

## Resilience Tour

The purpose of the Community Resilience Scorecard Project is to support people, communities, and businesses to understand their risks and role, and encourage resilience actions to improve community outcomes after natural hazards. During October and November 2022, we held workshops with community members across the Shire.

## What did we learn?

Some of the insights we heard were:

- the community is comprised of divergent residents – between very busy business owners to forest dwellers who enjoy the isolation
- there has been a large turnover of residents recently and a growing trend of absentee landlords. High numbers of non-resident visitors or short-term residents adds to risk, and it is hard to keep track of who is living here
- this has impacted volunteerism and community cohesion
- the wet season has changed – we might not be experiencing as much rain as we used to
- at times there are tensions between environmental groups but at their core, the landscape is highly valued by everyone who lives here
- residents need to shelter in place and be self-sufficient during a cyclone or severe weather event
- there is no place of refuge during or after a disaster since the Cow Bay Hotel closed
- Ferry closures or interruptions have wide ranging impacts on the community
- there is no public transport and there are limited transport options for residents who cannot drive
- activities which exacerbate impacts to the environment (such as illegal vehicle usage along beaches) is upsetting for locals



## Next steps

The scorecards are being drafted and will include the stories shared at the workshops. The scorecards will inform updates to the Douglas Local Disaster Management Plan.

## What if I missed the first round of workshops?

If you were unable to attend our 2022 workshops and can add to what we learned, please email or complete the online survey - link [Survey Link](#) or scan the QR with your mobile.

A second round of engagement to present the draft scorecards is planned for April/May 2023. You may register to be informed about the dates by emailing us or for more information refer to Council's website.

