### LEADING IN CHALLENGING TIMES

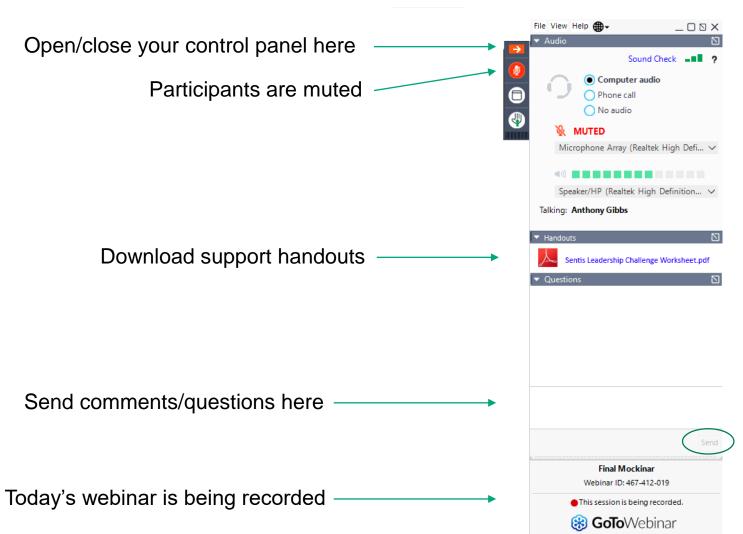
How to maintain a strong safety focus

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"Hard things are hard because there are no easy answers or recipes. They are hard because your emotions are at odds with your logic. They are hard because you don't know the answer and you cannot ask for help without showing weakness."

— Ben Horowitz

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"Being quarantined with a talkative child is like having an insane parrot super glued to your shoulder"







So why are people buying so many dunny rolls?



Managing yourself first



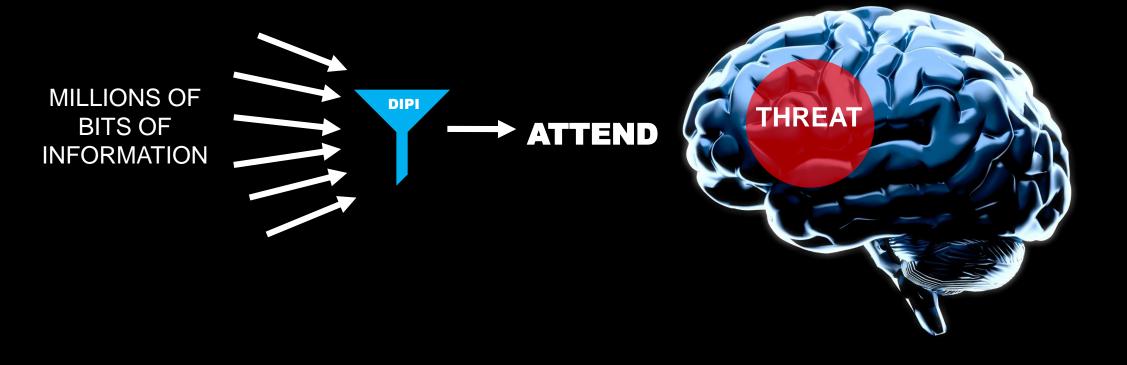
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# Why are people buying so many dunny rolls?

What happen to our brain during crisis?









## WHAT IS 'DIPI' TO US RIGHT NOW?



#### Virus **could kill** up to 100000 **Australians** The Australian Financial Review - 2 Mar 2020 Economist Warwick McKibbin estimates up to 68 million people **will** die from the **coronavirus**, including as many as almost 100,000 **Australians**, ...



 Australian army calls on reservists to tackle coronavirus
 \$11,000

 The Guardian - 16 hours ago
 Leaving

 The army has called on reservists to assist with Defence's response
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 coronavirus pandemic, an email obtained by Guardian Australia
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CORONAVIRUS

NSW Can Now Fine Residents Up To \$11,000 Or Send Them To Jail For Leaving The House

Major insurer moves to stop doctors and patients getting coronavirus cover



One of Australia's biggest life insurers moves to cut off payouts to customers who die from COVID-19, including frontline doctors fighting the deadly virus.

#### 'We're at war': Half a million infected



The world has been warned it's fighting a losing battle against COVID-19, as the infection toll surpasses 500,000.



