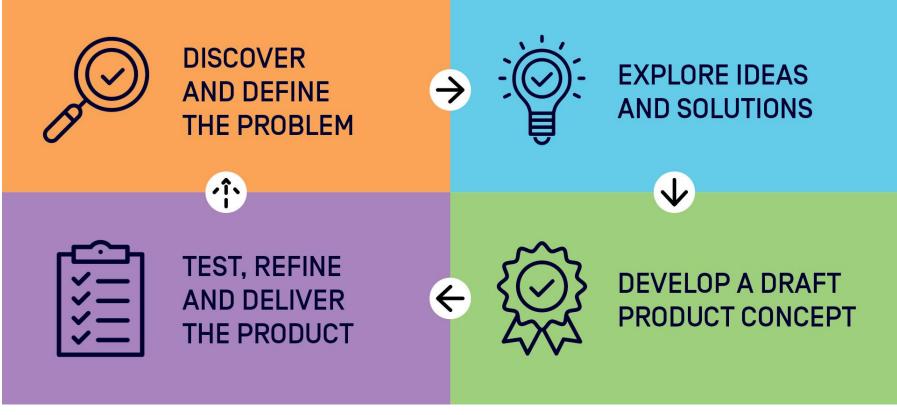
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**Participation in Practice** 

Event 2: Participant-centred products and experiences



### **PRODUCT DESIGN APPROACH**







## 1. Discover and define the problem





What are we trying to solve and what do we know about it?

#### **Engage and understand participants**

Who are our target participants and what do they need?



#### **Engage and understand key channels**

How will we reach our participants?



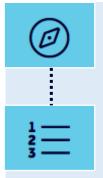
#### Define the problem to solve

What is our north star?



## 2. Explore ideas and solutions





#### Explore ways to solve the problem

How might we solve our problem and where do we look for inspiration?

Prioritise solu	tions to	develop
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Which ideas will we take forward and test?



## 3. Develop a draft product concept





#### **Co-design the core product format**

What are the key features of our product?

#### **Consider the deliverer profile and key workforce roles**

What does the ideal deliverer look like?

#### Consider infrastructure, environment and equipment needs

Where and how will participants engage with our product?

#### **Consider commercial factors**

How do we ensure our product is sustainable?

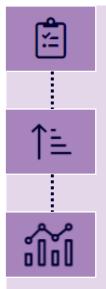
#### **Consider marketing messages and communication channels**

How will we engage our participants meaningfully?



## 4. Test, refine and deliver





#### Test and refine the draft product concept

What's working well and what isn't?

#### Align and scale delivery

Are we in a position to go bigger?

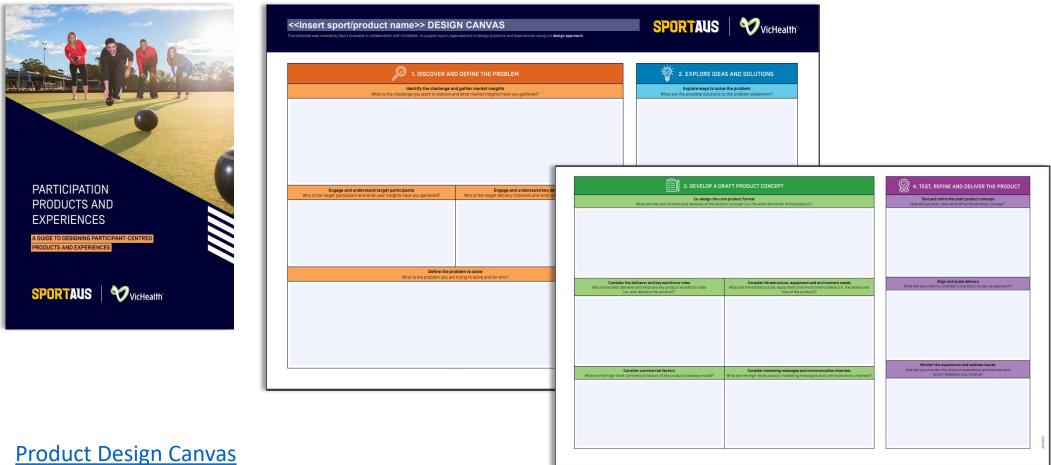
#### Monitor the experience and address issues

What do our participants and deliverers think?



