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It may have looked to passers-by, like a collection of community leaders, elders and traditional owners were standing on the front lawn of the New Mapoon Office, throwing a soft toy at one another. Well they were, but it is the meaning behind this, and other activities and discussions held during a three day workshop this month, that lead to the creation of the region’s Ten Year Plan.

What these activities did was to take away personal barriers, to let their guard down so that they could each put aside their own agendas and work together on one equal level. Al too often within our region we find ourselves juggling hats for work, personal life, and more, loosing sight of ourselves simply as members of the community.

Across the three days of discussion, networking and deliberation, nearly 50 leaders from our region took the data and comments made by community members from the past few months and compiled it into ten succinct priorities. These were then places along a timeline, from those that can be implemented immediately, and those which will require more time.

*“I attended every day, arriving early and staying late because I believe that this is a plan that belongs to me and my people, this is ours and we will make it work.” -Uncle Shorty*

To all community members who have had a hand in this plan’s creation, thank you for your effort and for donating your time.

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This vision began at the community grassroots level, capturing the voice of our united region. The detailed plan and report will be submitted to our elected council early December. From there the way forward lies with each of us individually, and as a region.

