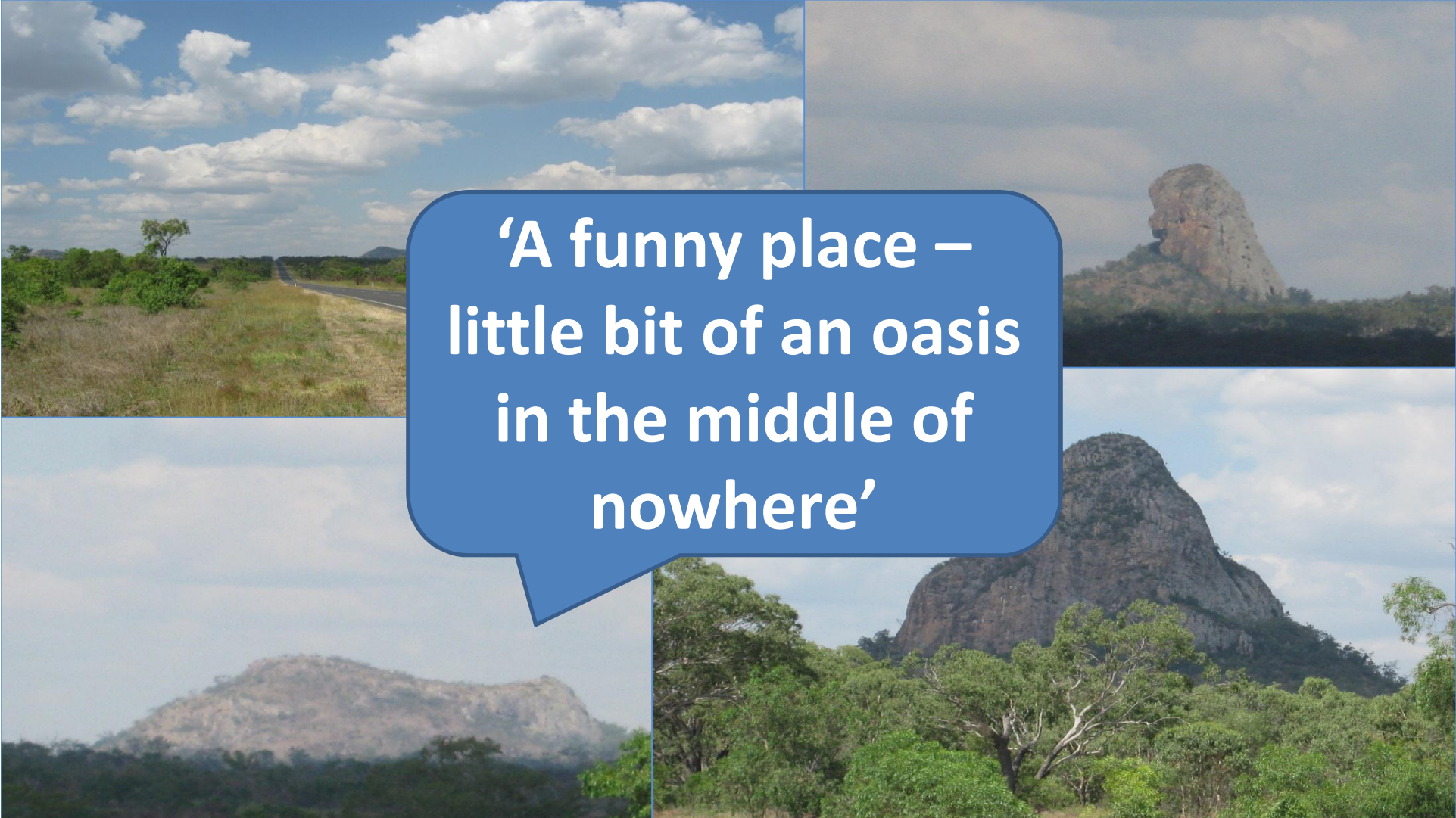


Welcome to Moranbah



A collage of four landscape photographs. The top-left photo shows a paved road winding through a grassy field under a blue sky with white clouds. The top-right photo shows a large, rounded rock formation (a butte) against a cloudy sky. The bottom-left photo shows a wide, low mountain range in the distance. The bottom-right photo shows a large, rounded rock formation (a butte) in the background, partially obscured by lush green trees in the foreground.

