

Community Led Emergency Resilience Project



Red Cross pays our respects to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Custodians across this country, and to Elders, past, present and emerging.

This presentation may contain the names and/or images of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals who have since passed.

What is the Community Led Emergency Resilience project?

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**Did you
know...**

**It is most likely to be
your neighbour or a
passer-by, not
emergency services,
who will help you
survive during an
emergency?**

What is the Community Led Emergency Resilience Project?

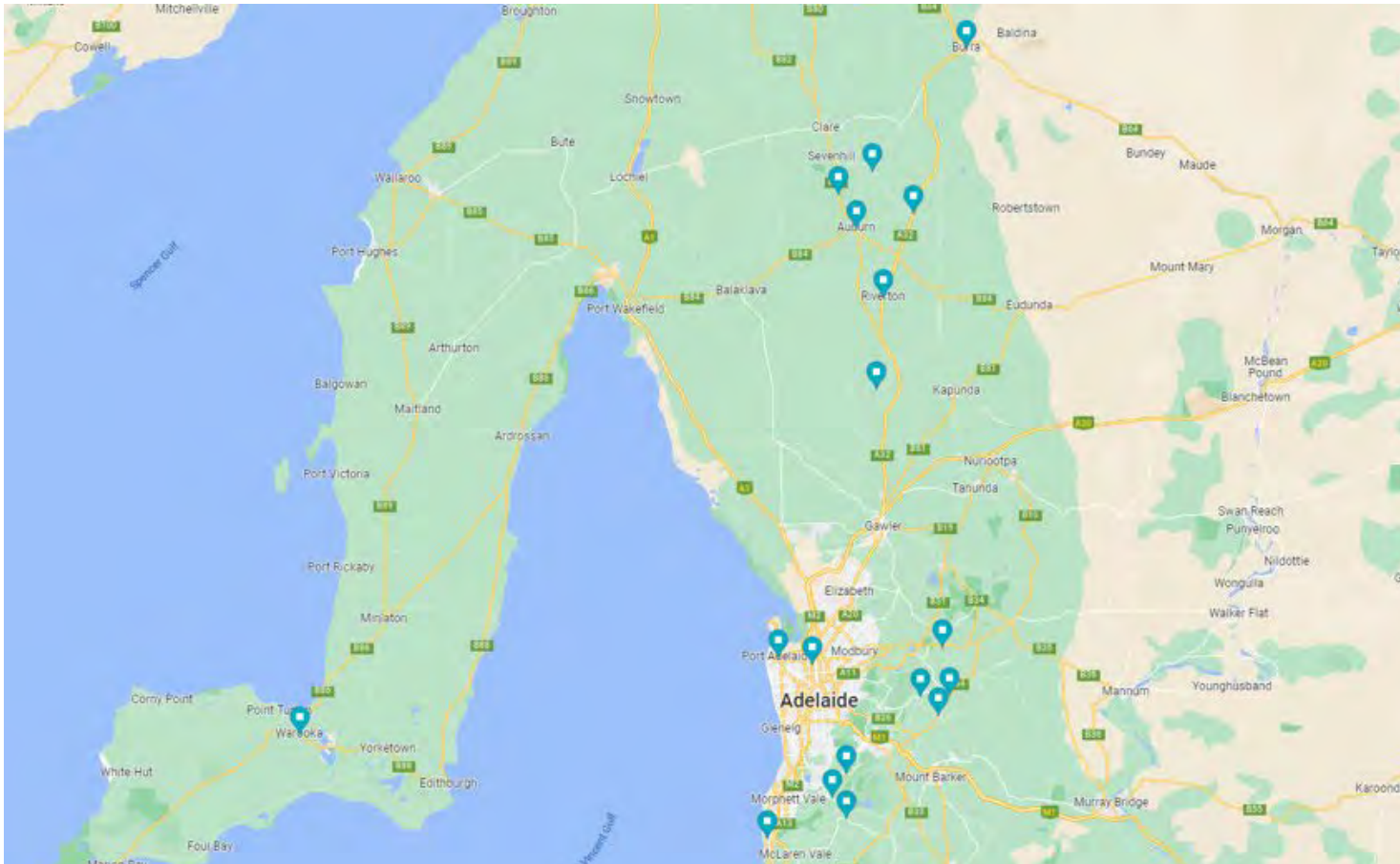
- Includes 4 workshops: from Talk to Action
- Whole of community approach
- Focussed on 'shared responsibility' to ensure community are best placed to prepare for, respond to and recover from an emergency
- Community ownership and decision-making about what to do to build emergency resilience
- Guided by the Torrens Resilience Institute *Community Disaster Resilience Scorecard Toolkit*
- Place-based, supported by Red Cross and councils



Where are we working?

