Colin Hall 5PConsulting Making your business plans work for you

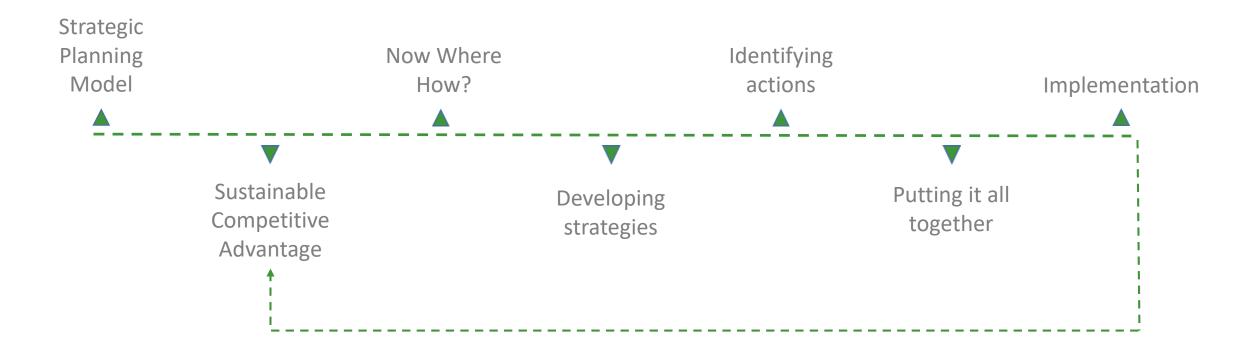




Strategy, execution and success



Dig deeper with resource #1



Start by looking outside your business



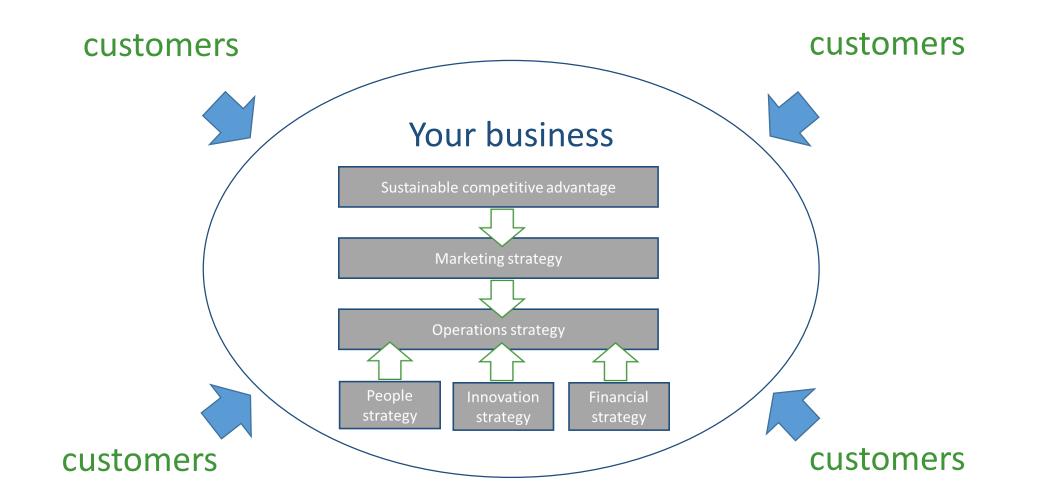
Power of competitors

Who are your competitors and on what basis are they competing and is your market likely to become more or less crowded?

Power of substitutes How else could your customers spend their money and what can you do to discourage them?

Dig deeper with resource #2

Then look at your business from a customer perspective



Sustainable Competitive Advantage (SCA)

"Why should someone buy from me and not the person down the road?"

