

CONNECTING THE DOTS
KNOWLEDGE BROKERING
SYMPOSIUM SESSION 2

WHY?!

a graphic recording by
Eav Brennan on GADIGAL
COUNTRY

KNOW, OWN, FLIP THE RISK.

FELECIA WATKIN LUI - A PROUD TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER WOMAN on Gimuy Walubara Yidinji Country

Good morning Lynda!

THE TEAM
the Torres Strait Islander
Researcher's Community of
Practice

Torres Strait is experiencing
CLIMATE severe RISKs...

There was a gap in scientific
integration and uptake



Building a team of diverse and
creative TORRES STRAIT
ISLANDERS

to face the
ELEPHANT
in the
room



Research funding
wasn't having IMPACT

Breaking down hierarchies
in knowledge systems.

'End users' were
KNOWLEDGE CREATORS

Using CULTURAL TRADITIONS for
KNOWLEDGE exchange

"to shape our own futures"

PROGRAMS OF BROKERING

with PAUL HEDGE in Iutruwita

WHERE TO FOCUS KB
INVESTMENT

Ways of knowing
Cultural context
Policy
Complexity

LISTENING and LEARNING is
key.

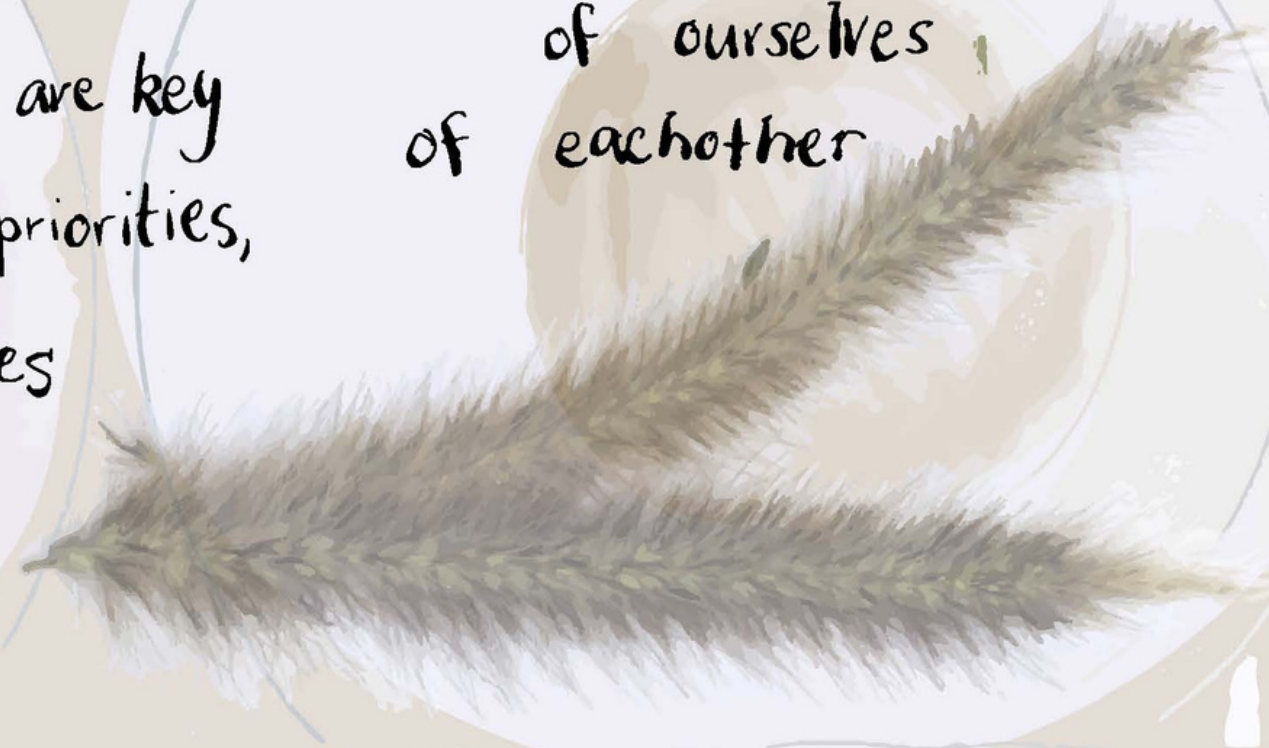


RELATIONSHIPS are key
in understanding priorities,
needs, capabilities

Establishing CONTEXT is important
working as a team to facilitate
50 - 100 knowledge brokering
projects