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18 communities across South Australia

Burra, Warooka, Seaford/Moana, Clarendon, Cherry Gardens, Woodside, Lenswood, Charleston, Kangarilla, Gumeracha, Auburn, Clare, Stockport, Riverton, Mintaro, Manoora, Blair Athol, Kilburn.

Key achievements

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Community Emergency Resilience Action Plans

- Preparedness stalls at markets
- CFS siren fundraiser
- CFS cadet recruitment reactivated
- Community emergency preparedness event & rediplan session
- School preparedness activities & primary school student group
- Local fire & emergency preparedness calendar
- Hall and community centre emergency activation guide
- Community wellbeing & PFA training
- Local business engagement
- Community emergency communication survey
- COVID-19 risk assessment
- Emergency preparedness & recovery plan
- Horse & livestock emergency info event
- Community notice board
- Emergency resilience Facebook group
- Kangarilla emergency social media team



Community Emergency Resilience Action Plans - Current

- Community response plan
- Fridge magnets and QR codes with emergency information
- Child and Youth (emergency preparedness resources in schools)
- ES joint meetings and volunteer drive
- Local newspaper
- Electric Signage
- Convert Football club into emergency staging centre
- New climbing tower to recruit younger ES recruits
- Preparedness Day
- Network of networks
- Increase signage at local shopping centres
- Organising community events on multicultural days to share emergency information/education
- Translation of emergency preparedness information/checklists
- Support for new arrivals to improve integration into mainstream society



Beyond the action plans

- **Network:** Facebook network created to connect all communities and learn from each other.
- **Sharing Practice:** Red Cross facilitates a monthly meeting with council staff to share practise.
- **National Framework:** Developed a national community disaster resilience framework that has been heavily influenced by our work with South Australian communities.
- **Scaling up:** The SA model has been adopted by Tasmania.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Developed a log frame to measure impact across our work.



What's happening in Burra?

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Burra Resilience Group



SAPOL

SES

SAAS

Community organisations

Aged care

Local Council

Sports associations

School

Local business

Community services

Animal rescue & care

Mental health professional

Church

Healthcare

History & Tourism

Community Resilience Scorecard Results

	Score	Zone
Connectedness	12	CAUTION
Risk/Vulnerability	16	CAUTION
Procedures	3	RED
Resources	13	CAUTION
Overall score	44	CAUTION

Burra resilience scores, February 2022

	Red Zone	Caution Zone	Going Well
Connectedness	25% (6-11)	26-75% (12-24)	76 - 100% (25-30)
Risk/Vulnerability	25% (7-13)	26-75% (14-28)	76 - 100% (29-35)
Procedures	25% (3-6)	26-75% (7-12)	76 - 100% (13-15)
Resources	25% (5-10)	26-75% (11-19)	76 - 100% (20-25)
Overall Score	25% (21-40)	26-75% (44 -83)	76 - 100% (87-105)

Torrens Resilience Institute Community Disaster Resilience Scorecard Toolkit,
 VII <https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/research/torrensresilience-institute/community-resilience-report-toolkit.pdf>

Key activities



WG1

**Scenario-based auditing
(community response plan)**



WG2

**Children, youth and family
resilience**



WG3

**Fridgies (emergency
information fridge magnets)**

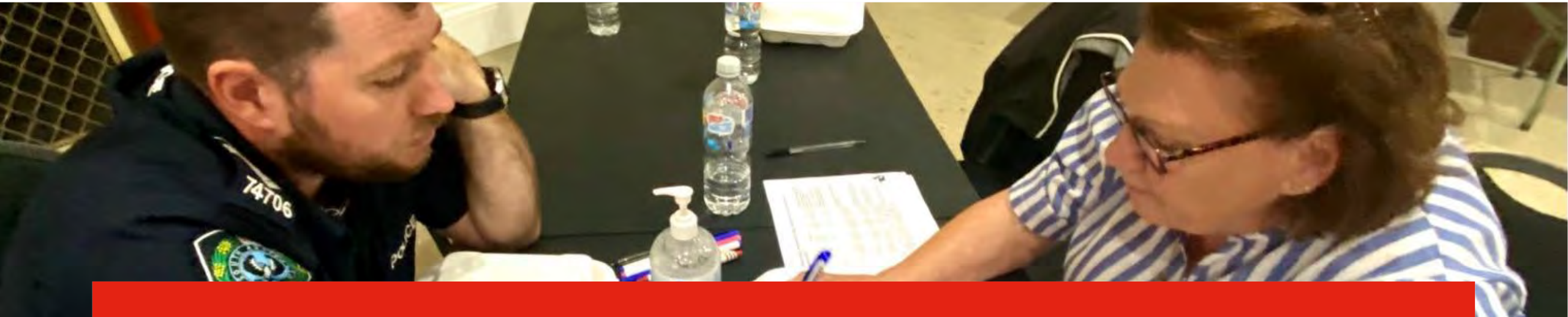
Other activities include:

