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Presentation to

COMPACT MEDIA BRIEFING

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of NSW
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OUR PURPOSE

TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A COHESIVE
AND HARMONIOUS MULTICULTURAL
SOCIETY THAT ENRICHES THE LIVES OF
ALL THE PEOPLE IN NSW

OUR VISION

A STRONGER NSW: SOCIAL,
CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY THROUGH CULTURAL
DIVERSITY





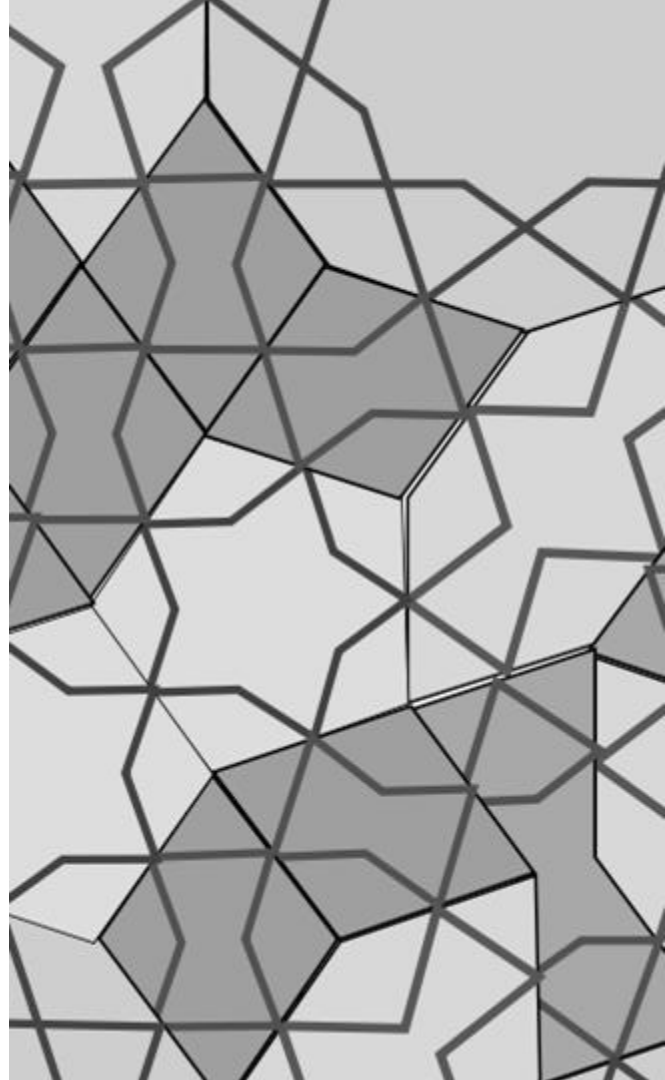
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VIOLENT EXTREMISM AND SOCIAL COHESION

Violent extremism is a complex social problem that extends beyond law enforcement and national security.

Beyond the threat of violence, a common aim of violent extremists is to promote fear, hate, and division.

Violent extremists thrive on community tensions and often seek to create schisms within and between communities along rigid ideological, political or religious lines.



