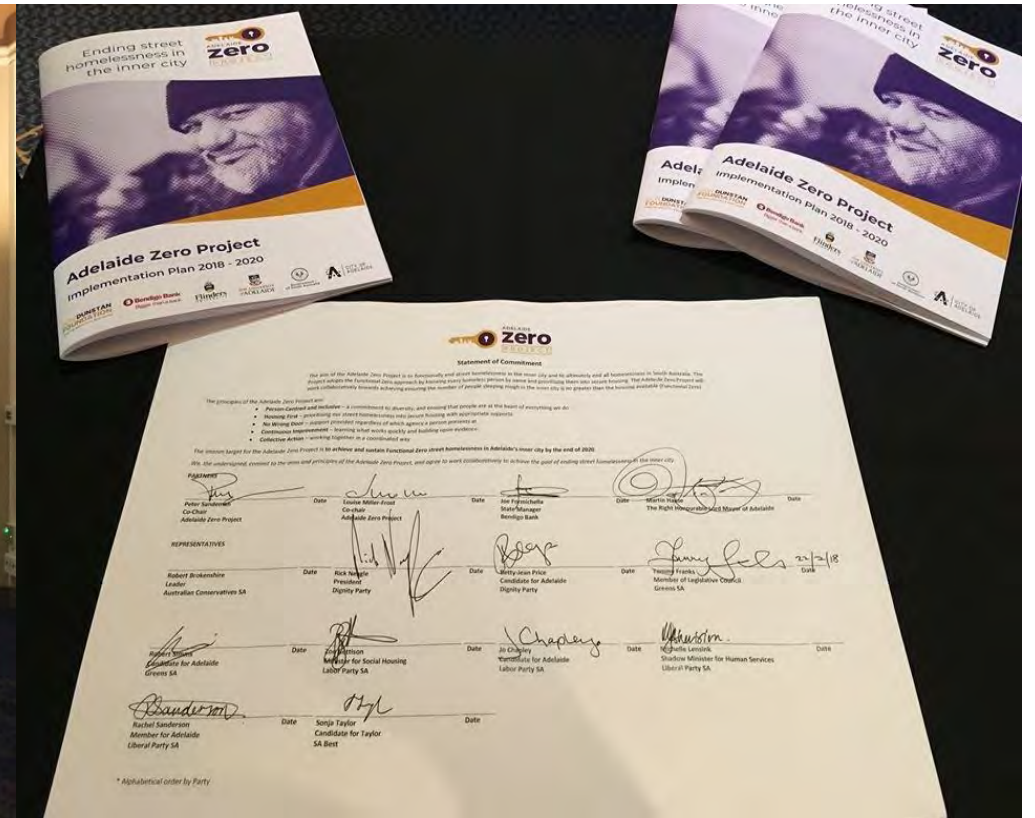


Mechanism (action)	Lead Agency
<i>Aligned Housing</i>	Anglicare
<i>Establish a Business Alliance</i>	City of Adelaide
<i>By-Name List</i>	Neami
<i>Charter</i>	End Homelessness SA
<i>Common assessment tool</i>	Neami
<i>Connections Week</i>	Hutt Street Centre
<i>Coordinated care</i>	Uniting Communities
<i>Evaluation</i>	Australian Centre for Community Services Research (ACCSR)
<i>Governance</i>	Don Dunstan Foundation
<i>National and international partnerships</i>	Don Dunstan Foundation
<i>Strategic data</i>	Centre for Housing, Urban and Regional Planning
<i>Solutions labs</i>	Don Dunstan Foundation
<i>Targets and dashboard</i>	Don Dunstan Foundation
<i>Communications</i>	Don Dunstan Foundation
<i>Lived experience</i>	BaptistCare

