

An aerial photograph of a city street, overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The street is lined with trees and has several people walking on the sidewalks. A red car is visible on the right side of the road. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a healthy and liveable urban environment.

# How can we deliver healthy, sustainable and liveable communities?

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**What makes  
communities liveable?**







# **We defined a liveable community as...**

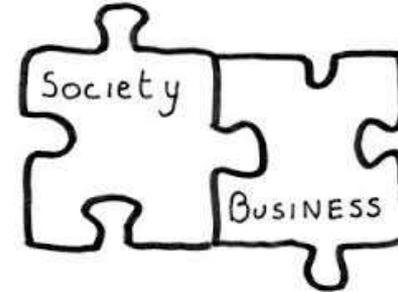
- Caters for a diverse mix of people
- Evolving sense of place and character
- Well-connected and highly walkable
- Socially inclusive offering opportunity for engagement
- Offers an affordable lifestyle
- Opportunities for life-long learning, employment and entrepreneurs
- Self-sufficient village
- A safe environment offering mix of uses, densities and architecture

# A liveable community must also:

Be commercially viable



Embrace shared value



*A business strategy focused on companies creating measurable economic benefit by identifying and addressing social problems that intersect with their business.*

An aerial photograph of a busy street market, overlaid with a semi-transparent teal filter. The scene is filled with numerous white pop-up tents of various sizes, many of which are covered with people. The street is lined with trees and buildings, and traffic lights are visible at an intersection. The overall atmosphere is one of a vibrant, community-oriented event.

**How do we create  
liveable communities?**

# My Journey.



## Applied Knowledge

Active involvement in creating town centres around Australia.



## Purpose Driven Business

Commitment to social and environmental performance, accountability, and transparency.



## Social Impact

Transforming the lives of hundreds of children in some of the most disadvantaged areas through care, education and hope.





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*First life, then spaces, then buildings  
– the other way around never works.*

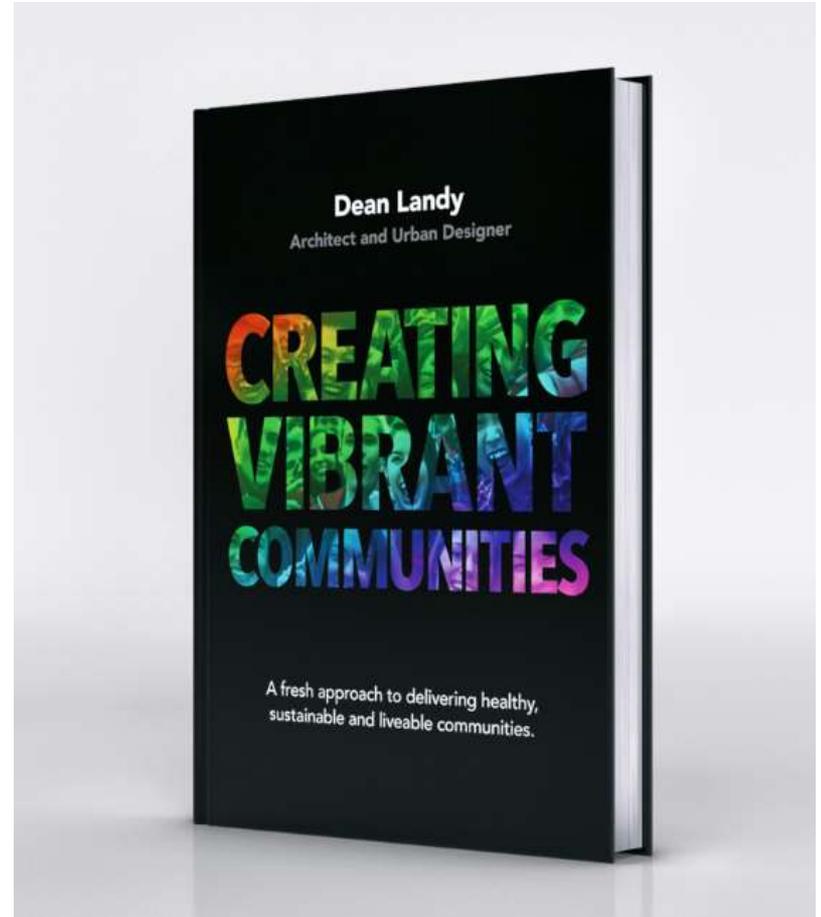
**Jan Gehl**

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# Creating Vibrant Communities.

*A fresh approach to delivering healthy, sustainable and liveable communities.*

Setting out a practical process to encourage a more considered, strategic and collaborative approach to development, including 35 interviews with leading experts in the field of health, community and urban development.



