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**Choking on Success** 

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# **Choking on success**

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## What are the consequences of choking on success?







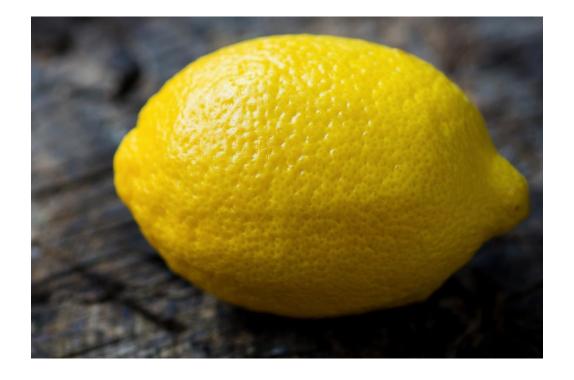








## So where does that leave the next 19 minutes?



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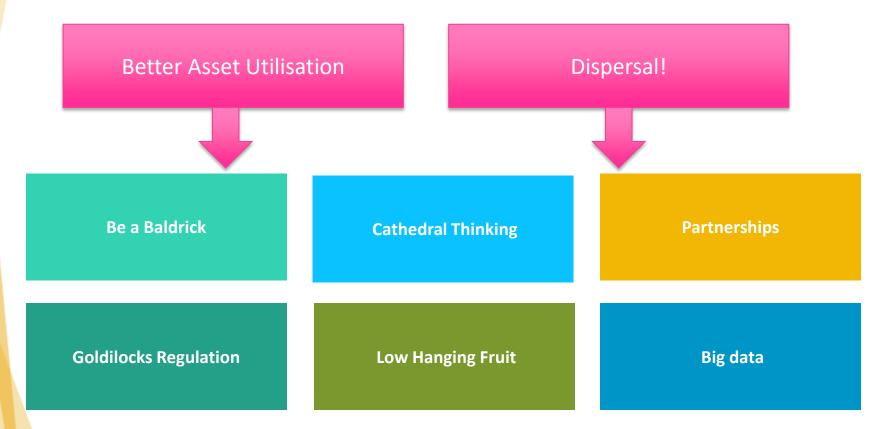
So I thought we would do...

The place equivalent of the Heimlich Manoeuvre...



Source: Bigstock

## **Destination Heimlich Manoeuvres**





## Be a Baldrick

Factor	Have you done this?
A vision	
A clear roadmap in the form of a strategy	
Agreed objectives and clear concepts	
Understanding of carry capacity and the weak points	
Financial planning for budgeting, capital raising and price setting	
Effective marketing strategies based on sound market research	
Matching the plans to destination nature, proximity to major markets and visitor flows	
Human resource management, including paid staff and volunteers	
Planning for product differentiation, life cycles and value adding	
Quality and authenticity of products and experiences	
Knowing what success looks like?	
Review process – what will we do when we succeed? How do we keep the plan alive	

## Three broad things to consider



What have we got? (what's possible with our natural and cultural resources?)

### 2. Suitability

What will we share? (what's appropriate or desired in our community?)

### 3. Feasibility

What do our guests want? (what's economically sustainable?)



**Create an inventory** 



Work with the community
Make sure majority is on side
Be sensitive to community
needs
Own the story, not the PoV



Make sure there are enough people interested in what you have

Obtaining answers to these questions through the three steps above will help your community chart the right course ahead.

Source: Cultural & Heritage Tourism a Handbook for Community Champions©2012 – Federal Provincial Territorial Ministers of Culture and Heritage.

### **Cathedral Thinking**



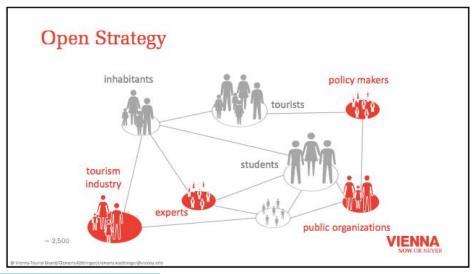
"a far-reaching vision, a well thought-out blueprint, and a shared commitment to long-term implementation": 2030 and 2050 should be INTERMEDIATE goals

Sources: (Rick Antonson at World Café G20 in Brisbane) www.cathedralthinking.com



### **Partnerships**

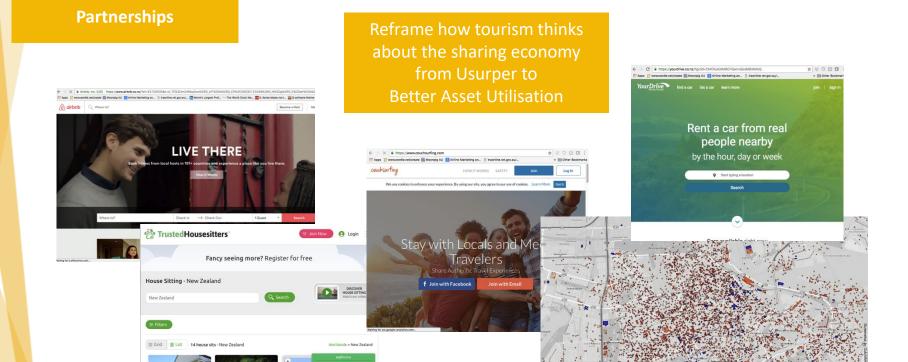




Theoretically this is an image of a smart city
But it is also what a smart destination management process looks like

