Lake flooding now and with sea level rise
Marks Point & Belmont South Adaptation Plan
What would an Adaptation Plan do?

- Identify how and when decisions will be made, and who will make them
- Identify appropriate triggers and thresholds to ensure that actions are taken only when needed
- Identify who is responsible for specific actions
Our Approach to Adaptation Planning

1. Commit to collaboration
2. Co-define dilemma
3. Co-design process
4. Co-create solution
5. Co-deliver actions

Increasing Trust

Increasing Capacity

Build readiness • Build relationships • Build capability

APPRECIATIVE MINDSETS + DELIBERATIVE PROCESSES = ENDURING SOLUTIONS

Source: Twyfords
In workshops we found that the community were reluctant to engage in conversations about future flooding when they already had problems with nuisance flooding and poor drainage.

Meeting with people gave us an opportunity to talk about their issues and to provide information on how drainage systems work, “so people had a better understanding of the complex relationship between the lake and ocean tides and our drainage system.”
What we’ve learned so far....

The Good

• Support from Council’s Mayor, senior management and the elected Council helps the process
• Dedicated staff with passion are persistent
• Ask stakeholders how they want to engage in the conversation
• Key residents become “hubs” advocating for action, explaining the problem, relaying information, calming people.
What we’ve learned so far….

The Bad

• Action by others can affect trust and effective communication
• Lack of state government support
• We weren’t speaking the same language
• Some legitimate concerns from residents about double standards
What we’ve learned so far....

The Ugly

- sensationalist media coverage
- vested interests that want to deny there is any problem at all
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