

Resilience Tour

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

What did we learn?

Some of the insights we heard were:

- our changing Country is noticeable – wildlife, flora, coastline and rivers which all provide accurate indicators of climate and weather patterns
- there is a lot of vulnerability across our community – parts of the mob who are worried
- awareness of risks by the Rangers and also their extended families is good
- knowledge of Country and hazards is strong
- community sticks together - 'we are resilient'
- the younger and active people like the Rangers feel responsibility to help the mob and Country but we cannot help everyone at the same time, as much as we want to
- cross border co-operation with Wujal Wujal is important – fostering inter-Shire relationships
- there is a need to maintain momentum in programs and support for consistency and sustain results within the community for awareness (school programs and landscape programs)
- we can do this through collaboration with other stakeholders and organisations such as Cape Water, Council, Parks and Wildlife and more.



During the workshop we learned not all Rangers feel the same about natural hazards. Some felt nervous about the next 'big one', while others expressed they don't really think about the weather. Thinking about Bama, some believed that mob cannot possibly deal with another disaster, while others felt that they are resilient and find ways to bounce back or adapt. This may be a reflection of growing vulnerability and mobility issues for the elder Bama.

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 disaster@douglas.qld.gov.au.

A second round of engagement to present the draft scorecards is planned for April/May 2023. Please register contact details disaster@douglas.qld.gov.au if you would like to be informed about the dates.

For more information, please visit Council's website (scan the QR code or douglas.qld.gov.au/douglas-community-disaster-resilience-strategy) to learn more about the Community Resilience Scorecards project or call 1800 026 318