Source: Bigstock







## **Goldilocks Regulation**





Sources: Bigstock, DutchAmsterdam.eu http://www.antitrustlaws.org/Antitrust-Law-Examples.html

## Local guides and local experiences

Travellers increasingly want to get off the tourist trail in search of the real locals and authentic experiences. They also want to connect with locals

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- Travellers are looking for 'choice cuts' not 'Disney secret' Melbourne laneways
  - Overwhelmed, choice-saturated consumers are looking to destinations and travel brands to create curated collections and provide relevant recommendations.

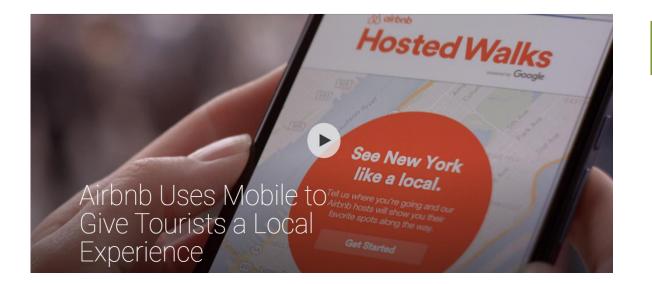


The following pages show examples of how 'local' tourism is being executed

Source: MyTravelResearch.com Insights and Trends Hub

## MyTravel Research.com®

## Airbnb Hosted walks



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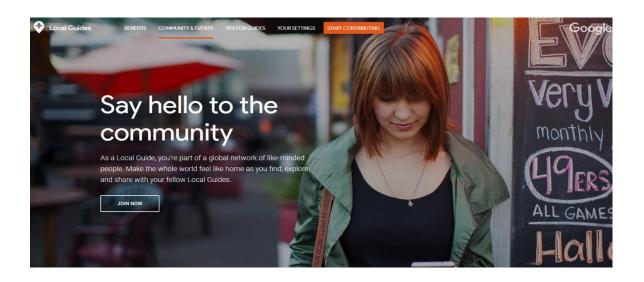
When a traveller or a user searches for things to do on Google, they will be prompted by an ad, asking them if "they wish to see New York like a local". When they click on the ad, Google Maps is brought up and it is auto populated with the users location. It then maps out the route to the users desired location, via all the local gems along the way. The output is speech bubbles and hidden local gems as narrated and read out by real Airbnb hosts.

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## Google local guides

Increasingly, locals reviews are popular amongst tourists. Local guides are 'locals' that review local businesses.



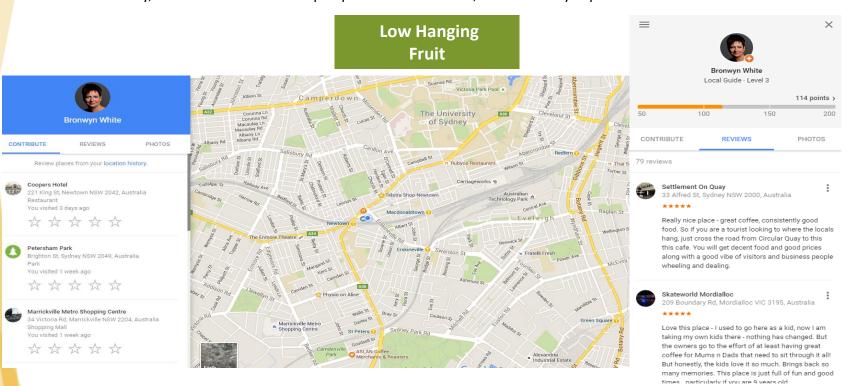
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## Google local guides an example

Where locals of a city, can review with a locals perspective and in effect, become a city expert.



