

Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter



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Assistance provided through the jointly funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)



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

Council is very excited to have received funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to undertake meaningful engagement work in the disaster resilience space.

What's been happening?

During the month of June we attended a total of 8 markets and community meetings across the shire connecting with residents and visitors, promoting disaster preparedness and resilience and gathering insights for resilience planning.

5 final chainsaw courses were hosted around the shire and the Royal Flying Doctor's Service wrapped up their delivery of free mental health first aid training.



Community Training

FREE first aid training is being rolled out across the shire with the first courses kicking off in Irvinebank and Kuranda in late July.

Spaces are still available in a number of communities and residents are encouraged to take advantage of this great opportunity.

For more information and to register [click here](#)



What's coming up?

Friday July 3rd

Red Cross Pillowcase Workshops

Kuranda Library 10:30-11:30am

Mareeba Library 2-3pm

Aimed at children 8-10 years of age, the FREE one hour workshop involves engaging discussions and interactive activities to help students:

- Understand and discuss the importance of being prepared
- Prepare their mind for the thoughts and feelings that may arise before, during and after an emergency
- know what to pack in an emergency kit

Each student is then given a pillowcase to decorate and take home, to start their own personal emergency kit.

Places are strictly limited - [register here](#) to avoid missing out on the day

Friday July 24th

Farmers Forum

Dimbulah Memorial Hall 8:30am-4:30pm

The Farmers Forum is a FREE one day, in-person event aimed to bring together farmers and rural landholders across Far North Queensland to strengthen disaster preparedness and recovery capabilities. Hear from industry experts with valuable tips and insights to help you be better prepared and recover faster from disasters

[Get your ticket now](#)

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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:

Bushfire Prepare

Visit [the Bushfire Prepare webpage](#) - your one stop shop for finding QLD relevant resources to help you prepare for bushfires. Find information tailored to your circumstances including resources for primary producers, small businesses, those living with disability, pet owners and more.

With bushfire season imminent, take a minute to have a look to be as prepared as possible.



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AusAlert™

The AusAlert National test is just around the corner!

At **2pm AEST on Monday 27th July** your mobile devices may receive a test alert. The notification will vibrate and include a loud siren-like sound that lasts about 10 seconds. If this could disrupt you or cause you or a loved one to feel unsafe, please turn off your mobile devices or switch them to aeroplane mode before the scheduled test time, and leave them off for at least one hour.



Mareeba Disaster Footage Competition



Do you have photo or video footage of natural disaster impacts in Mareeba Shire?

[Click here to enter!](#)

See your footage on the big screen!

Submit your disaster photos and videos for the chance to win an emergency kit or be featured in a film!



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