

Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter



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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?

The month of April saw the first FREE training opportunities take place across the shire. Over 50 residents participated in chainsaw training, with Mental Health First Aid courses kicking off in early May.

We connected with several key stakeholders throughout the month and plans are underway for a number of targeted programs.

Our pop-up table at the Mareeba library was set up for 5 days throughout the school holidays. We were thrilled that almost 75 copies of Koko the Cockatoo's Disaster Activity Book were distributed - getting kids thinking about disasters in an interactive way.

The activity book can be found digitally [here](#)

Community groups and organisations interested in some hardcopies are urged to contact the Recovery and Resilience team.



Community Resilience Plans

Development of localised, community resilience plans has commenced. These plans will detail weather hazards in each community and the real-life impacts these have on residents and visitors. They'll be valuable resources for both long-term and new residents, visitors to the shire, and anyone wanting to find localised information on disaster impacts and resilience strategies.

Community input is vital to ensure the plans reflect real community impacts and priorities. There will be opportunities to provide input for the plans as we visit markets in June and host drop in sessions at various locations.



Community Training

CORES Queensland have a number of **FREE Suicide Intervention Training** and **Understanding Loss and Grief** sessions taking place across the Tablelands throughout May and June. For more information or to register please see available sessions [here](#)

Standard first aid courses are being organised and dates will soon be announced. Keep an eye on social media, newspapers and your email for further information once it is released.

Visit the [Community Resilience web page](#) for details of upcoming training and to register.

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What's coming up?

Friday May 8th May - Dimby Dinner Do

Come visit our pop-up at the dinner and film event for competitors in the Great Wheelbarrow Race. From 5pm onwards, we will be seeking input from residents for our Local Community Resilience Plans as well as distributing a range of resources - come on down for a chat!

Monday 18th May - P-CEP Info Session

In collaboration with Mareeba Community Centre, we will be hosting a Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) info session from 5:30pm-6:30pm at Mareeba library. P-CEP puts people and their support needs at the centre of inclusive emergency planning.

Registration is essential:

<https://mareebashirecouncil.snapforms.com.au/form/p-cep-information-evening>

Wednesday 3rd June - Kuranda Neighbourhood Centre

From 10am - 1pm we will again be seeking community input for our Resilience plans. Morning tea will be provided.

Chainsaw training and Mental Health First Aid training will continue throughout May.



Emerald End Road, Mareeba

Landholder Fire Workshop



Expression of Interest



Do you own 5 acres or more in the Mareeba Shire? Take the opportunity to build your property's resilience and be better prepared for bushfire season by registering your interest in our Landholder Fire Workshop.

Find out more and express your interest below:

<https://mareebashirecouncil.snapforms.com.au/form/landholder-fire-workshop>

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:

Community

One of the best resources to help you understand the hazards in your area and the impacts they may have on you are the people who have lived through them before.

Talk to your neighbours, family, friends and colleagues about how previous disasters have affected them and how severe the impacts were.

Ask about any learnings they have had from previous events, whether they have identified any gaps in their emergency planning and if they've taken any steps to be better prepared next time around.

Building local connections creates a sense of community and these connections can prove valuable in challenging times.

Unsure of how to start the conversation? The Australian Red Cross have put together the Stay Connected Toolkit which is full of ideas, tools and resources to help you stay connected.

[View the toolkit here](#)

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