# *Tribus* – a community evolution process.

**Visualise.**



Set a strong vision and create challenging goals that everyone is focused on achieving. Establish a core team that is passionate about achieving that vision.

**Realise.**



See the vision become reality. Broaden the network of stakeholders in order to masterplan, design and build a more considered, diverse and inclusive community, sooner.

**Activate.**



Bringing people and life to new Places. Plant the seeds to build a vibrant community and a thriving town centre.

# The Methodology – ‘how’

## Soft & Hard Elements

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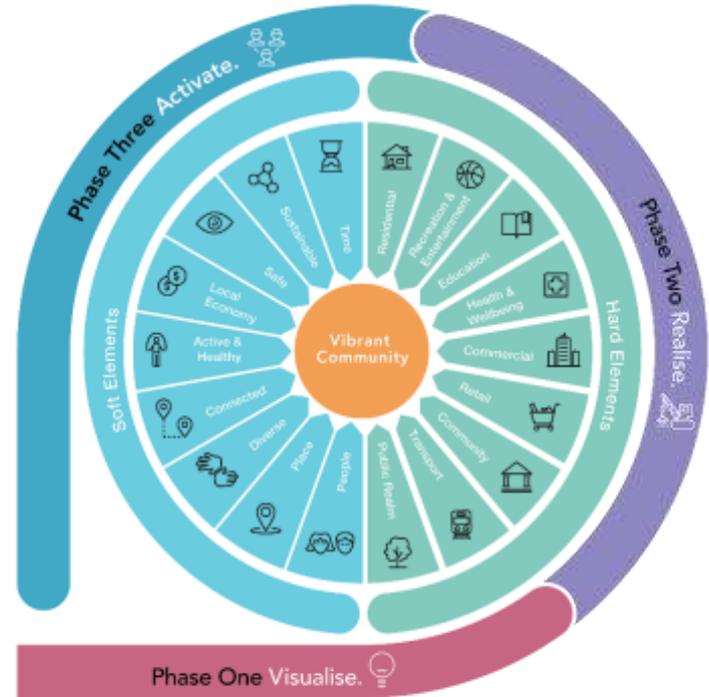
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	Hard Elements	 Public Realm
 Transport		A variety of transport options
 Community		Places people can come together and connect
 Retail		Places to shop, eat and socialise
 Commercial		Places for services, offices and trade
 Health & Wellbeing		Places to provide care and pursue good health
 Education		Places to allow whole of life learning
 Recreation		Provide places for sports, relaxation and enjoyment
 Residential		Provide a variety of living options

# Tribus.

## Community Evolution Process.

A step-by-step process that considers the evolution of new communities, combining the soft and hard elements that collectively make a *vibrant community*.





# Visualise.

Case Study: Tallangatta Revitalisation, VICTORIA.

Aerial Photo

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## Visualise.



- Establish the core project team
- Conduct a Situation Analysis
- Undertake engaging community consultation
- Set clear & measurable targets

*Juliana Phelps, CEO of Towong Shire Council, said:  
“Our brief for Tallangatta made it clear that the  
masterplan must generate a series of realistic and  
practical projects that can be implemented in a five  
year time frame.”*

# Official Opening





## 2.0 Tourism

### Key

- 2.1 New visitors centre in 'The Hub' building
- 2.2 Regional adventure playground
- 2.3 Create cultural / tourism precinct around the butter factory and Rial Trail
- 2.4 Create more food choices
- 2.5 Upgrade Tallangatta Lookout
- 2.6 Targeting specific tourism groups
- 2.7 Increase events calendar
- 2.8 Increase / upgrade accommodation options
- 2.9 Facilitate Water based activities





# Realise.

Case Study: SOHO Village, VICTORIA.





# Realise.



## Soft Elements



### People

The design of Faby Village aimed to fulfil the objective of providing the security and convenience of a 20-minute village to the existing Almonds Lane surrounding it.

The development features a range of pedestrian friendly routes and village spaces (park with water play and seating) a range of community amenities such as a medical centre, play studio, grocery store, child care and a community church/fitness centre that can be used by community and business events.

The development connects with existing walking paths to provide an integrated and highly accessible community hub.



### Place

The overall form of the development creates a sense of welcome similar to a traditional European village square. This is done with a range of community amenities such as a medical centre, play studio and connections to neighbouring pedestrian corridors to the centre of place.

However, the density of Faby Village stems from its local public domain and high quality terrain that which further enhances the project's attractiveness.

