

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:

- the Cooya Beach community is ready and willing to help each other
- the community is aware of where to access disaster information, but some parts of the older community may not have this knowledge
- how the foreshores of Cooya and Newell beaches have changed over time and the tensions between the beach and the Mossman River mouth
- how older residents keep cool during heatwaves with lots of shade and breeze ways. New homes are not built for climatic conditions
- lots of vegetation surrounding homes is great for summer shade and breeze, but we could do more to tidy up for storms and flying debris
- residents alerted us to the fact that there is no postal service but were keen to overcome this with local action to raise community awareness.



During the workshop we learned that not all community members feel the same about natural hazards. For some, they were nervous every season about damaging weather, while for others it was about the 'big one'. When thinking about the community, they believed the Mossman and Cooya Beach community were resilient, but that there were things they could be doing differently as individuals, households and neighbours to be better prepared.

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