**‘A funny place –
little bit of an oasis
in the middle of
nowhere’**

A large, modern sign for 'TOWN SQUARE MORANBAH' is mounted on a dark grey, horizontally-slatted wall. The sign consists of two rusted metal plates with white, sans-serif lettering. The top plate reads 'TOWN SQUARE' and the bottom plate reads 'MORANBAH'. A blue callout bubble with white text is positioned in the lower-left corner of the image. The background shows a street with trees and parked cars.

TOWN SQUARE

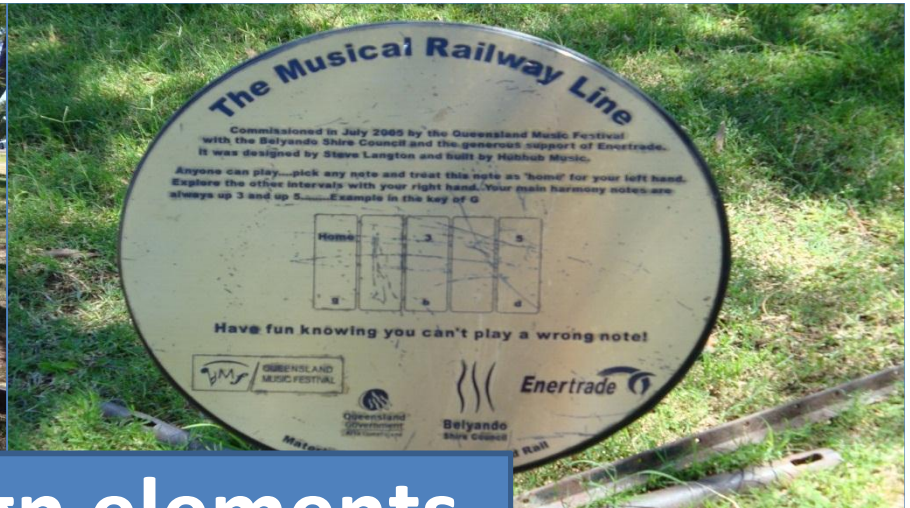
MORANBAH

'Everything
you need'



Moranbah Town Square





Urban design elements





IRC offices on Town Square





Community facilities



Progressive Planning- Adaptive Communities

C **Concept C**
Integrated Suburb



A,B,C

A **Concept A**
Apartments / Unit Buildings



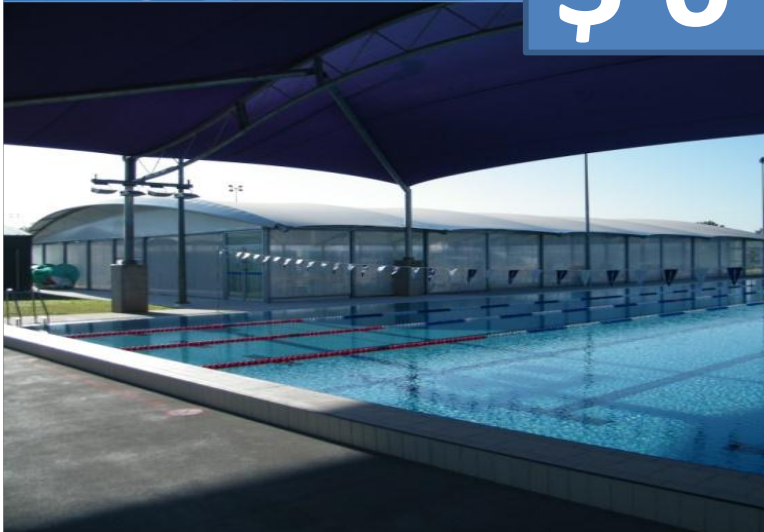
up to 50



up to 200



\$ 6 million





Modern housing





Employment
opportunities

Too good to be true?

