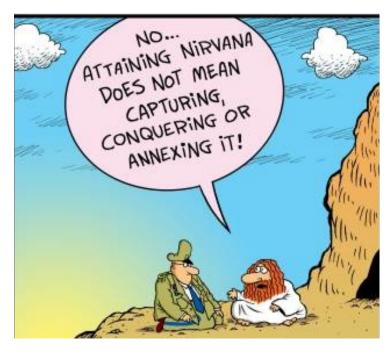
## **Business Sustainability**

# Development, Prosperity & Long Term Growth



# What is Sustainability









# What's the Big Deal?

"According to research, this is what keeps owners, executives, & directors awake at night"





#### Research conducted by the AICD

Reference source:

Australian Institute of Company Directors
Director Sentiment Index
First Half 2017

# So what *is*Business Sustainability

"The best possible guarantee that the business will be profitable and still be in business in the future"

# Is sustainability a Mind-Set or a Process?



- 1 What does business sustainability mean?
- **2** What if our business is **un**sustainable?
- **3** How do we make it truly sustainable?

## **MBL** Mindset



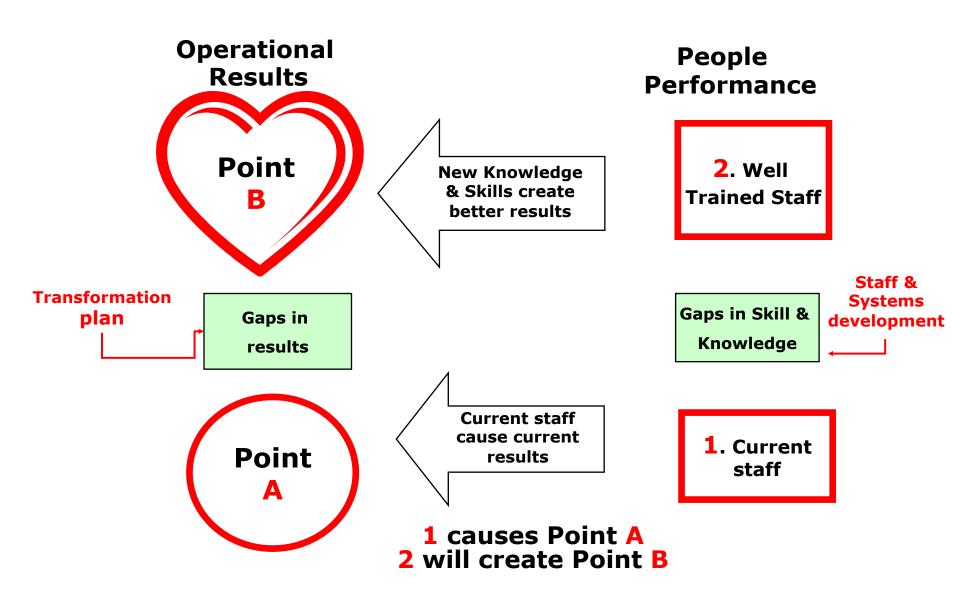
We need to look at business from a **Multiple Bottom Line** perspective

#### **EGSEEE**

Economics \$\$\$
Governance
Social dimensions
Ecological management
Ethics
Energy

"Following a single bottom line philosophy is now fraught with danger"

## **OVERVIEW**



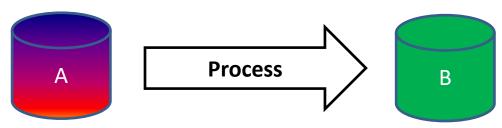
### **PROCESS**

#### Develop a 5 step process

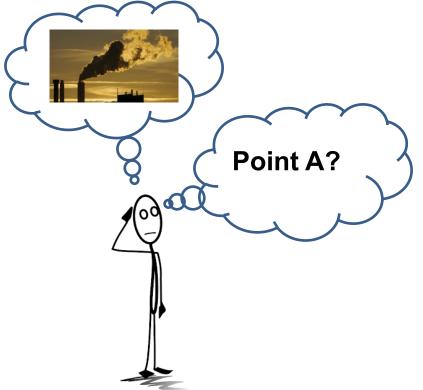




- 1. Current business Point A
- 2. Future ideal state Point B
- 3. Business case for change
- 4. Transformation Plan
- 5. Monitoring system



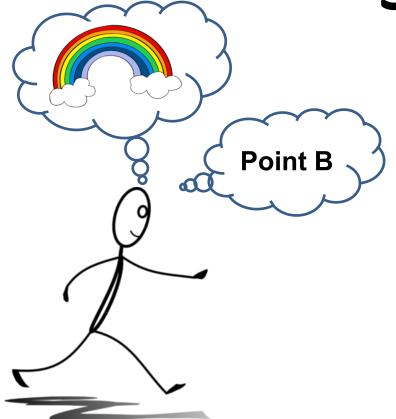
## Step 1



### An analysis of all aspects of the business 'as is'

Finances, Customers,
Operations, Staff effectiveness,
Training, Revenues, Cashflow,
Products, Offices, Warehouse,
Location, Core-competencies,
Sales per customer, COGS,
Industry trends, Technology,
Digital structure, Marketing,
Sales, Risks, Roadblocks etc

## Step 2



#### The ideal business

Finances, Customers,
Operations, Staff effectiveness,
Training, Revenues, Cashflow,
Products, Offices, Warehouse,
Location, Core-competencies,
Sales per customer, COGS,
Industry trends, Technology,
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#### **Analysis**

How much?
How long?
Is it worth it?
Involvement?
Relevance?
Long term view
Future proofing
Governance



#### TRANSFORMATION PLAN

- Develop a Transformation plan
- Get full 'buy in' from everyone Start with 'low hanging fruit'
- Quick 'n easy fixes first
- Keep 'end objective' in sight
- Use performance indicators
- Have progress rewards



## Step 5

#### **MONITORING SYSTEM**

- 1. Measure and Manage
- 2. Revenues V budget etc
- 3. Hours worked V hours budgeted
- 4. Energy used V energy target
- 5. Staff training V performance monitoring
- 6. Legal monitoring
- 7. Waste monitoring
- 8. Warranties monitor & remedy
- 9. Recycling & re-usage
- 10. Product & packaging redesign

Develop a measurement system for all critical aspects

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## Last Step

"This plan is as good as gold" "Together we can create a plan and a toolkit that suits any specific SME business"

"We have many masters degree students who are looking for projects to work on as part of their studies – Accounting, IT, MBA, etc"

"I am quite willing to support any SME business in the Brisbane-Logan area"

