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A forward thinking business improvement agency

Connecting strategy, planning, delivery & reporting in local government

ABOUT LACONIC

Laconic (adj.) means explaining complex concepts in a few words

Founded in 2024, Laconic Partners' vision is to solve business problems in an uncomplicated way.

Laconic assists councils connect planning, delivery, budgeting and reporting so priorities can be translated into action and outcomes.

We work alongside executive teams, managers and operational staff to create the structures, frameworks and ways of working that support:

- Better decisions
- Clearer priorities
- Stronger accountability
- More meaningful reporting

The result is not simply better plans. It is a more connected system that supports continual improvement.

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LACONIC SERVICES



Business Improvement



Strategy Achievement



Portfolio Management



Digital Delivery



Local Government &
Public Sector



ESG & Sustainability

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT

What we commonly observe.

- **Strategy is not always connected to delivery**
Plans exist, but are not consistently used to guide decisions, investment and day-to-day operations.
- **Service levels and priorities are difficult to align**
Community expectations, service levels, available resources and strategic priorities are not always aligned, making investment and prioritisation decisions challenging.
- **Information is fragmented**
Data, documentation and reporting are often spread across multiple systems, spreadsheets and documents with no single source of truth.
- **Capacity is under pressure**
Growing planning, governance and reporting requirements consume valuable organisational capacity.



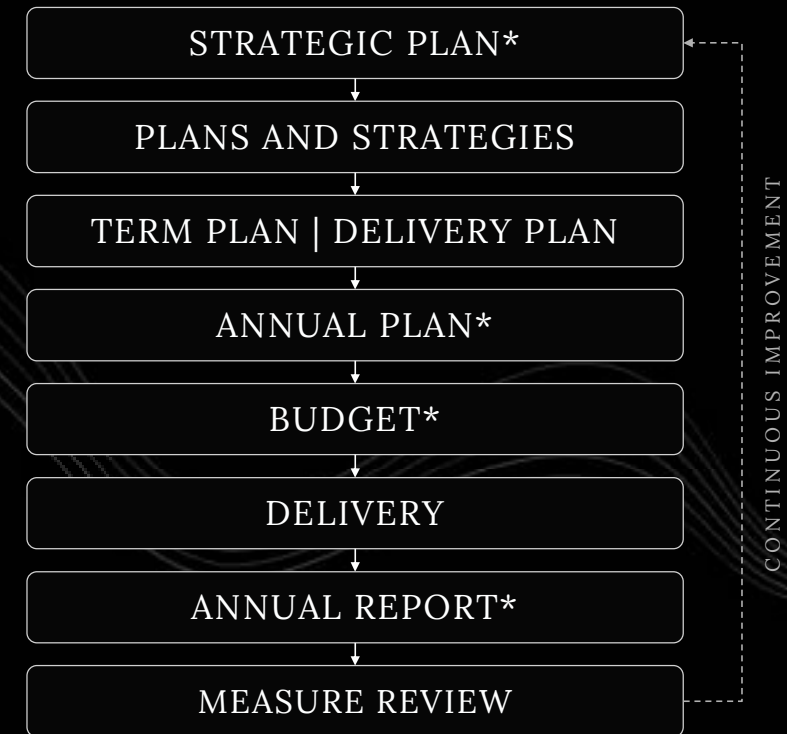
CONNECTED LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The legislation defines the framework. Laconic helps connect it.

The challenge is rarely the documents themselves. The challenge is the connections between them.

The greatest opportunity for improvement often sits between the required documents. Laconic works in the space between strategy, planning, budgeting, delivery and reporting. We assist councils to create a clear line of sight from community priorities through to investment decisions, service delivery and performance and outcome reporting.

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* Required under the Local Government Act

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HOW LACONIC HELPS

We help to establish a more connected planning and reporting system.

Create a clear line of sight

We connect community priorities, strategic plans, service plans, budgets and reporting so decisions, investment and delivery are working towards the same outcomes.

Bring process to prioritisation

We help councils establish practical decision-making frameworks that balance strategic priorities, service levels, affordability, risk and community expectations.

Define and align service levels

We help councils make service levels explicit, creating a clearer basis for investment decisions, resource allocation, performance measurement and community engagement.

Create trusted information

We improve the planning, performance and reporting information by establishing common measures, definitions and reporting frameworks across the organisation.

Turn reporting into a management tool

We help councils move beyond reporting activity by measuring outcomes, service performance and progress against agreed priorities.