# Value of VFR to the NSW economy

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	Source: TRA International and National Visitor Survey, Year ended March 2016						Source: DNSW Visitor Host Research								
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International	22.1	\$	54	\$	1.2	\$	87	63%	13.9	\$	1.2	\$	141	\$	2.4
Domestic	31.3	\$ 1	07	\$	3.3	\$	73	84%	26.3	\$	1.9	\$	180	\$	5.3
Total	53.4			\$	4.5				40.2	\$	3.1	\$	321	\$	7.7

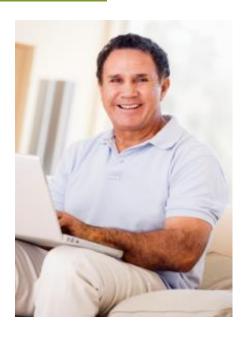
Source: DNSW/TRA IVS Mr 2016, DNSW Visitor Host Research March 2016



# Understanding the VFR traveller

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- Pain Points The host
- They want more **information** and don't really know where to get it
- They are looking for more Internet **search** options
- Many hosts believe it is up to LGA's to assist in providing the information about the area
- Many feel that the ability to visit attractions for free or a discount would drive more hosting

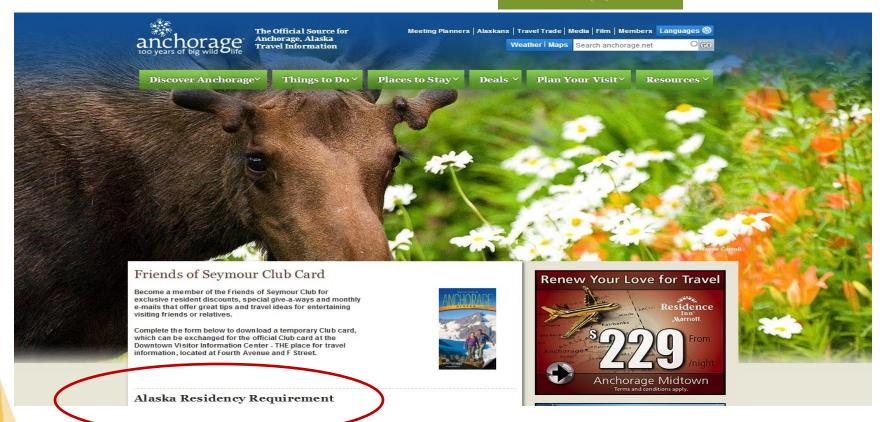


25% of hosts don't know where to get information on what to do with their visitors

Source: MyTravelResearch.com VFR Research 2014

## Attractions discounts for locals

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Terms and Conditions

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### You liked it so much, it's here to stay!

Due to popular demand, we've decided to bring back the Taronga Western Plains Zoo discount local membership offer – permanently!

That means if you're a local, you can join Zoo Friends for just \$37\* per person and get year round access to your local Zoo, plus lots of other great benefits.

So go on, become a Zoo Friend today!

To take up this amazing offer, please call the Zoo Friends office on 02 9932 4317.



Cheetah at Taronga Western Plains Zoo

(Please note to become a member at the Dubbo local membership price of \$37 is not currently available online)

### **Enjoy Great Benefits.**

In addition to unlimited entry to Taronga Zoo in Sydney and Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo you'll enjoy these fantastic benefits:

- Free quarterly magazine Wild Life
- · Unlimited access to Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide zoos
- · Discounted parking at Taronga Zoo
- · Exclusive behind-the-scenes events

If your **residents** use and frequent local attractions, they are likely to become ALL (advocates, loyalists, leaders) talk about it, post on social media about it and take their VFR!

Source: MyTravelResearch.com VFR Research 2014



## **Attractions discounts for locals**

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### **VISITING FRIENDS & RELATIVES**





There's something special about "going home". Especially when home is in beautiful Samoa.

Nothing quite compares to the joy of reconnecting with family and friends who still live in our island paradise - and there's no better place to go to recharge, refresh and remind us of what truly is important in life: family and friends.

Those of us who have left the ancestral 'nest' to immerse ourselves in the hustle and bustle of the modern world know the importance of going home and going back to basics - the need to remind us of our roots and our Fa'a Samoa way of life.

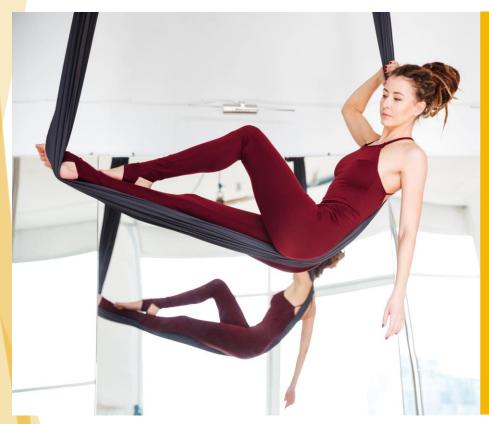
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http://www.ttra.com/assets/1/18/How Vienna is Using Big Data to Transform Tourism Development Clemens Koltringer Vienna Tourist Board.pdf

## Unchoked yet?



- The problems of success are good problems to have
- Because you have space to
  - ...invest
  - ...plan
  - ... Test
- By applying these principles you can do the Heimleich maneuvre on your destination!

Source: Bigstock

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