The relative height and spacing of the Faby Village development creates a prominent landmark for Place Cook. The Northern facade picks up on the history of Place Cook's Royal Australian Airforce with a distinct pattern of the historic canopy structure integrated into the ground having a recognizable geometry to the project.



### Diverse

Faby offers a diverse mix of uses and living options that were not previously available in Place Cook. These include:

- A medical centre
  - A combined child care and Youth Centre
  - Child care
  - Retail, dining, cafe
  - Commercial office space
  - High density apartments
  - Luxury townhouses
  - Lower Faby townhouses forming a linear office with a dedicated street front entrance
- The development achieves a density of approximately 60 dwellings per hectare.



### Connected

The site uses interconnected road and path network and shared uses to cater for both supporting that which connects with surrounding.

The site can easily be accessed using a variety of active transport modes - walking, bicycle and public bus.

The connectivity to surrounding areas that connects with existing paths and streets existing pedestrian and walking corridors.



### Healthy & Active

Walkability is a primary focus of Faby. It enhances the initial use offering, supports an expansion and connects the site with existing walking trails and pathways.

Inclusion of bicycle paths encourages cycling to the project.



### Local Economy

The incorporation of dedicated linear office supports local employment. This project can attract investment and will complement well.

A large purpose-built office for local and main street appeal with provision for an additional office to include, as well as the grocery store, medical centre and other local retail provides a small local employment base.

## Soft Elements



### Safety

The density and allocation of retail, commercial and residential uses provide enhanced pedestrian opportunities.

The deliberate orientation of residential housing and overlooking commercial amenities space increases pedestrian safety.

A greater mix of uses creates more activation times, number and presence of people being around.

Reducing primary street noise/visibility, reduced road width and a central axis street that which encourages through the project, improving pedestrian safety.



### Sustainability

The economic sustainability of Faby Village offers socio destination appeal, diverse mix of use driving vitality throughout the day and night by attracting quality tenants. The social connectivity of the project is also closely related to these themes.

Green the context, surrounded by detached built building forms, the medium and high density housing options at Faby Village provide housing choice and affordability as well as a consistent through.

Local commercial sustainability is provided by passive design principles such as orientation, shading and climate responsive measures including screening and shading to north directions and passive solar design. The high density townhouse format offers advanced energy efficiency benefits.

A New Place Committee has been established to help drive more community connectivity and developments.



### Time

The development was built in a single stage with staggered completion dates for various buildings. The staggered completion encompasses from the use as well as having large, open spaces of local walking development directing from the quality of the place.

Developer, M&J had provided incentives to retailers to start trading early to ensure the desired village atmosphere was established from the outset.



### Public Space

Faby Village's public space is central to the unique sense of place.

The village square and main street are well considered with landscaping, seating and public art.

Furthermore, the street network has been designed to allow a section of the main street to be closed down for community events which will maintaining an alternative access point to the central square.



### Transport

Integration with established walking and cycling routes and the creation of an appealing local village encourage active journeys to the village centre.

The development is also positioned on an existing bus route.

Car parking is accommodated naturally in an area that can be converted into a village market if needed. The internal placement of the car park ensures that the street appeal of the central village square is not diminished by car parking.



### Community

A small community church designed by The Church of Christ provides a central and contemporary space including a 200 seat sanctuary, function space and pastoral offices. This provides a facility that is used by the church on weekends but can also be hired out for community uses, conferences and events during the week.

There is an upper level Active centre with direct access to a large outdoor deck.

## Hard Elements



### Retail

The retail mix of Faby Village was highly considered and essential to the development of the place's identity.

The restaurant premises were selected first among hundreds of applicants for their attractive branding, premises located in hospitality and ability to provide consistently high quality food and service. Many of these already have trading histories despite the early stage in trading.

A retail bar and bath shop provides a dual purpose, enabling patrons to bring food across from other establishments while they enjoy the bath house location on top, a contemporary concept that is working just as well in Faby Village as would be expected in a more developed urban centre.

The local supermarket provides an elevated due to their willingness to work with the development concept. It was eventually located 'behind the scene' and provides a slightly more premium product inventory than its storage superstores.



### Community

There are a mix of office spaces including a 300m<sup>2</sup> purpose built facility for a large real estate group's central office within the community health facility, as well as some home offices with off-street access within the townhouses.



### Health & Wellbeing

Walkability is built in to the infrastructure through the compact street design and car parking deposited on surrounding low cost build stages. There are also good connections to the existing walking trails of the neighbouring park.

Inclusion of a medical centre, dental and physiotherapy further enhance the health and wellbeing aspects of the development.



### Education

A second floor level Montessori childcare facility serves a dual purpose as the Primary School room for the community church below.