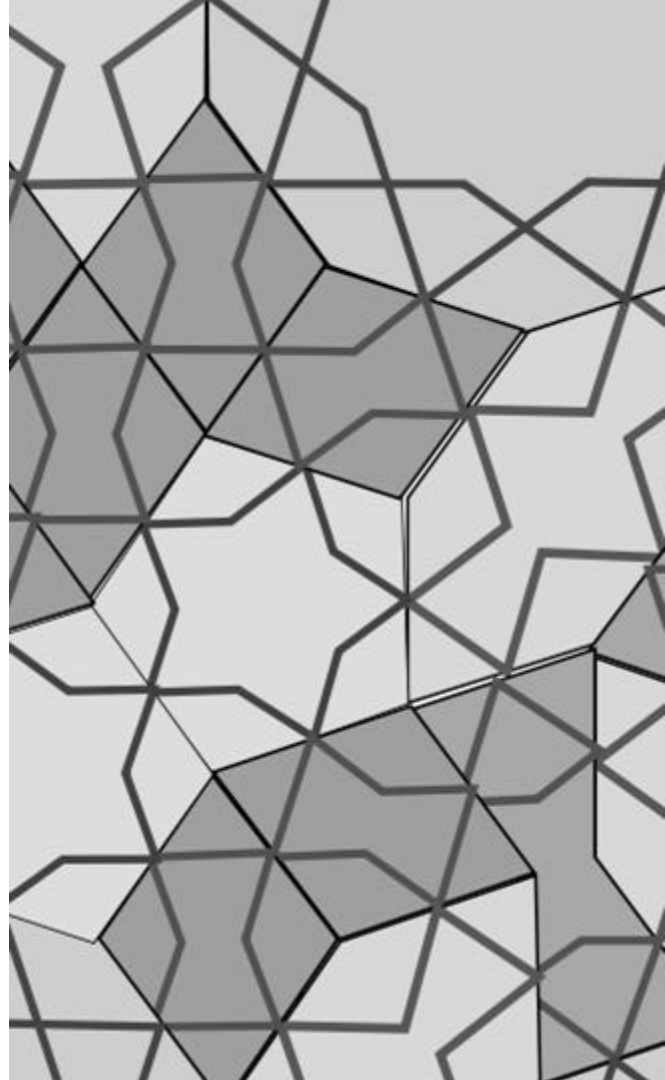


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Violent extremism directly threatens social cohesion and community harmony.

We all have role to play in countering the divisive impacts of violent extremism.



CVE and COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Addressing the impacts of violent
extremism & overseas conflicts on
social cohesion & community
harmony





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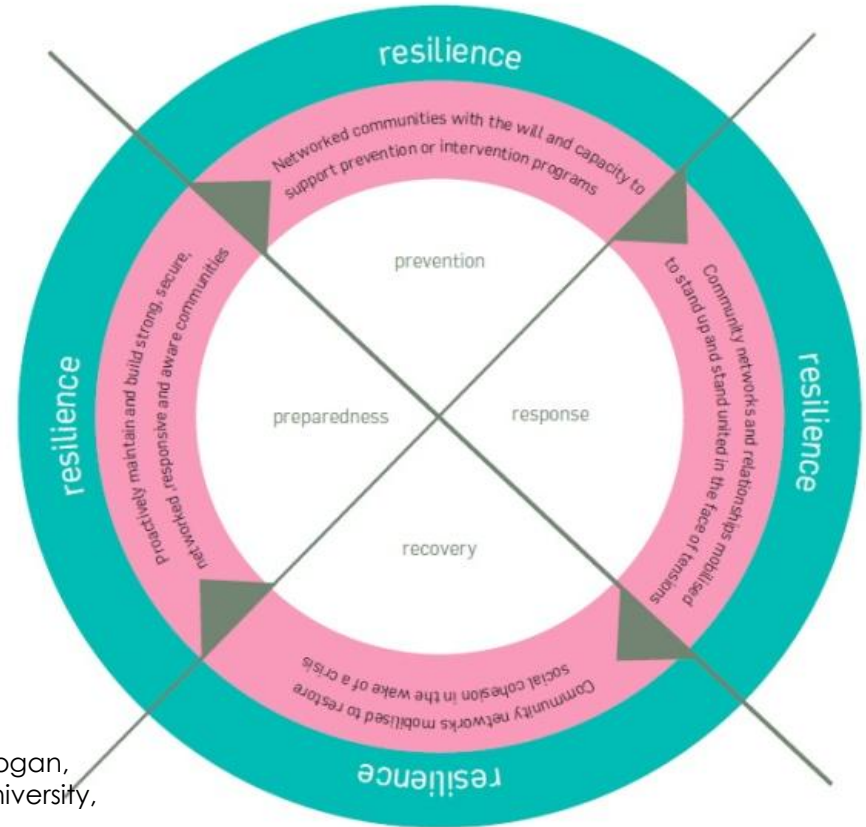
Preparedness: Proactively maintain and build strong, secure, networked, responsive and aware communities