### **Product Design Canvas**





Participation Products and Experience Guide

Using insights to design sport experiences for youth

#### Design for individual:

- Address barriers and fulfill motivations
- Address a problem

Top tip 1: Take a participant centred approach / co-design / listen / use insights

- Golf coach problem: "they are not engaging how we want"
- ✓ Youth problem: "I need to study, to reduce my stress, smash the ball"

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#### **Design for supporting system:**

- Change the system / process or new experiences / products
- On the go and modify (usually by the coach / deliverer)

Top tip 2: The deliverer is the most important person to the sport experience



	TOP AREAS OF CONFLICT	WHY YOUTH WANT TO PLAY SPORT	WHAT SPORT IS LIKE	Design ideas
1.	SOCIAL	<ul> <li>Spend time with friends</li> <li>Meet new people</li> <li>Be a valued member of a team</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Peer pressure / bullying</li> <li>Fear of judgement</li> <li>Team selection means that the top players are valued, and others are not</li> </ul>	TOP TIP 3: Create a socially safe space (the friends piece) TOP TIP 2: The deliver is the most important person TOP TIP 1: Participant-centred design / Co-design
2.	PHYSICAL / HEALTH	<ul><li>Improve health and fitness</li><li>Improve overall wellbeing</li><li>Improve mental health</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Lack of fitness and skills (can't keep up)</li> <li>Injury (difficult to return)</li> <li>Mental stress and pressure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Support injured players</li> <li>✓ Fitness and skill building</li> <li>✓ Stress relief – support mental health</li> </ul>
3.	SPORT STRUCTURE / ENVIRONMENT	<ul> <li>Enjoy social competition</li> <li>Teamwork</li> <li>Time to socialise with friends doing a fun activity (the idea of fun will be different for different youth – co- design!)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Team selection</li> <li>Parent involvement (i.e. favouritism)</li> <li>Time commitment</li> <li>Travel / location</li> <li>Lack of opportunity (no youth teams)</li> <li>Don't know the rules</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>✓ Provide ungraded opportunities / value all players</li> <li>✓ Control parent involvement</li> <li>✓ Provide gender appropriate opportunities</li> <li>✓ Provide clear supported pathways</li> <li>✓ Explain the rules</li> <li>✓ Activate resources to provide opportunities</li> </ul>
4.	LIFESTYLE / ENJOYMENT	<ul> <li>Stress relief from school</li> <li>Challenge and reward</li> <li>An opportunity to try new things</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Change in values, priorities and time commitments that now include work, study, family, friends, and new interests</li> <li>Decrease in parent support for sport (this could be transport, financial support, and values, i.e. if parents are prioritising work and study over sport)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accessible and flexible</li> <li>Social or modified options</li> <li>True beginner or entry level opportunities</li> <li>Promote the value of sport</li> <li>Promote the value of sport</li> <li>Centre for Sport and Social Impact</li> </ul>

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- Lack of interest, confidence, fitness, skill or motivation for sport
- Perception of sport and clubs
- Family prioritising academic ability or not supporting sport based on gendered beliefs
- Social norms of gender appropriate sports
- Peer pressure and bullying

## MOTIVATIONS

BARRIERS

- To try something alternative
- Spend time with their existing friends
- To improve their fitness level and live a healthier lifestyle

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#### Possible design strategies:

- ✓ Deliverer, deliverer, deliverer need to control the social support
- ✓ Entry level programs
- ✓ Support them to build fitness, skills, and understand the rules
- ✓ Alternative / adventure
- $\checkmark$  Connect through friends / groups

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- Psychological and biological barriers such as lack of skill, fitness, motivation, confidence, interest and feel self-conscious
- They don't value sport in its traditional sense
- They don't know the rules

Spend time with friends

Improve their level of fitness

- Cultural practices that prevent mixed genders
- Repetitive or unorganised activities and inexperienced deliverers

Try a new sport where everyone is

beginning (all at the same skill level)

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- ✓ Deliverer, deliverer, deliverer control the engagement
- ✓ Simplified rules and clear instructions
- Individual challenges (less team / competition)
- ✓ Let groups self-select (not grade)
- ✓ Sustained inclusive activity (no lining up)

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#### Cohort 3

Youth who would like to participate in sport but are unable to due to environmental barriers.

- Lack of experienced deliverers / coaches in area
- Travel distance to participate
- Family support for sport fees, transport, and time
- No role models or lack of awareness
- Or that these are lower order needs over housing, health, food and education

## MOTIVATIONS

BARRIERS

To learn new skills

To be active

An interest or hobby

Social connection

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#### Possible design strategies:

- ✓ Deliverer, deliverer, deliverer –
   Where are they ?
- **x** One-week intensives
- ✓ Modified sports (less people needed)
- ✓ Activate resources
- ✓ Collaborate
- ✓ Gender appropriate opportunities

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Youth who have played sport, and have since dropped out or are about to leave.

- Time pressures from employment, schooling, socialising, or home duties
- Sport is too competitive and is a large commitment
- Injured through sport and find it challenging to return
- Skill levels pass them by / don't feel valued
- Parents.....

## MOTIVATIONS

BARRIERS

- Keep up their fitness and skills
- The challenge of competition without the commitment and intensity
- Stress relief

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"I hurt myself playing, and I didn't start playing again because it got more competitive. More competitive and less social" 17 year old girl.

