

Recovery and Resilience E-newsletter



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Kuranda Esplanade, December 2023

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?

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

Community Events The recovery and resilience team attended Koah Markets, Mareeba Lions Club Community Fete, Mareeba Seniors Expo and Mareeba Multicultural Festival. In collaboration with a range of services and agencies we connected residents with valuable information and resources to prepare for fire season and beyond.

Community Training FREE first aid courses were delivered in Mareeba, Julatten, Chillagoe, Dimbulah and Kuranda. It was great to see so many people registering for these courses and making the most of the opportunity.

Landholder Fire Workshop 24 residents from all across the shire attended this workshop, with landholders from Watsonville to Julatten and everywhere in between gaining practical skills and knowledge to better prepare their properties for fire season.

School Visit Year 5 Geography students at St Thomas' school were visited by the recovery and resilience team - the students have recently been learning about natural disasters and this visit helped reinforce their learning and help them understand local risks and practical ways to prepare for severe weather.

Community Guardian Volunteers Community Guardian volunteers received training in QLD Disaster Management Arrangements and Evacuation Centre Management, giving them knowledge to support their communities. Expressions of Interest are open year-round and we encourage interested individuals to join the network!



What's coming up?

Visit the Recovery and Resilience team at the following events:

Mount Molloy Markets

Saturday, September 5
QCWA Hall Mount Molloy
8am-12pm

Ngoonbi Kuranda R U OK? Day Event

Tuesday, September 8
Centenary Park, Kuranda
10am-2pm

Bushy Creek Makers Fair

Saturday 19 - Sunday 20 September
Geraghty Park Hall, Julatten
9am-5pm

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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:

Tablelands Regional Council's "Resilient Homes, Resilient Communities" video series

TRC recently developed the Resilient Homes, Resilient Communities video series, which highlights practical home maintenance tips to strengthen resilience to severe weather events and emergencies.

There are eight videos in the series - You can watch them [here](#) under the "Prepare Your Home" tab

NetCEP Coffee Connection



DISTRESS BRIEF SUPPORT

 **Wednesday
9th Sept**

 **9:30am -
11:30am**

 **Crew House Cafe
35 Raleigh Street,
Dimbulah**

FREE Coffee and Connection for Community Engagement Points.



An opportunity to connect, network and hear what's happening locally.



Share your experiences as a Community Engagement Point in your local community and meet other like minded people.



As communities prepare for **R U OK? Day**, we'll also explore the role local connections, community networks and everyday conversations play in supporting people experiencing distress.



Your local Network Coordinator - Schania - will be there to hear your thoughts on how we can better support those experiencing distress in our community

4 steps of an R U OK? Conversation



Ask R U OK?



Listen



Encourage action



Check in

R U OK?



 **Schania**
Network Coordinator

 **0410 557 626**

Paint & Prepare

A creative evening to prepare your mind for the potential impacts of natural disasters

[Click Here to Register](#)

Chillagoe

Wednesday, 2 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm - Chillagoe Town Hall

Julatten

Wednesday, 9 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm - English Park Hall, Highland Drive

Irvinebank

Wednesday, 23 September
5:30pm - 7:30pm - Irvinebank School of Arts Hall

Registrations are essential



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