Prevention: Resilient communities are our best defence; networked communities with the will and capacity to support preventative or intervention programs

Response: Community networks and relationships mobilised to stand up and stand united in the face of tensions brought about through violent extremist threats and acts

Recovery: Community networks and relationships mobilised to support each other and maintain or restore social cohesion in the wake of an incident or crisis brought about by violent extremism

A whole-of-society, resilience based approach to social cohesion risk management in a CVE context





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PROGRAM AND GRANTS INFORMATION

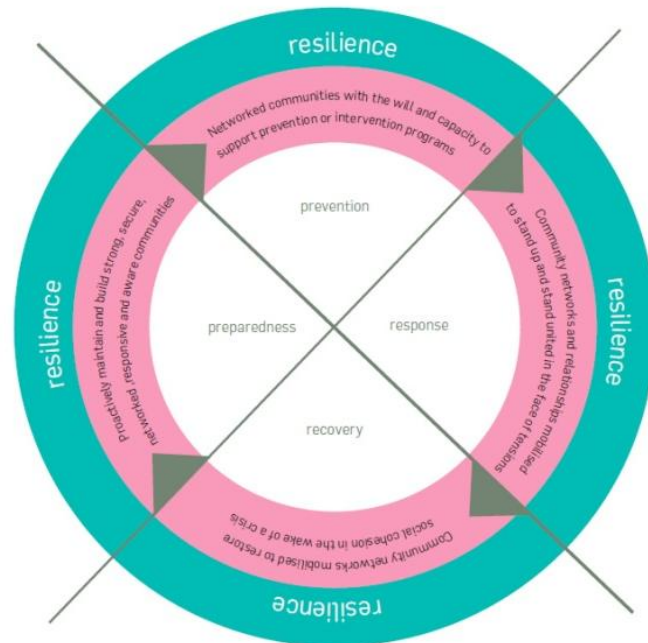
THE MULTICULTURAL NSW COMPACT

COMPACT stands for Community, in Partnership, taking Action to safeguard Australia's peaceful and harmonious way of life.

The Multicultural NSW COMPACT supports an alliance of community partners who are committed to addressing and resolving community issues and tensions and safeguarding Australia's peaceful and harmonious way of life against extremist hate, violence and division.

COMPACT supports local solutions-based projects that bring young Australians together to promote positive behaviours and engage critically, creatively and constructively on local and global issues impacting on social cohesion and community harmony.

COMPACT recognises that, whatever may be taking place in the complex world we live in, solutions start at home. It starts with families talking to each other and having the resources and support they need to address issues and tensions. It starts with local communities working together, supporting each other, and building on the strengths of our culturally diverse success story.