\$900/week

'Most
expensive
place in
QLD'

'85% out
of town
investors'

'Living in
cars &
tents'

**'...to hell
with
Moranbah'**

**'FIFO = Fly
over'**

**'Lost
battle'**

'Fear'

**'mining
dictates'**

Conclusion

**Mining – godsend/
manmade disaster?**

Man(State)-made disaster



Negligence



Poor
judgement



Disaster

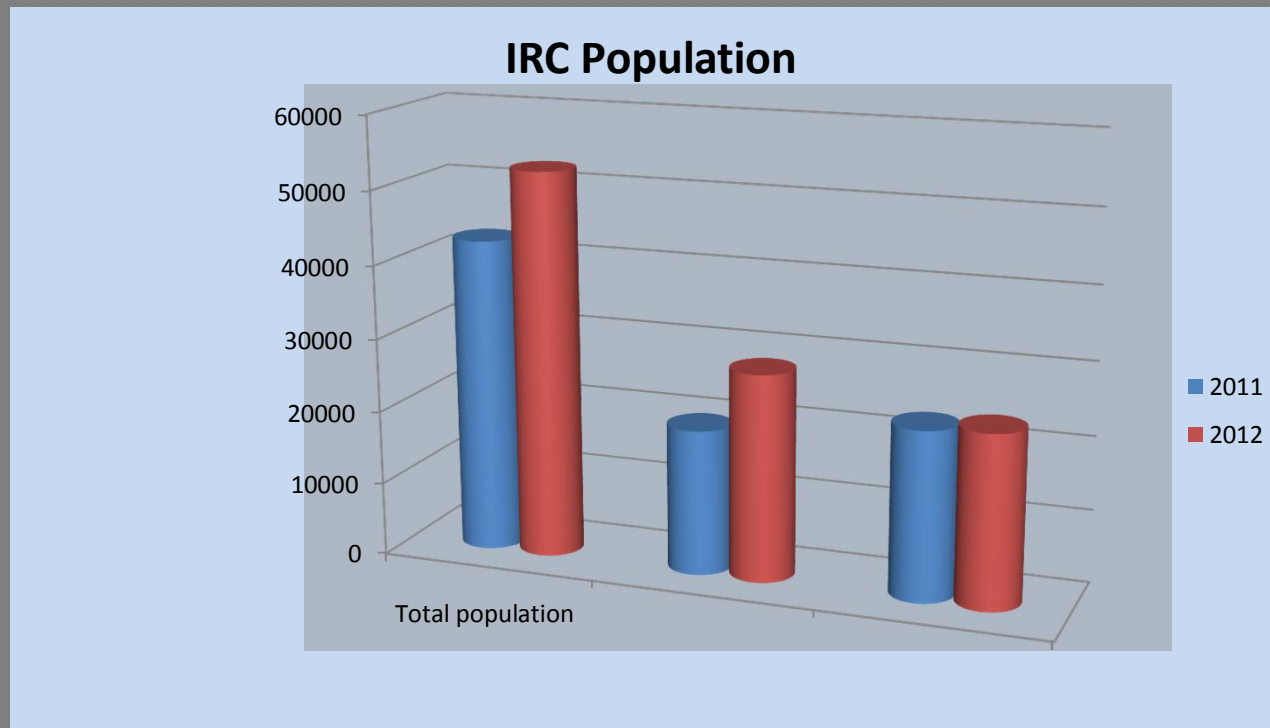
How did this happen?

