Displaying your VET research findings

In many cases the final report or thesis findings may be conveyed just in words. Many important VET findings and indeed broader research implications have been delivered as a written statement. Often, findings indicate the importance of specific relationships and may be stated as a relational sentence linking one issue with another. Indeed, theory at the simplest level is a relational statement about two phenomena, or how two 'things' relate to each other.

However, there are many ways to display findings. Perhaps there is a need to show a complex relationship or multiple relationships. Sometimes the research shows trends over time, clusters of activity, or form typologies of cases. The texts we have read have multiple examples of how to display findings. We all remember specific diagrams, frameworks, tables and matrices that lodged in our mind because they explained what the researcher or author was trying to get across. How can you best get your ideas across – the key issues from your research?

- A matrix of case types – typology
- A time line
- A pie graph showing sections
- A cluster diagram
- A table grouping issues
- A matrix of four types and four criteria
- A diagram with arrows showing key relations
- A progressive display showing all relations then only strong ones
- A model showing the key tensions
- A diagram showing the spread between two continua
- A progressive model showing the shifts in relations over time
- A model showing initiative growth
- A model showing the strength of influences
- A model of barriers, restraints and drivers