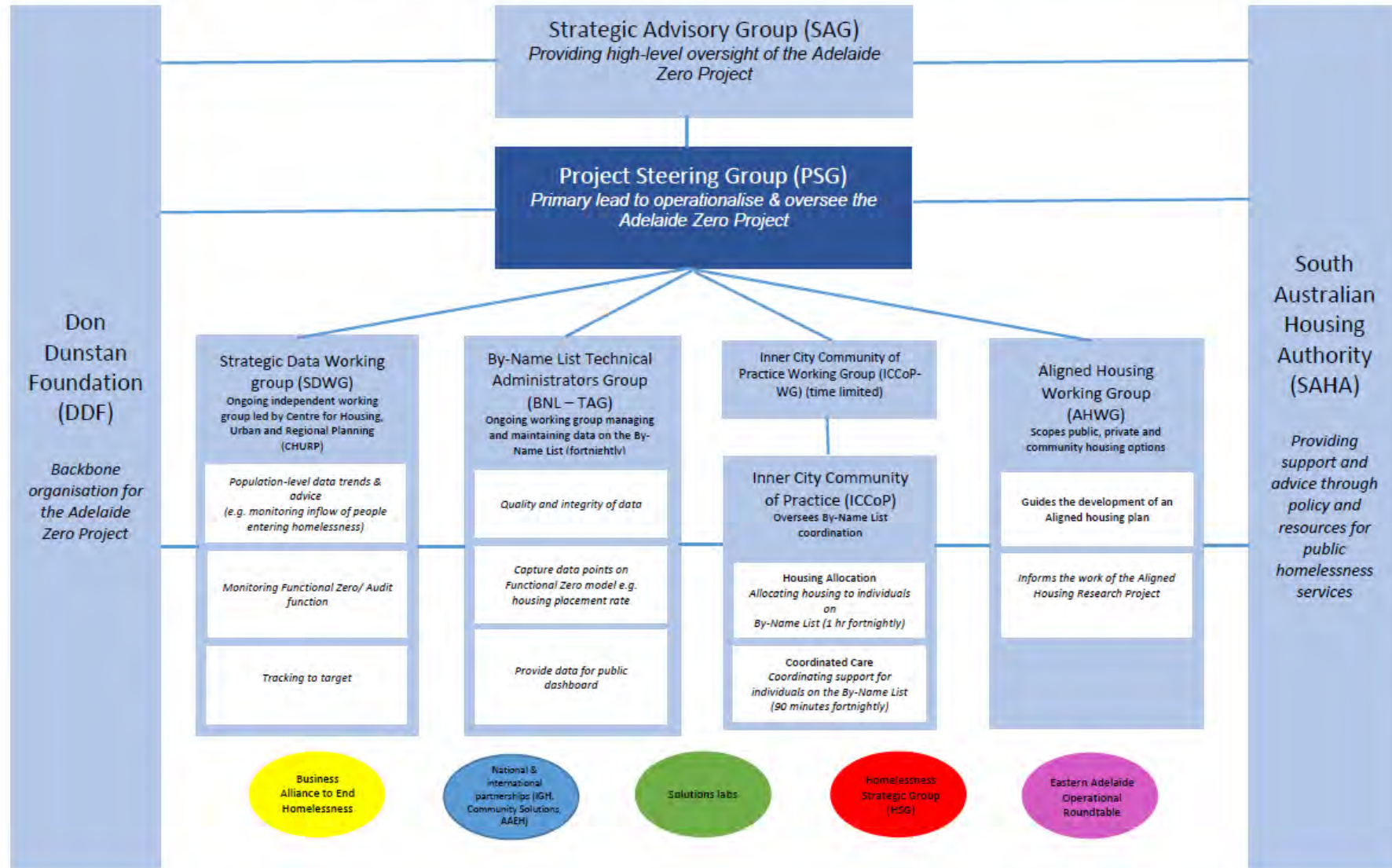


Interim target

To functionally end street homelessness in Adelaide's inner city by the end of 2020.



ADELAIDE ZERO PROJECT GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE – PHASE TWO



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Our pledge for zero

'As a community, we come together in agreement that homelessness is an issue we can only solve by working together in new ways with open minds, and by treating people with dignity and empathy. As members of this community, we will contribute to creating an inclusive and compassionate society because we understand that homelessness affects us all and can happen to anyone. We will persevere to end homelessness, starting by making this pledge to act as part of the Adelaide Zero Project.'



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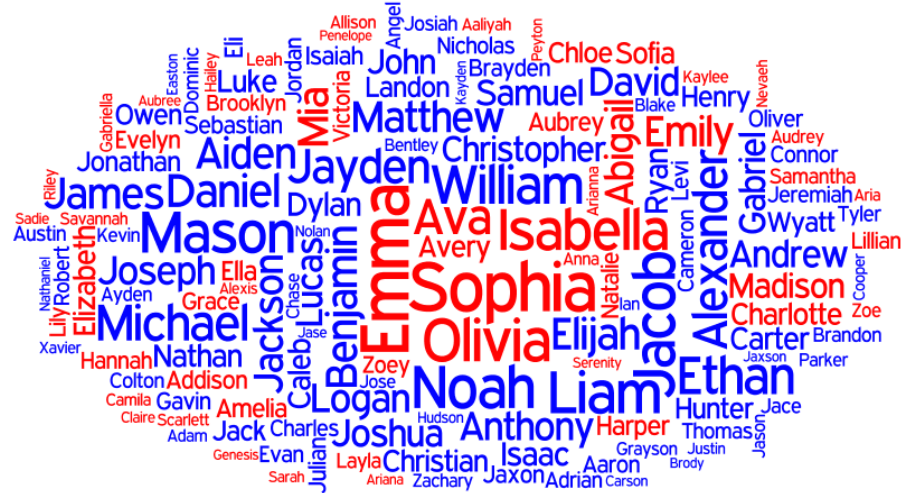
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Collaboration and By-Name List

