

Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter



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Welcome to the first edition of 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 over the next 12 months.

What's been happening?

The Recovery and Resilience team have spent February getting out and about in the community connecting with residents and gathering valuable insights into the unique communities across our Shire.

We hosted pop-up stalls in Mareeba, Dimbulah and Kuranda where we spoke to a number of residents about their past experiences with disasters, their current level of preparedness, and connected them with relevant resources. We attended the Mareeba Community Centre, and Mareeba Shire Tourism networking event, where we connected with local businesses and organisations.



Mayor Angela Toppin with our Recovery and Resilience team at their Mareeba pop-up

Website update

The Emergencies and Disasters landing page on Council's website has recently been overhauled to bring us more in line with surrounding Councils. We hope this will make it easier for residents to find relevant resources and information to help them better prepare, respond to and recover from disaster events.

<https://msc.qld.gov.au/community/emergencies-disasters/>



The results are in!

Thank you to all residents and businesses who recently took the time to complete the Recovery and Resilience Survey. We received 49 responses from all corners of the shire providing us some valuable insights. Some key findings:

- **43%** of respondents have an emergency plan for their household or business, while **53%** have no plan and **4%** were unsure.
- **42%** of respondents mentioned timely information and clear communication channels as key to help them prepare for, respond to and recover from severe weather events.
- When asked what training/workshops could help their community, risk awareness training, connection to resources, mental health first aid and first aid were most frequently mentioned.

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What's coming up?

We were thrilled to receive so many applications for our Community Guardian program - throughout March we plan to catch up with the passionate residents who expressed interest in being part of the initiative.

We will be hosting a Resilience Morning Tea in both Kuranda and Dimbulah in late March, where we will be available to have a chat and connect residents with relevant resources to help them better prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters. We would love to see you there!

Keep an eye out for upcoming events and community training opportunities via Councils Facebook page, local newspaper/radio ads, the Council website and in the next edition of the Recovery and Resilience eNewsletter!



Hazard Reduction Burn, Mt Molloy Sep 25

Resilience Morning Tea



Dimbulah Community Centre
Friday 20th March 9am - 12pm

Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre
Wednesday 25th March 9am - 12pm

Join us for a cake, coffee and a chat

Resource Highlight

In each eNews edition, we will be highlighting different resources that can help boost our communities disaster preparedness and resilience. This edition we are highlighting:

Multilingual Resources

There are a range of translated resources available for culturally and linguistically diverse residents and visitors.

- The QLD Government have a range of [Disaster Recovery Information in your language](#) resources including translated factsheets to help connect residents with preparedness information, where to get help and available grants after a disaster.
- The Red Cross have developed a number of [Multilingual preparedness resources](#) including videos, fact sheets, and emergency planning templates
- The Federal Governments [Translating and Interpreting Service](#) offer a range of services to assist non-English speakers
- Did you know you can change the language on Council's Disaster Dashboard? Click the "select language" button to toggle between languages

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