### Recreation

The development's six levels of recreation includes but not limited to a range of strong connections to the adjacent park.



### Residential

There are 17 townhouses including two fibre townhouses incorporating an office with a dedicated street entrance.

There are 28 apartments including one and two bedroom apartments.

The first apartment development in Place Cook proved very successful with the units being predominantly purchased by owner occupiers including a high proportion of first home buyers and retirees.





Cross  
Culture  
Community  
Centre









A black and white photograph of a large outdoor gathering, likely a community event or festival. The foreground and middle ground are filled with a dense crowd of people sitting on the ground or on folding chairs. In the background, there are modern, multi-story apartment buildings. A semi-transparent blue rectangular overlay covers the middle portion of the image, containing the text.

# Activate.

Case Study: Polaris 3083, VICTORIA.



# DealCorp.

## DRAWING LEGEND

- APARTMENT
- TOWNHOUSES
- COMMERCIAL
- HERNISE
- BY OTHERS
- APPROVED PLANT

- EDGE OF CURRENT WORKS
- STAGE 01 COMPLETE
- STAGE 01 UNCOMPLETE



## Urban Renewal

# Placemaking – heritage & adaptive reuse.



# Activation Initiatives.



An aerial view of a bustling street market, likely a farmers' market, with numerous white tents, people walking, and street signs. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent teal color. The text is centered in the upper half of the image.

**How can we use  
technology to help  
create more liveable  
communities?**



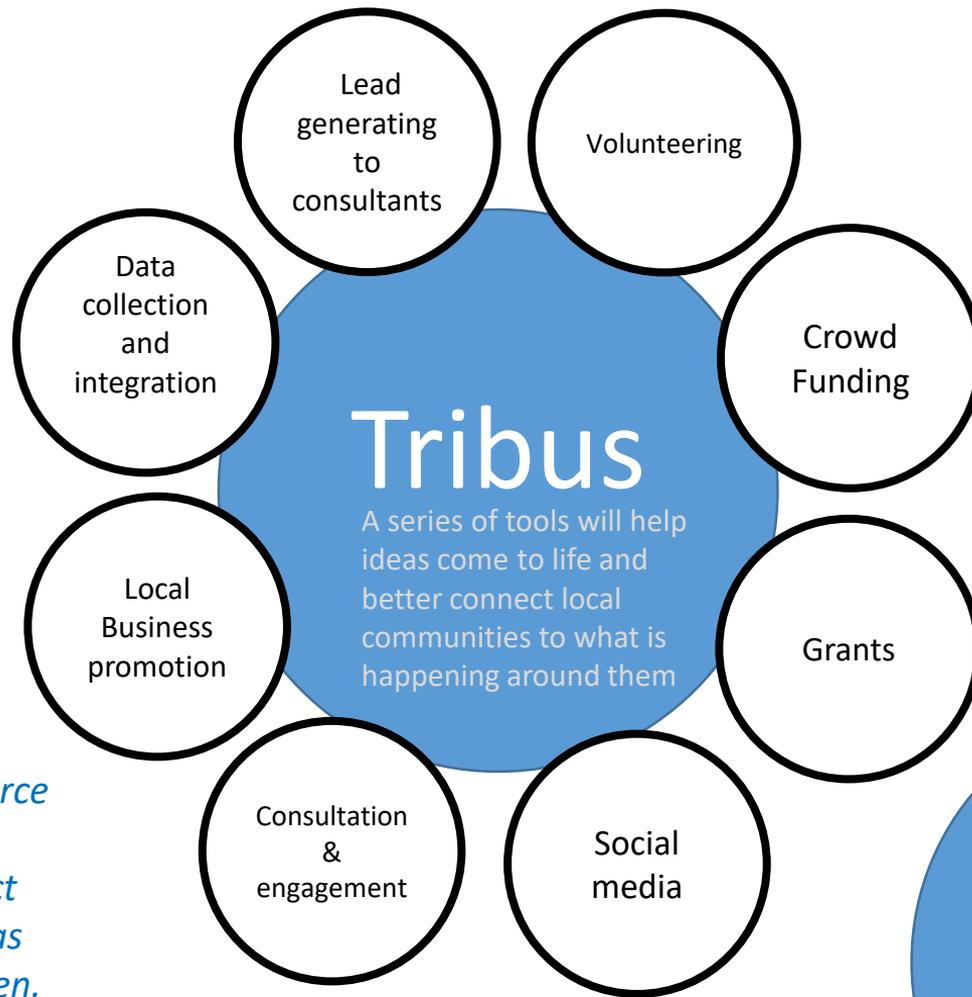
Empowering People | Building Community

- **Social exclusion is a real problem.**
- **People feel disempowered.**
- **Councils are disconnected.**
- **Many companies want to contribute.**





What is  
Tribus?



