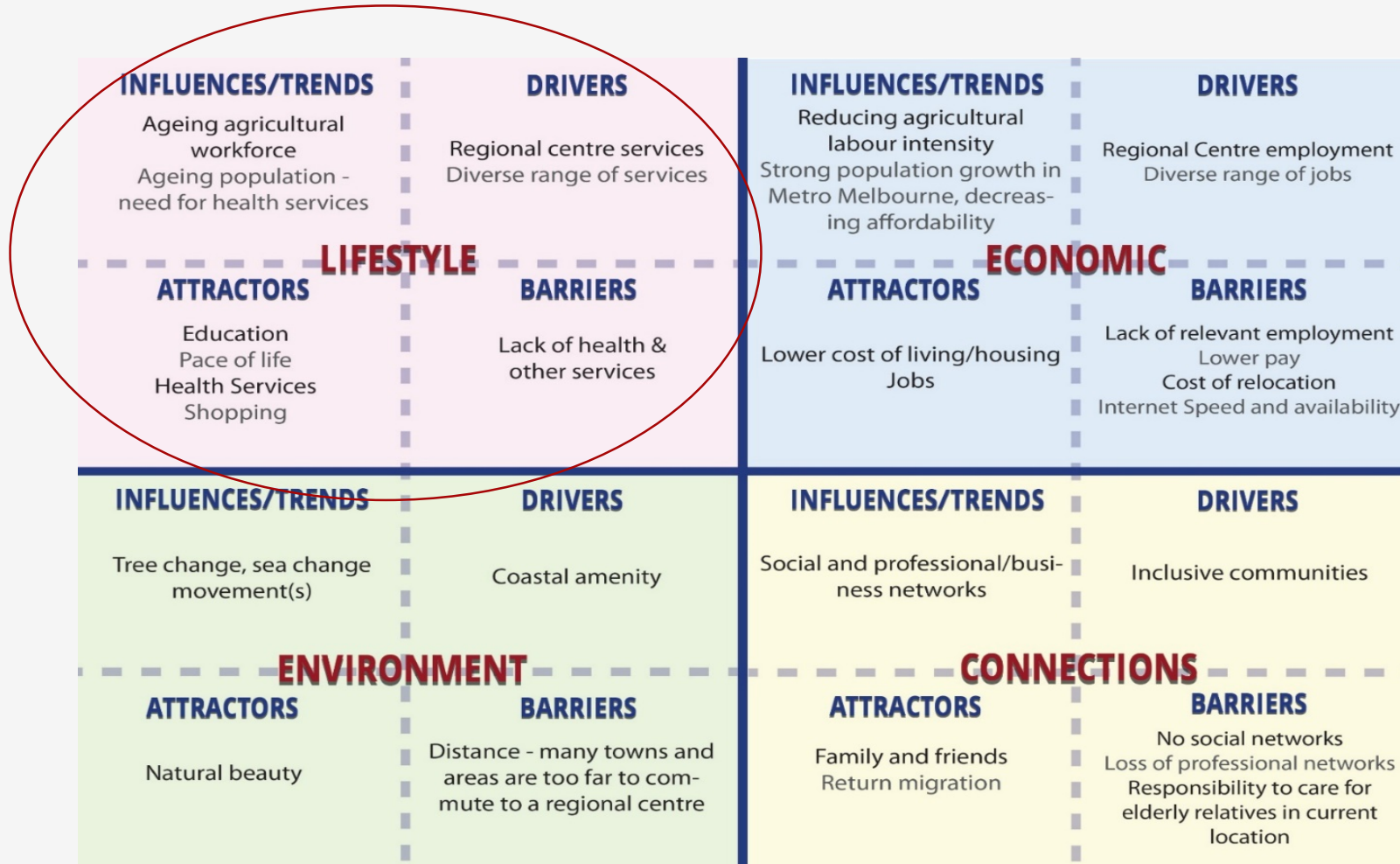


# SERVICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO LIVABILITY

- The attraction and retention of population to rural areas is highly dependent on having access to key services including retail, financial, health, education and transport related services.
- Many of these services have ceased in rural towns where there has been a reduction in population. Some rural communities have and/or are developing alternate ways of accessing and/or delivering such services.
- This project seeks to identify alternative means by which rural communities can access services that underpin liveability.

# POPULATION ATTRACTION AND RETENTION



# SERVICES

Health	Education	Retail/Finance	Public Transport
Hospital/Medical Centres	Primary Schools	Supermarkets	Bus
Primary Health Care	Secondary Schools	Independent Retailers	V/Line Trains
Allied Health	Tertiary (inc. TAFE)	Retail Banking	
Pharmacy	Kindergarten Services	Post Office	

Examples of alternative service delivery:

- The Neighbourhood House Community Transport Project, Loddon Mallee Integrated Cancer Services
- Community ownership of banks and supermarkets (e.g. Rupanyup)
- Others

# PROJECT STEPS

- Literature Review
- Identify existing models and case studies
- Primary research – random survey of 500 rural residents
- Consultation with service providers (bank, retail, health, education, transport)
- Consultation with RCV member councils
  - Short survey distributed to all RCV member Council CEOs – responses due Thu 18/4
  - Follow up workshops:
    - 29 April, 3:30 – 5pm: Ararat - Gum San Great Hall
    - 1 May, 11am – 12:30pm: Benalla Rural City Council offices
    - 3 May, 11am – 12:30pm: Leongatha - South Gippsland Shire Council offices

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