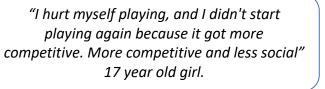
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- ✓ Deliverer, manage parents......
- ✓ Clear pathways
- ✓ Social programs
- ✓ Flexible / stress relieving
- ✓ Support injured players

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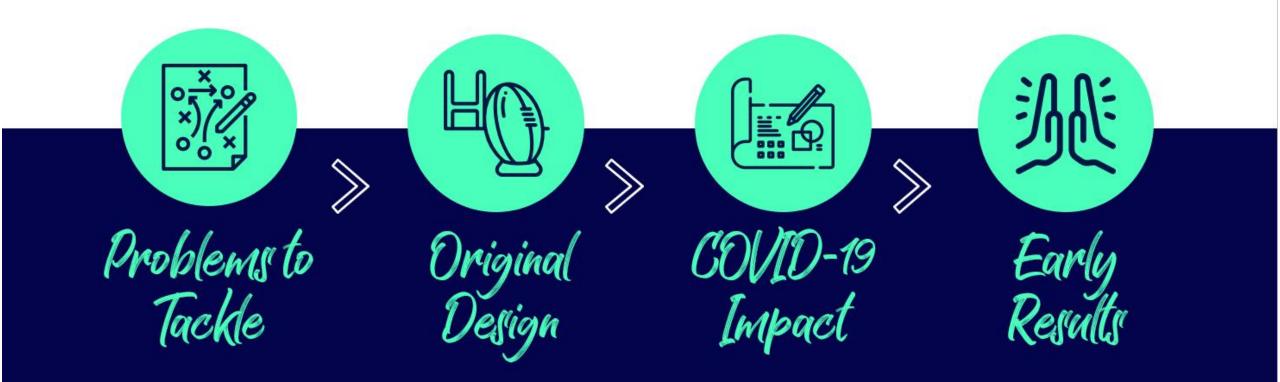
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Agenda





### **Problems to Tackle**

Targeting inactive communities to build a more active Australia

**Barriers to Exercise** Accessibility **Rugby Population Partnerships** 



Connectivity



**Sustainability** 







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Great for girls and boys new to rugby Targeted at kids 5 – 8 years of age Modified games and activities (non-contact)

TOUCH

- Great for people of all ages and skill levels **Targeted at families**
- A non-contact social version of rugby



- Great for anyone wanting to Improve their fitness Targeted at parents/guardians of rugby players •
  - Rugby training activities in a team environment



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6000 Participants





**Implementation Challenges** 

**46%** Reduction in staff costs

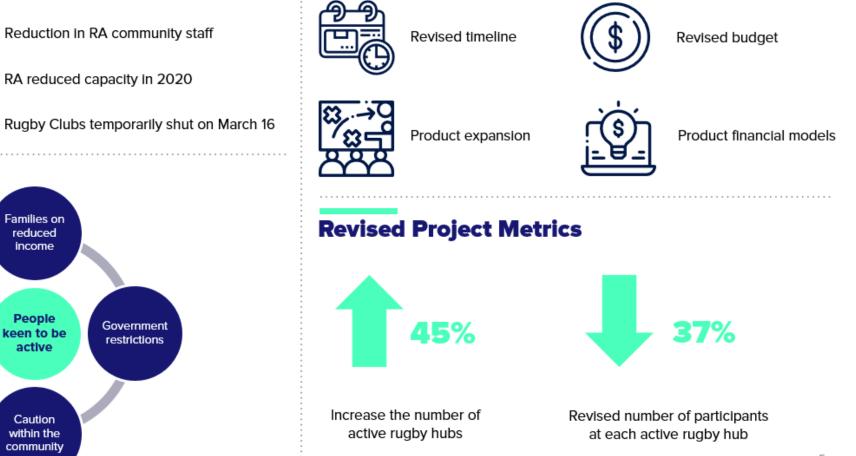
Resources

**COVID-19 Imp**act



36%

#### **Project Changes**







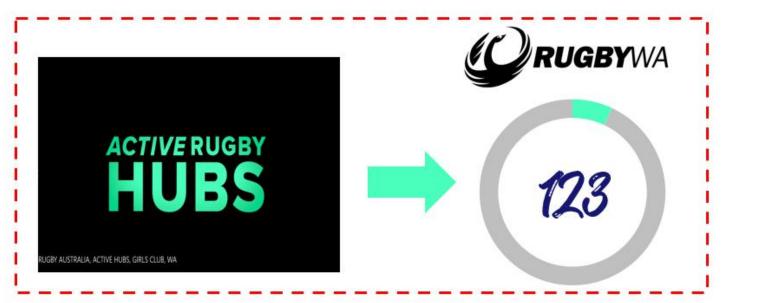














### PARTICIPATION IN PRACTICE





Thank you for joining.

We look forward to hosting you again for:

Planning for quality participation

15 June 2021 (11am-12pm AEST)