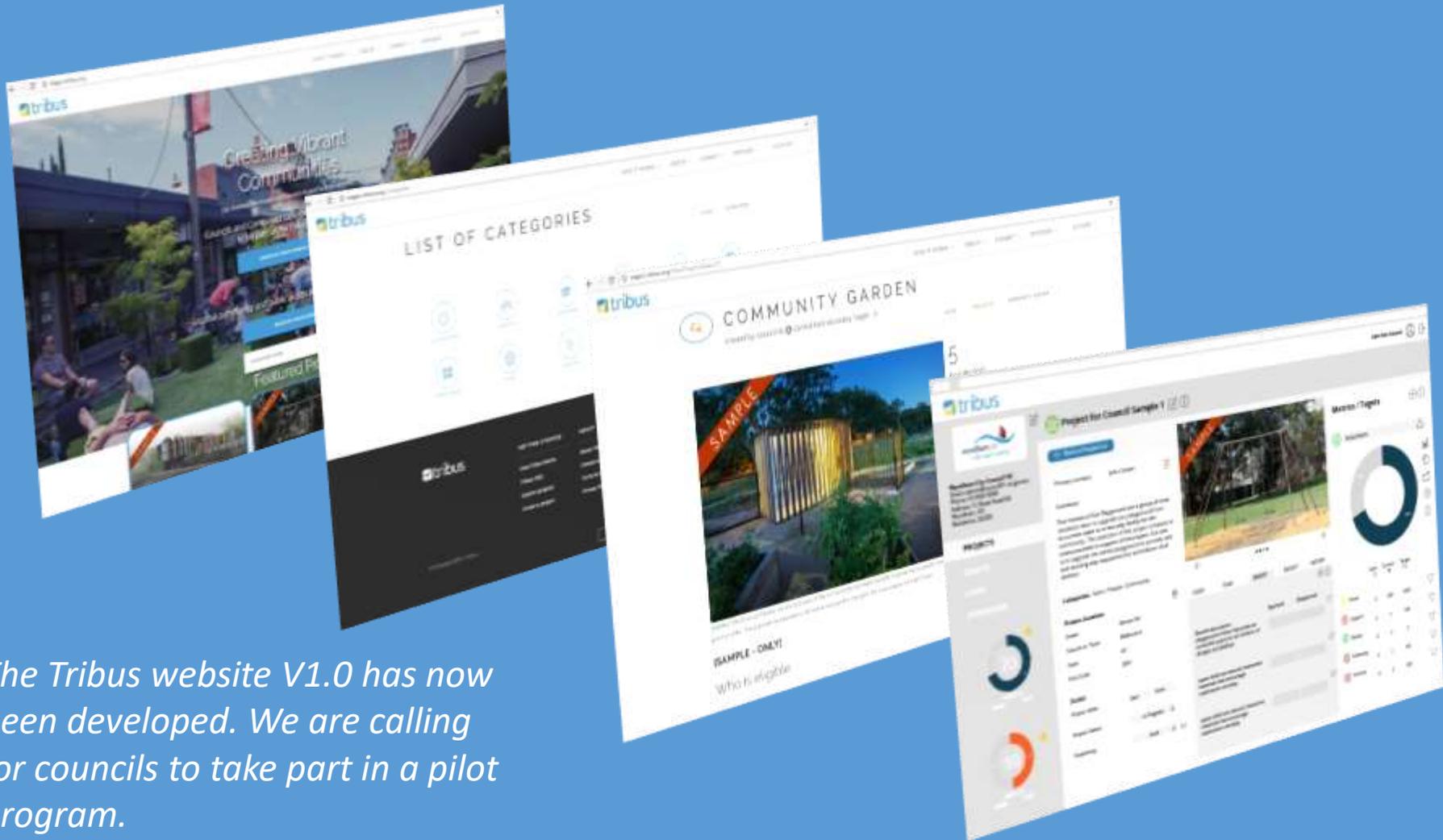
*Tribus is a powerful tool, resource and network. Its intelligent functionality will better connect good ideas to funding as well as people willing to make it happen.*





*Tribus puts its money where its mouth is (so to speak!) through the Tribus Foundation.*

Giving back to  
community



*The Tribus website V1.0 has now been developed. We are calling for councils to take part in a pilot program.*



*“its not where you live,  
its how you live “*

Hugh Mackay

# Thank you

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