- Some suggestions:
 - 1. Do you have a **skill** or combination of skills that most others don't have?
 - 2. Do you have **relationships** with people that most others don't?
 - 3. Do you have **resources** that most others don't?
 - 4. Do you have **experience** and experiences that most others don't?
 - 5. Do you have a **specialisation** that most others don't?
 - 6. Do you have a **price** that most others don't?
 - 7. Do you have a **reputation**/brand that means something?
 - 8. Do you have a **process** that most others don't?

SCA – identifying yours

1	2	3	4	5
Key success factor	Value to customer	Current ability to beat competitor	Internal impact	Total
Service	7			
Innovation	5			
Price	6			
Product range	7			
Quality	7			
Management	3			
Response time	9	7	9	18
Best people	9	6	7	16
Brand name	6			
Rate of change	8	6	5	13

- 1. Identify your key success factors
- 2. Score them in terms of value to customer
- 3. For each of the most important factors, what is your current ability to beat your competitors?
- 4. For each of the most important factors, how much do they resonate with you in terms of your values, beliefs & culture?
- 5. Which factor scores highest in terms of value to customer and internal resonance?
- Test your SCA: "We will win by having the fastest response time in the industry" Does this feel right?
- Use your SCA as a filter to help determine what is important and what is not important in your business

Three simple questions



The planning process should start by understanding where you are NOW and WHERE you want to be.

Too often leaders jump from the NOW to the HOW in when Developing their business plans.

This means they risk developing actions that aren't anchored in a clear vision of WHERE they want to be.

Where are you NOW?



WHERE do you want to be?



This is a creative process, not a clinical one



WHERE? - more than just a vision statement

Profit	•	In 2021 we will be generating a 15% profit before tax on \$2.0m annual sales incurred between March & November. Our operations will be closed for eight weeks between December and February to allow tour staff to take a meaningful break. We will be open for bookings & enquiries throughout the year		
Patrons	•	60% of our clients will be from overseas (Europe and N.America) and 30% out of state and 10% from the Territory		
Patrons	٠	Our pricing will be aimed at experiential clients who are physically fit, middle to higher income families who are excited by Australian history, culture and nature.		
Products	•	60% of revenue will be from our seven day tours incorporating a mixture of cultural/historical and natural experiences. 40% will be from 4 day tours and we will no longer be offering 1 or 2 day tours. We will continually refresh our tour offerings to attract repeat custom and will offer tailored tours to high end and repeat clients.		
Promotior	•	To achieve this we will have an experienced part time marketing expert or agency using contemporary social media tools to generate leads.		
People	٠	We will employ 8 full time guides who will be incentivised through training and other opportunities to remain with us for between 3 -5 years.		
Process	٠	All of our processes will be documented and communicated and will reflect contemporary Best Practice Destination Management Processes as advocated by ARTN .		



WHERE? - The reality check



Develop strategies to achieve your Where

- How can I use strengths to overcome threats?
- How can I use strengths to commercialise opportunities?
- How can I prevent weaknesses from combining with threats?
- How can I prevent weaknesses from spoiling opportunities?

	STRENGTHS • Good cash reserves • Great customer feedback • Relationship with ABC • Industry experience & reputation	WEAKNESSES • Staff TO too high • Mngt depth – no back stops • Marketing generally • Ageing fleet		
OPPORTUNITIES • Sponsored national training • Major competitor in trouble • Increase overseas business • Outsource marketing	 Retain/develop staff thru national training program Develop succession plan including back stop duties Leverage ER to grow international business JV with ABC Co. to buy out competitor & broaden service offered 		Use 80:20 rule	
THREATS • AUD Exchange rate decreasing • Declining economy – confidence • New small competitors • GM retires in 2 years	 Fleet replacement program – cash Increase use of testimonials for m Increase speaking at allied indust Appoint prof marketer to grow loce 	narketing ry events	 to select and/or prioritise 	