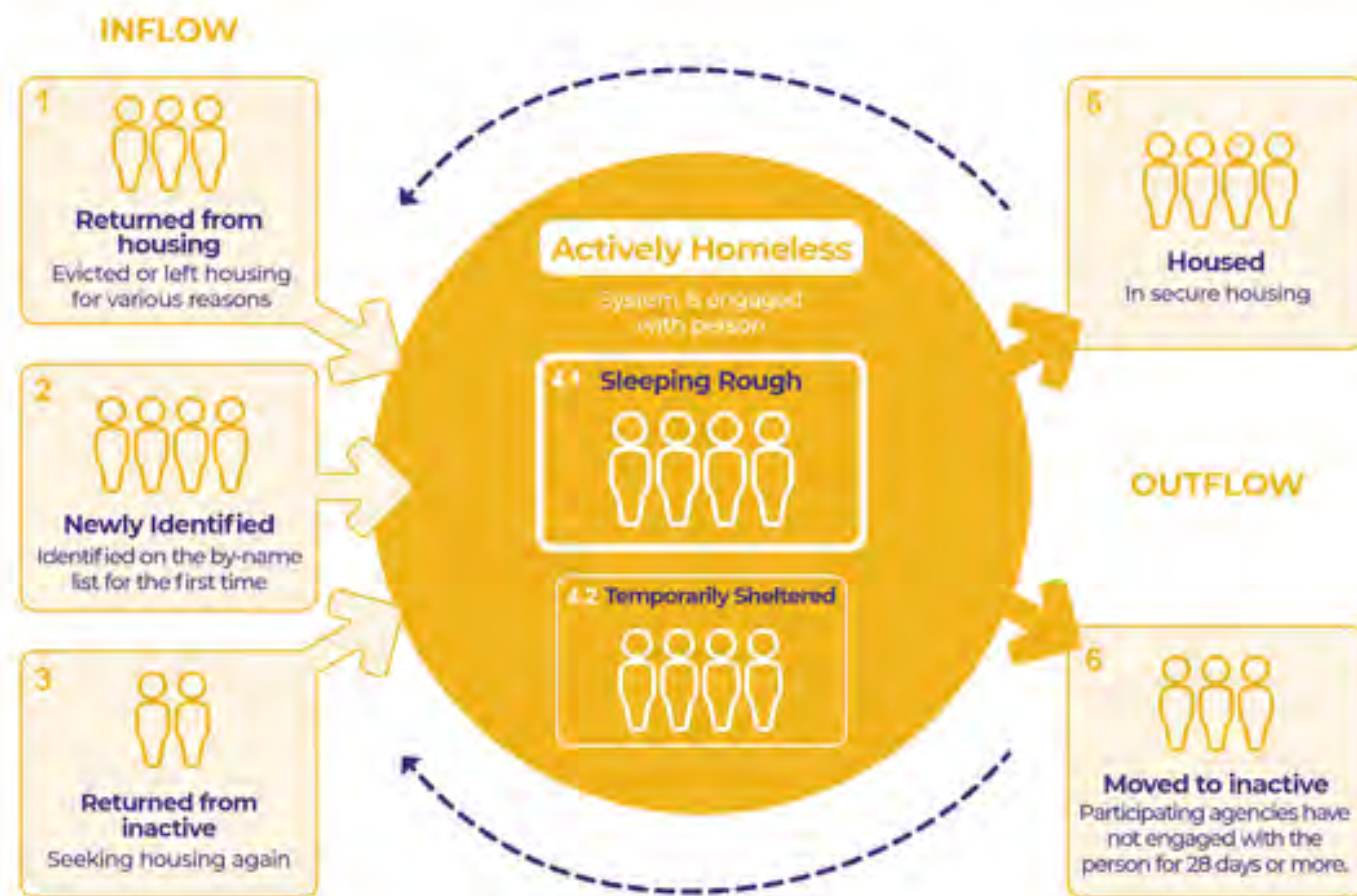


Rough Sleeping in Adelaide

Number of people sleeping rough in Adelaide's inner city



Dashboard



Dashboard

Inflow

1.	Returned from housing	
	Number of people who have left the housing system for various reasons and are actively homeless again.	TBC*
2.	Newly Identified	
2.1	Number of people who have been identified on the By-Name List for the first time in the last month.	26
2.2	Newly identified on the By-Name List for the first time after Connections Week (18 May 2018).	70
3.	Returned from inactive	
	Number of people seeking housing again after not engaging with the system for 28 days or more.	TBC*

