

Digital Sandbox Regional SA

Designed as a pilot project for the Copper Coast and Yorke Peninsula region. The approach is to create a model of shared technology and learning enabling the project to be run in other regions within South Australia.

To create a Digital Sandbox in regional SA social and technical infrastructure needs to be built to get the community working together and sharing skills and ideas; and to identify enterprise opportunities and services.

The technical backbone comprises of three parts:

1. A collaboration platform built with flexible, open source technology for coordination & action
2. A media website created & managed by young people
3. A digital co-op to build enterprise & digital economy

All three have revenue raising potential for project sustainability and community management and ownership, because the platforms provide a service for communication, marketing, advertising, project testing, and consultation. The digital co-op is revenue generating through membership and paid project work. The co-op network can itself apply for grants, funding or respond to tenders and expressions of interest for projects in time.

Over 50 people from government, business, industry and local community have been consulted over the August 2018 to inform this project design.

Three key projects have been identified that could commence using the collaboration platform immediately:

1. **Rewilding Australia** - a recent project to initiate Australia's largest open-range wildlife sanctuary on the Yorke Peninsula. Community organisers can use collaboration space for coordination, organising & resource sharing. Future mapping, geospatial tech, AI and citizen science projects could be catalysed through the co-op with actions promoted through the magazine website.
2. **YorKon Gaming Convention** - Initiated in 2018 by connecting and supporting young people who don't fit the sporting mould, the collaboration platform can be used to build and manage their event. The magazine website can be used to promote their actions and connect with gamers & technologist across Australia and the world. Through the co-op funding for a project in use of eSport to combat loneliness in regional Australia could be sought - it's something already explored by Red Cross.
3. **Arts Squad, Country Arts SA** - a new program for young people 18-23 in regional, rural or remote Australia. Participants and can make use of the collaboration space, connection to digital networks, and communication and marketing channels. They could also offer services through the digital co-op.

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