Drive your strategies into action





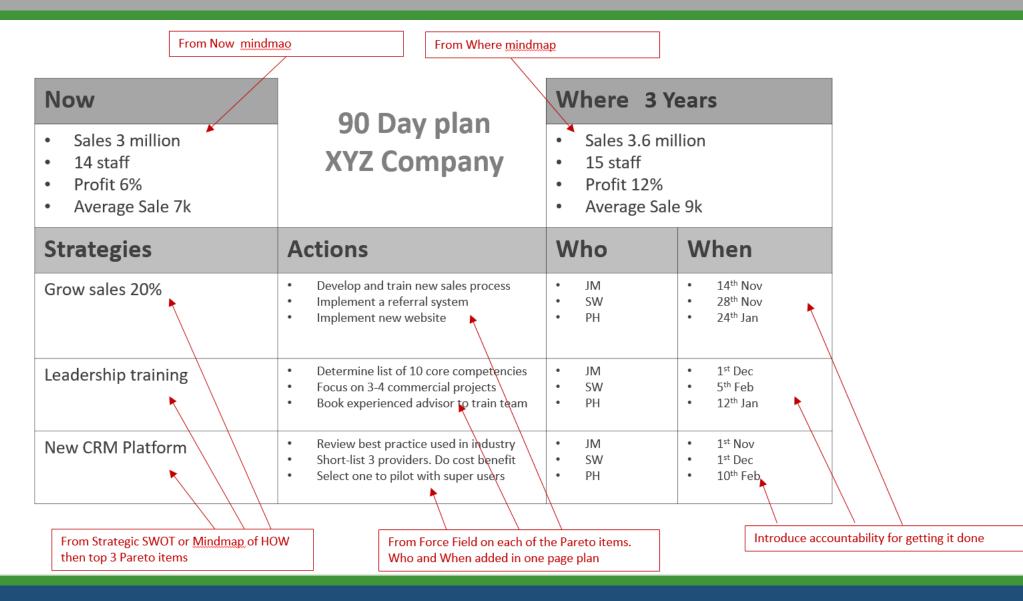
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What things could move this issue in a positive direction and how could you increase their impact?

What things are working against the achievement of your objective and how could you decrease their impact?

What are the most impactful things you can do to get a good resolution? (80:20 rule)

Put it all together with a One Page Plan



Cascading One Page Plans



Implementation



Keep sight of your WHERE



Be agile



Set the standard

Do You Set the Standard?



Or Are You Just Plain Standard?

Implementation





Promote Accountability

Don't self sabotage



Communicate

Don't go it alone



Dig deeper with resource #10

Summary

- 1. Understand your competitive environment
- 2. Identify your sustainable competitive advantage
- 3. Build your plan using Now Where How
- 4. Use the belief test to check your Where
- 5. Use SWOT to help identify strategies
- 6. Use Force Field to drive strategies into actions
- 7. Put it all together with a One Page Plan
- 8. Lead from the front & never lose sight of your WHERE
- 9. Be agile

Where will you be in three years' time?

More of the same?

A little better?

Running a beautiful business?

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Dig Deeper – some additional resources

- **<u>#1</u>** How to manage in a VUCA world
- **<u>#2</u>** How to make sense of what's happening outside your business
- **<u>#3</u>** You have a competitive advantage here's how to find it
- <u>#4</u> Now Where How A simple planning tool
- **<u>#5</u>** The power of beliefs in business
- **<u>#6</u>** How to generate value from your SWOT analysis
- **<u>#7</u>** Supporting strategy with effective action How to use a Force Field
- **<u>#8</u>** Business planning How to get it all on a page
- **<u>#9</u>** Behaviours and habits Top 10 traits of great Leaders
- **<u>#10</u>** Shackles and Shields What are the things stopping you from meeting today's business challenges?
- **<u>#11</u>** How to choose a business advisor

And two free business diagnostics (best done on desk/laptops)

<u>Growth & Profit Solutions</u> - to help you prioritise the most impactful areas for improvement in your business.

<u>Change Success</u> – to help you identify opportunities to ensure successful implementation of your business plan/change program.