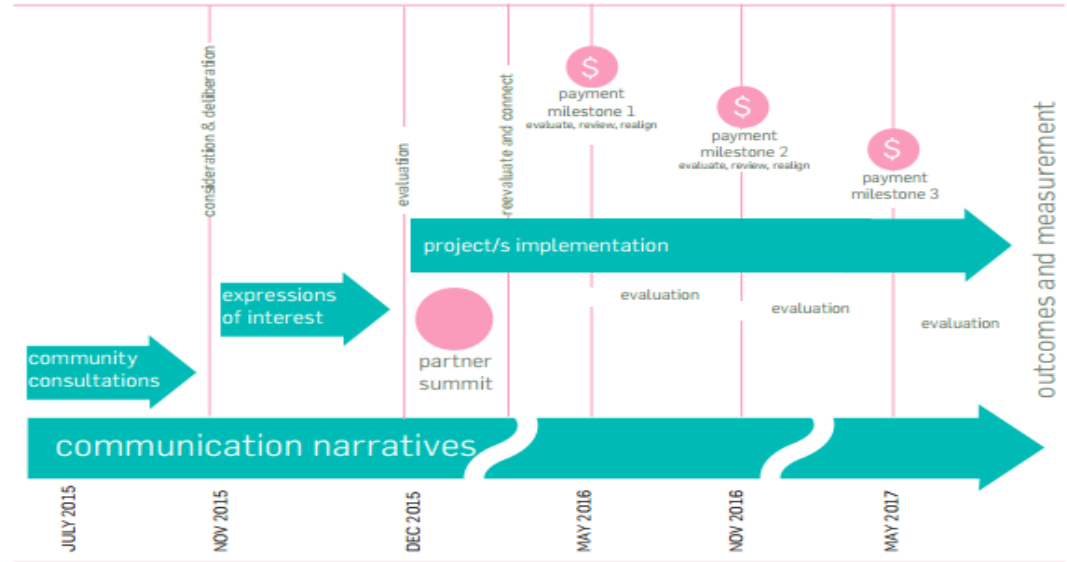




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- Partnership with Dept of Security Studies and Criminology, Macquarie University
- Extensive stakeholder consultation
- Review of international best practice
- Gap analysis of existing CVE programs
- Robust evaluation framework





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Partnership projects have been funded to address one of more of the following objectives:

- To build on the strengths of our multicultural society to protect young people from hateful and violent extremist influences;
- To build community resilience to the impacts of extremist hate and violence on social cohesion and community harmony;
- To address and resolve issues and tensions in NSW arising from current overseas conflicts.



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Youth engagement categories

- Sports and physical diversion
- Creative communications and “active” counter narratives
- Education & community awareness
- Families and intergenerational engagement
- Volunteering and humanitarian activity



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Funding commitment

- The NSW Government through Multicultural NSW has committed \$8 million in grants funding for COMPACT.
- 14 COMPACT projects have been funded involving 14 host organisations working with a further 23 partner organisations.
- Partnership projects are valued between \$150,000 - \$750,000 and will run for 2-4 years.



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The COMPACT Alliance

[Multicultural NSW](#), Department of Premier & Cabinet, [Police Citizens Youth Clubs](#) (PCYC Parramatta, Liverpool, Belmore, St George), NSW Police Force Youth Command, [Sydney Youth Connect](#), Coexistence, [Bankstown Youth Development Service](#), Bankstown City Council, Bankstown Poetry Slam, Sir Joseph Banks High School, Together for Humanity, [Youth Off The Streets](#), Australian Multicultural Foundation, [St George Youth Services](#), Advance Diversity Services, Enough is Enough Anti-Violence Movement, [United Muslim Women's Association](#), Future Eye Pty Ltd, [Australian Red Cross Society](#), NSW State Emergency Service, Multicultural Youth Affairs Network, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors, [Youth Led Social Cohesion Project](#), [Lebanese Muslim Association](#), Islamic Council of NSW, [Australian Rugby League Commission](#), Moving Forward Together Association, [NSW Auburn Islamic Cultural Centre \(Auburn Gallipoli Mosque\)](#), Gamarada Indigenous Healing and Life Training, Religion of Peace, Australian Muslim Times, [All Together Now](#), Youth Action, Western Sydney University, Macquarie University



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The Ihya-2020 Youth Challenge Sydney Youth Connect

Moving towards middle ground: Informing, engaging and evolving perspectives on violent extremism United Muslim Women's Association

Young Humanitarians Project Australian Red Cross Society/NSW State Emergency Service (SES)

PCYC CREST - Community Resilience Engaging Solutions Together Police Citizens Youth Clubs NSW (PCYC Parramatta, Liverpool, Belmore)

Specialist Services Youth Off The Streets

Community Action for Preventing Extremism (CAPE) NSW: promoting resilience and response to far-right extremism All Together Now



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5 b4 5 Youth Leadership Program NSW Auburn Islamic Cultural Centre (Auburn Gallipoli Mosque)

Inclusion: Celebrating stories of strength Bankstown Youth Development Service

IQRA: Educating Young Australian Muslims Lebanese Moslem Association

Youth Led Social Cohesion Project

In League In Harmony - Stand Up, Reach Out, Be United Australian Rugby League Commission

CONNECT UP! - Youth against violence and racism St George Youth Services



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