Local community newspaper

Emergency Services joint meetings

Emergency Services
volunteer recruitment drive

Connection, confidence & knowledge



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On a scale of 1-10 how connected do you feel to your community?

Pre-workshop survey

90%

I feel *more* connected to my community through my participation in the workshops.

Post-workshop survey

45%

I have increased confidence in my community's emergency resilience capacity.

Post-workshop survey

73%

I have increased my knowledge about disaster resilience.

Post-workshop survey

What is needed to do this work?

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What is needed to do this work?

1) Council commitment

- Including: a staff member to attend and support the work, community mapping, relevant data, resources

2) Community readiness

- Communities must be ready to become active in strengthening their disaster resilience

3) Level of risk

- Exposure to disaster risk
- Past experience of disasters

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4) Funding

Red Cross requires funding to provide this program.

- **Fee-for-service:** Council funds Red Cross to complete a series of 4 – 6 workshops and Council staff support the community to realise their action plans.
- **External funding:** Red Cross receives external funding to work alongside communities for the full length of the project (18 months) and is supported by Council.
- **Joint grant applications:** Council and Red Cross submit a joint grant application to share the cost of the workshops and community support.



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Thank you.



Extra slides



Data

Outcome 2: People collaborate to share information, strengthen community connection and support resilience and recovery

Data: Pre workshop survey question: On a scale of 1-10 how connected do you feel to your community?

Post workshops survey question: I feel *more* connected to my community through my participation in the workshops.

Community	# & % surveys completed (pre workshops)	Average of scale 1-10	# & % surveys completed post workshops	# & % participants who feel <i>more</i> connected to their community	Story Behind
Burra	23 (82%)	Average 7.2	11 (52%)	10 (90%)	Some members of the group provided a high score for their connection to community as they are often already actively involved in other projects and committees. While the two surveys do not format the responses in the same way, the post survey demonstrates that there is a very high number of the group who feel more connected to the community through their involvement in the workshops.
Warooka	15 (94%)	Average 6.13	10 (62%)	8 (80%)	
Seaford/ Moana	7 (63%)	Average 7	3 (42%)	3 (100%)	

Data

Outcome 3: People feel empowered and in control of decision making

Data: Pre workshop survey question: How confident do you feel about coping in an emergency?

Post workshops survey question: I have increased confidence in my community's emergency resilience capacity.

Community	# & % surveys completed (pre workshops)	Average of scale 1-10	# & % surveys completed post workshops	# & % participants who feel more confident	Story Behind
Burra	23 (82%)	Average 7.7	11 (52%)	5 (45%)	The involvement of emergency services as part of the group accounts for many members rating their confidence as high. Additionally, many members have lived experience of disasters. The low number of people who say they feel more confident accounts for the fact the question is different – it is asking about their community's resilience. It makes sense that this number is low as it points to the community need to engage in the project.
Warooka	15 (94%)	Average 7.87	10 (62%)	6 (60%)	
Seaford/ Moana	7 (63%)	Average 6.86	3 (42%)	1 (33%)	

Data

Outcome 3: People have knowledge about disaster resilience

Data: Pre workshop survey question: How much do you know about disaster resilience?

Post workshops survey question: I have increased my knowledge about disaster resilience

Community	# & % surveys completed (pre workshops)	Average of scale 1-10	# & % surveys completed post workshops	# & % participants who have increased knowledge	Story Behind
Burra	23 (82%)	Average 6.57	11 (52%)	8 (73%)	The concept of disaster resilience was somewhat known amongst the groups however through their involvement in the workshops most indicated that their knowledge increased.
Warooka	15 (94%)	Average 6.27	10 (62%)	8 (80%)	
Seaford/ Moana	7 (63%)	Average 6.43	3 (42%)	2 (66%)	