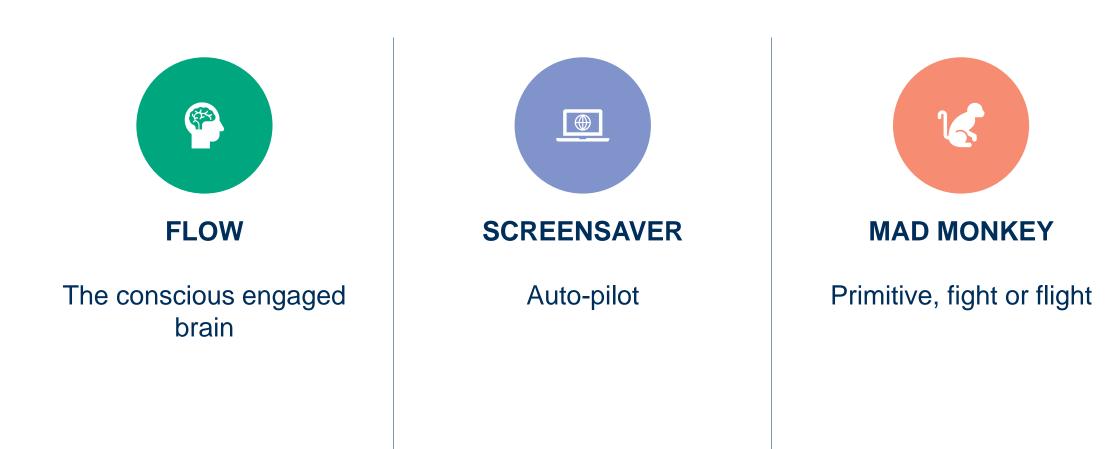
'We're scared for our lives, and we're scared for the lives of our ...

9News - 20 hours ago

An intensive care doctor says those on the frontline in **Australia fear** for their lives ... medical staff are risking their own lives to fight **coronavirus**.

"We're in a crisis"
"... can't recover"
"What a disaster..."
"This is a real problem"
"It's impossible"

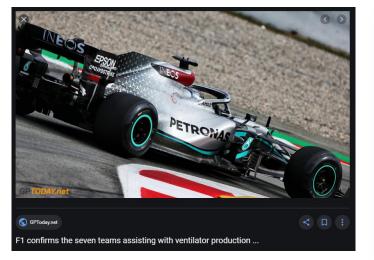
### **BRAIN STATES**



### FLOW

### SCREENSAVER

### **MAD MONKEY**







### SO WHAT?

- Responding to the impact of Covid-19 is dangerous and important
- At the same time, our usual critical risks also still remain in play
- Potentially more risk due to stress, distraction, increased workloads, changes working conditions
- The psychosocial wellbeing of our people is seriously being threatened

# Managing yourself first

During times of change and adversity



### **ACTIVE SELF-MANAGEMENT**



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# We can't use an old map to explore a new world.

