

Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter



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Welcome to the Mareeba Shire Council Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter.

Council is excited to have received funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to undertake meaningful work in the disaster resilience space, supporting affected communities following the 2023 bushfires and Cyclone Jasper.

What's been happening?

Throughout September, several great initiatives took place across the shire supporting our communities to be prepared and informed.

Community Events The recovery and resilience team attended the Mount Molloy Markets, Ngoonbi's Kuranda R U OK Day event and the Bushy Creek Makers Fair where they connected residents with valuable tips and resources to increase their resilience to severe weather events.

Community Workshops Paint and Prepare Workshops were held in Chillagoe, Julatten and Irvinebank. These workshops supported rural and remote residents to understand the weather hazards where they live, mental health supports that are available in their area and how art can help us to destress and aid in recovery through life's unexpected challenges.



What's coming up?

Resilience Workshops:

Community Resilience Plans identify key hazards, existing community strengths and actionable preparedness and risk mitigation improvements.

The team will be visiting local communities gathering insights to help create a community resilience plan that reflects your communities' priorities. Everyone is welcome at the events.

Tuesday, 6 October:

Kuranda Workshop 10am - 11am - Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

Mount Molloy Business Doorknocking 1pm - 2:30pm

Julatten Business Doorknocking 2:45pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday, 7 October:

Mareeba Community Pop Up 9am - 2:30pm - The Big Hat

Mareeba Workshop 4pm - 6pm - Mareeba Library

Thursday, 8 October:

Irvinebank and Watsonville Community Visits 10:30am - 12:30pm

Mareeba Business Doorknocking 2pm - 3:30pm

Friday, 9 October:

Chillagoe Business Doorknocking 11am - 12:30pm

Dimbulah Business Doorknocking and Community pop-up 1:30pm - 3:30pm

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CORES Queensland Free Training Opportunities

CORES Queensland have a number of free community workshops taking place in the coming weeks:

Wednesday, October 7

Chillagoe Hub - 21-23 Queens Street, Chillagoe

- Understanding Loss and Grief 9am-1pm
- Self-Care and Mental Wellbeing 2pm-4:30pm

Friday, October 9

Mareeba Library - 43 Anzac Avenue, Mareeba

- Understanding Loss and Grief 9am-1pm
- Self-Care and Mental Wellbeing 2pm-4:30pm

For more information and to register view their events [here](#)



BOM Rain Radar - New Features

The Bureau of Meteorology has made some updates to their site, including new features and tools on the rain radar. A new visual measurement guide improves users ability to accurately track rainfall movement relative to familiar landmarks. Learn more about the update and how to access the new features [here](#)



Getting Ready for the Higher-Risk Weather Season

October marks the start of the higher-risk weather season across Australia. Now is the time to make sure you're prepared:

- Review your emergency plan with members of your household, your organisation, etc - ensure details are up to date and that everyone understands the plan
- Make sure your emergency kit is stocked and ready to use.
- Check in with neighbours, friends and family

Dinner & Disaster



Stories of Jasper
... 2 years on

A FREE Information and
Movie Night
at the Mareeba Drive-In
Friday, 16 October 2026
From 4pm

Chat with your local emergency services and pick up valuable tips for staying safe this disaster season.

Then settle in for the FREE MOVIE,
The Wild Robot

and Stories of Jasper... 2 years on!

Food & drinks will be available for purchase from the Mareeba Drive-In Cafe.

Book Now!



Resource Highlight

In each eNews edition, we highlight different resources that can help boost our communities' disaster preparedness and resilience.

This edition we are highlighting:

Bureau of Meteorology - Heatwave Knowledge Centre

Did you know heatwaves have claimed more lives than any other natural hazard in Australia?

Heatwaves can be dangerous because they pose health risks to our most vulnerable community members including the elderly, young children and those with underlying health conditions.

Visit the [heatwave knowledge centre](#) to learn what a heatwave is, how they are classified and heatwave services offered by the BOM

For even more info on staying safe in the heat, visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/staying-healthy/environmental/heatsafe>