**Grosvenor
Estate**

**Caval
Ridge**

**No of
mines**

Population growth



Financial dilemma

- “ Australian LG = \$ weak
- “ Census - \$0 state funding
- “ Banks – \$0
- “ Culture of benevolence

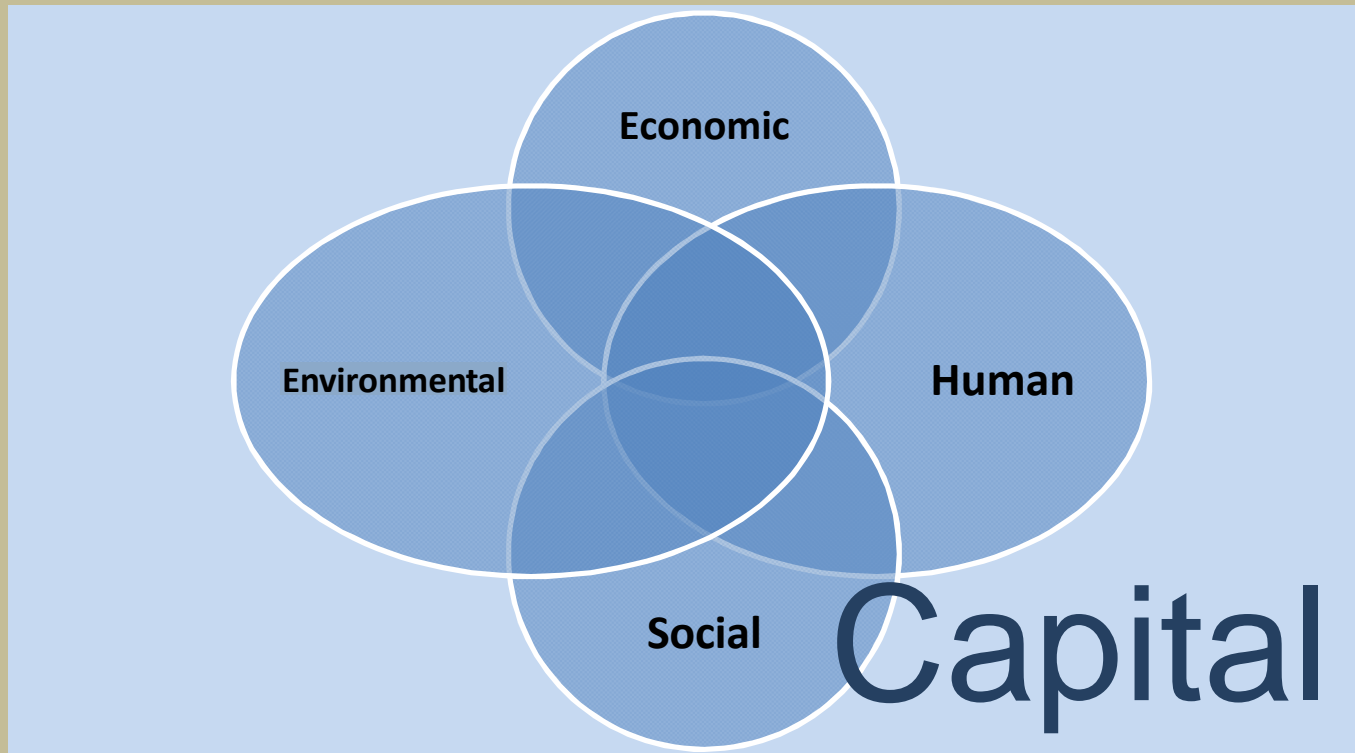
What can be done?

'sterilise some coal to let the town develop'
(Sandy)

'there is a history and it does matter'
(Summer)

'a more mature community'
(Steve)

Vulnerability & resilience



Domains of social and human capital (Adapted from Chief Minister's Department, 2007, p.4)

Into the future

**Economic
base**

**Build
capacity**

Research

**Stakeholder
consultation**

**Educate &
inform**

Thank you