- Albert Einstein





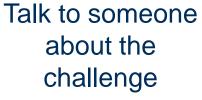


Slow down



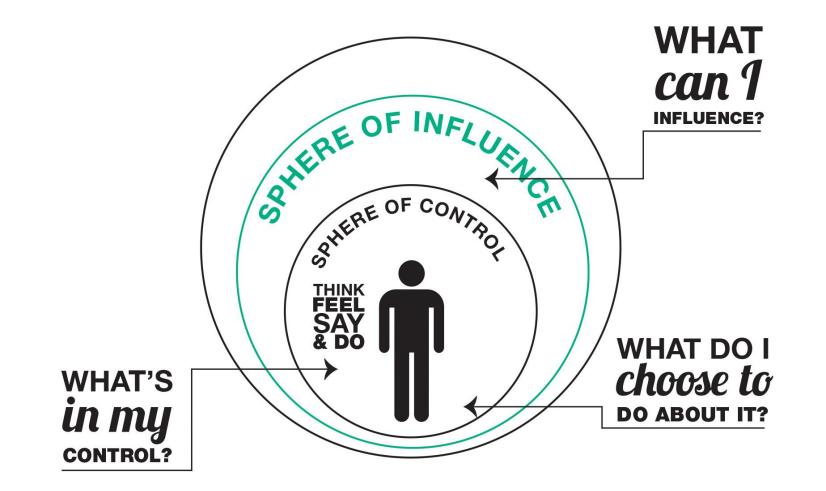
Ask good question





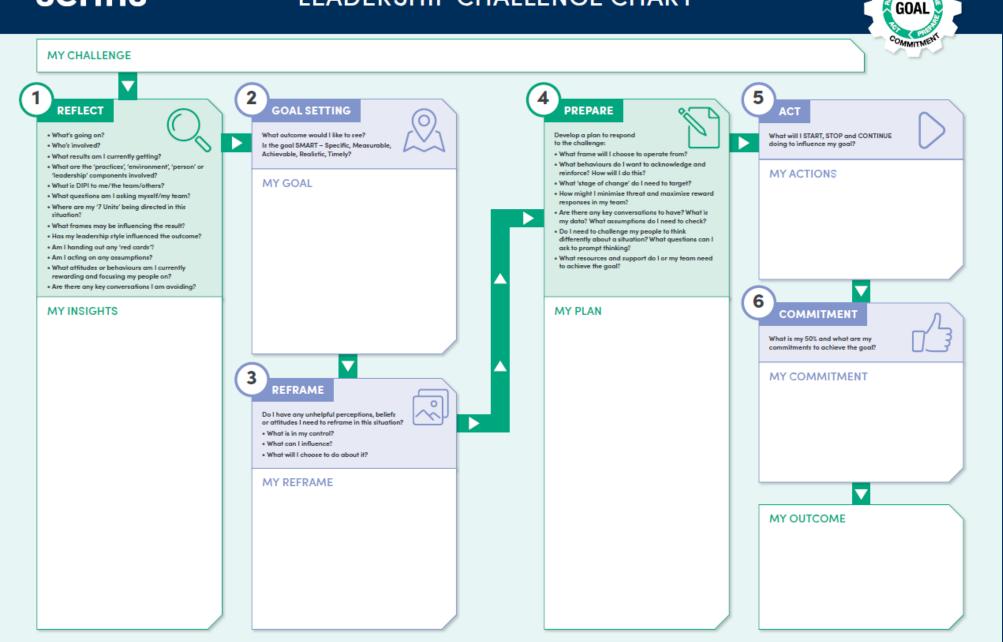


Acknowledge the brutal facts and focus on what we can control



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#### LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE CHART



### SO WHAT?

- Now more than ever leaders need to be 'game fit' to be able to respond and to keep the team focused on constantly changing goal posts
- Your people will be looking to see how you respond will they like what they see?
- Managing your stress response in the moment will ensure you are not distracted, nor distracting your people and placing them at increased risk of incidents

# Leading through challenging times

With change in mind



# BRAIN TOOLS:



Recognise

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Refocus









Acknowledge the brutal facts of the situation and the things that you CAN influence or control.



Walk in your people's shoes. Everyone wants reassurance.

Notice the verbal and non-verbal messages you are sending to others about the change. What language are you using and what behaviour are you modelling?

### How do we consciously talk about change?

### **SOLUTION FOCUSED**

"Challenge"

"Learning"

"What is possible?"



### **PROBLEM FOCUSED**

"Problem"

"Crisis"

"It's impossible!"





Slow down, take a small break and breathe to manage your own stress response before encouraging others to do the same. We all have to learn to pivot together.

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Give your team some direction by regularly asking What's Important Now (W.I.N)? This could be work and home.





Celebrate all wins, even the small ones.

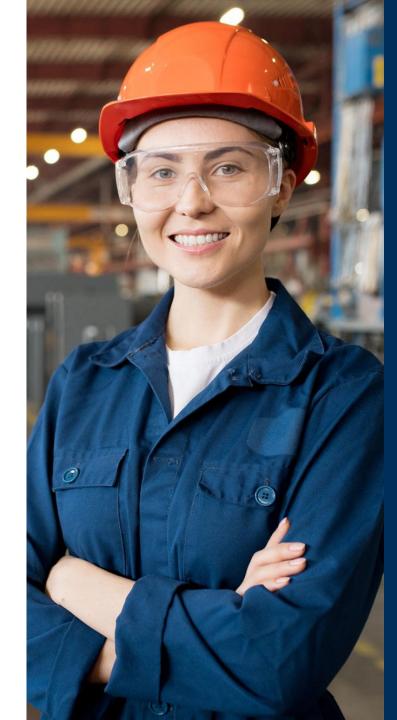
Remind people that we can all be part of the response.



Recognise those that are demonstrating helpful responses to the change. "This team has been responding to the challenges so well because of the flexibility and collaboration you have shown in the face of adversity. I believe that reflects the type of people we are."

### **KEY REFLECTIONS**

- What kind of leader do you want to be?
- What can you **control/influence** when leading through challenging times?
- How can you apply the tools of recognise, refocus and reinforce to yourself and your team?
- What are you **willing to commit to** in order to maintain a strong safety focus in times of adversity?



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