Outflow

5.	Housed**	
5.1	Average monthly housing placement rate Average number of people per month who have been housed through the Adelaide Zero Project since Connections Week, 18 May, 2018.	18
5.2	Total number of people housed through the Adelaide Zero Project since Connections Week (18 May 2018)	40
6	Moved to inactive	
	Current number of people from the By-Name List who participating services have not been able to engage with for 28 days or more.	20

Dashboard

Actively Homeless

4.	Actively Homeless	
4.1	Sleeping rough Number of people who are known to be sleeping rough in the inner city.	148
4.2	Sleeping rough but temporarily sheltered Number of people who were sleeping rough at the time of going on the By-Name List and have since moved into temporary shelter including couch-surfing, crisis, emergency & transitional accommodation or boarding houses.	TBC*

* As the Project progresses and more data is collected, these measurements will be added to the dashboard to track our progress towards Functional Zero.

** 'Housed' refers to people on the By-Name List who are now in secure housing and have signed a lease.

What else ...



What do we need?

Aligned Housing Plan

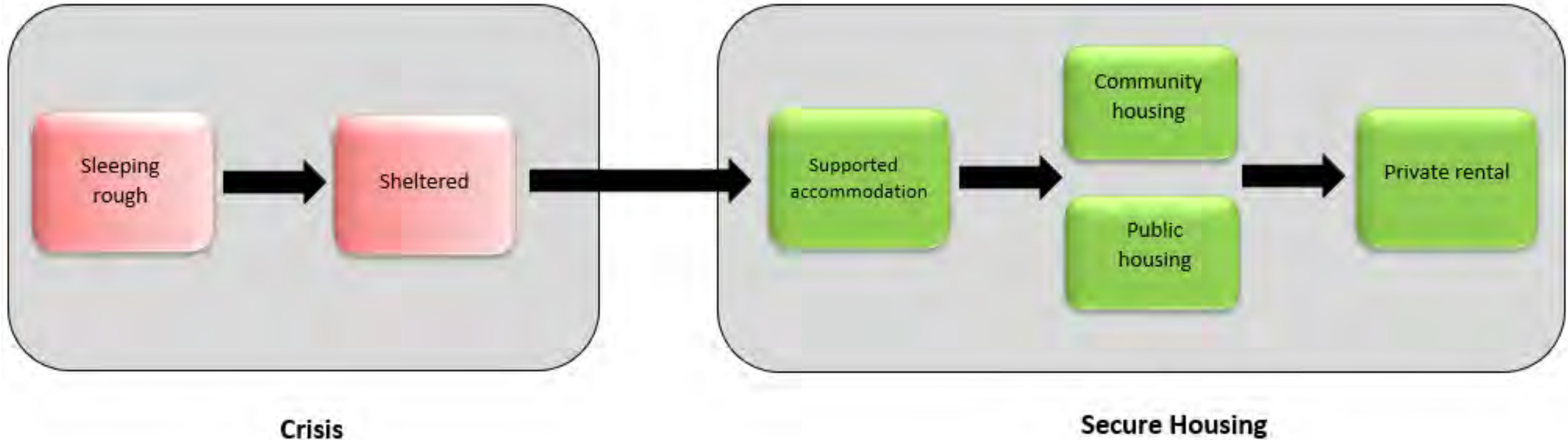
Aligned Housing Research Project:

- More housing (though innovation and though additional investment)
- More appropriate housing (i.e. a change in the mix)
- Throughput in the existing system

Housing System



Homelessness to Home Continuum



Next steps

- Aligned housing research project discussion paper
- IGH Service Review with Dame Louise Casey
- Prevention – Strategic Data Working Group
- Dashboard – Version Two
- Build the business alliance to end homelessness
- Charter – Community Campaign
- Aboriginal focus on homelessness (90 day project)
- Solutions labs (mental health, employment, coordinated care, volunteering, drug and alcohol)

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