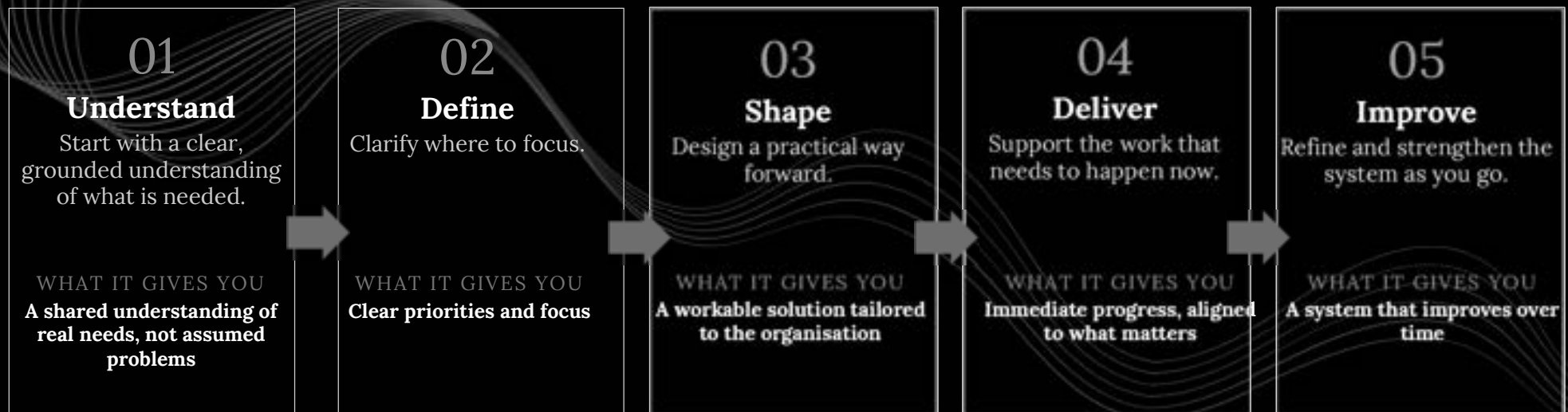
Strengthen organisational capability

We establish practical planning, governance and reporting that support better decisions, clearer accountability and continual improvement over time.

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LACONIC APPROACH

We work with councils to understand, prioritise, deliver and continually improve.



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TEAM



KIM BARKER
Consultant

Kim is a strategic advisor and project leader with more than 25 years' experience across government, education and community sectors. Through experience as a business owner, consultant and senior leader, she has led strategic planning, organisational improvement and major change initiatives that connect strategy, investment and delivery.

As Local Government Advisory Lead, Kim works with councils to strengthen planning, governance and reporting frameworks, helping create a clear line of sight between community priorities, investment decisions and service delivery.



**EVGENIYA
KHRENOVA**
Director

Evgeniya is a Chartered Accountant and experienced business and commercial analyst. She combines financial expertise, strong analytical capability and a practical approach to problem solving, helping organisations navigate complex decisions, improve performance and identify opportunities for growth.



**JOHN
SAYERS**
Director

John is an accomplished executive and senior leader with experience across energy, infrastructure and Defence. He brings expertise in strategy execution, organisational improvement and project delivery, helping organisations navigate complexity, align stakeholders and achieve practical, lasting outcomes.



**TIM
EVANS**
Analyst

Tim is an analyst and business improvement professional with experience in local government, management accounting, finance and asset management. He combines strong analytical capability with practical problem solving, helping organisations make informed decisions and improve performance.

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CORE CAPABILITIES

Drawing on deep experience across government, commercial and regulated environments, we combine six core capabilities to help organisations move from complexity to clear, defensible action



Business & Financial Analysis

Applying structured analysis to understand organisational performance, evaluate options and support evidence-based decision-making.

- Business analysis
- Diagnostics & reviews
- Financial modelling
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Investment evaluation



Strategy, Planning & Performance

Helping organisations define priorities, align plans and measure progress towards desired outcomes.

- Strategic planning
- Business planning
- Performance frameworks
- Benchmarking
- Benefits realisation



Stakeholder Engagement & Facilitation

Building shared understanding, alignment and ownership through structured engagement and collaboration.

- Consultation
- Workshop facilitation
- Co-design
- Consensus building
- Executive engagement



Governance & Assurance

Strengthening accountability, oversight and confidence in decision-making.

- Governance frameworks
- Assurance reviews
- Policy analysis
- Regulatory analysis
- Risk-based decision support



Project, Portfolio & Change Delivery

Supporting organisations to prioritise, govern and deliver change successfully.

- Project delivery
- Portfolio management
- Initiative prioritization
- Change management
- Benefits tracking



Organisation & Operating Model Design

Aligning people, processes and structures to support effective service delivery and long-term organisational capability.

- Operating model design
- Organisational design
- Service design
- Capability development
- Workforce alignment

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NEXT STEPS

What we might explore together?

- How well connected are your plans, priorities and reporting frameworks?
- Are priorities clearly linked to resources, investment and delivery?
- Do systems, processes and governance support strategic outcomes? Is there a clear approach to prioritisation and implementation?
- Do reporting frameworks focus on outputs, outcomes or both?
- What practical improvements would create the greatest value for Council?



AFFILIATIONS ^{JS1}

Trusted by government and approved through established procurement panels and service arrangements.



- Buy Local LB 308 – Project Services
- Buy Local LB 309 – Corporate Governance, Assurance and Risk Management; Strategic Organisations and Business Planning



- Dept Treasury & Finance: Tasmanian Technology Services List
- Dept Children, Education and Young People: Technology Services Panel
- Dept Police, Fire & Emergency Management: Tas GRN Professional Services Panel



- Strategic Advisory Services Panel



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