KB BUILDS
SHARED UNDERSTANDING

of purpose of research
of ourselves
of each other



CO UNPRODUCTION WITH COVID

LESSONS FROM THE PACIFIC with JAMES BUTLER

Acknowledging customary landowners across Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands

Scientists talked to NGOs / Local organisations talked to Communities

Knowledge brokering was linear, supply driven

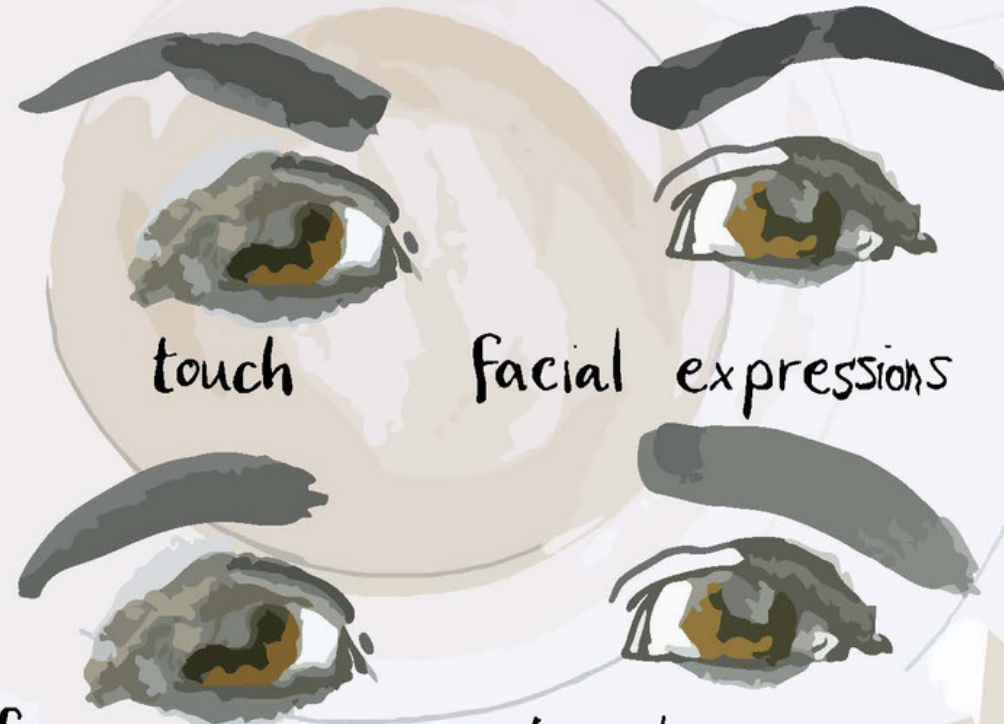
Although it was hoped there would be circular COPRODUCTION where communities contribute knowledge to scientists too...

COVID was a major disruptor, but it showed WHY IS KB IMPORTANT



BREAKING DOWN HIERARCHIES

Relationships and trust



touch

facial expressions

spontaneity
tone

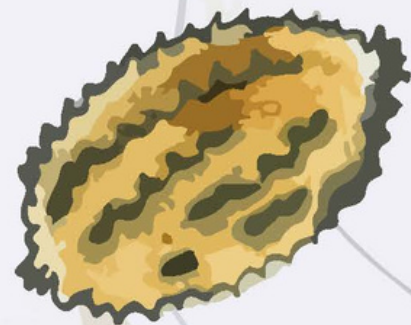
THE AGENCY IN BROKERING

BARBARA KING

NEW KNOWLEDGE
is formed in
SHARING and
COLLABORATING



Starting out with KIWI GROWERS
supporting farmers, Maori, downstream
stake holders and researchers



Promoting home grown forage in
the dairy industry
good brokers sat in between

CORE scientists and
PERIPHERY farmers



but a conflict of interest
can undermine KB efforts

KEY POINTS
FROM SESSION 2



watching a good knowledge
broker is like watching a
professional dancer

CULTURAL COMPETENCIES



an overwhelmed
Knowledge Broker risks
being a GATEKEEPER

Evaluating impact
building TRUST means new
knowledge and ways of knowing
emerges



CHIEF CAT HERDER



Identifying brokers in communities
OUTSIDE academia is key



but WHY
should I?