

Community Resilience and Disaster Recovery Reference Group

Date	16 August 2023	Time	2:30 – 4:30 pm
Venue	MidCoast Council	Note-taker	Janine Friedrich
Present	Maria Frazer, Peter Brown, Janine Friedrich, Mark Johnson, Margy Hilder, Greg Hale, Trypheyne McShane, Sandra Bourke, Maria Frazer, Steve Prohm, Maria Quintero, Daniel Trudgeon, Alastair Breingan, Jess Corkill, Mat Bell, Anna Mortimer, Paul De Szell		
Apologies	Cr Peter Epov, Cr Paul Sandilands, Jenny Brewer, John Green, Alex Mills, Peter Hatton		

Meeting Items

Item	Key points/actions
1	Acknowledgement of Country
2	Resignation of Anna Burley
3	<p>Koala recovery from the 2019 bushfires; Mat Bell, Senior Ecologist, MidCoast Council. Mat's presentation to be sent out with the meeting notes.</p> <p>Council is updating mapping of where koalas are in the MidCoast. Any time anyone sees a koala, report the sighting at: https://www.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/Community/Our-environment/Environmental-projects/Report-a-koala-sighting</p> <p>Report sick/injured koalas to Koalas in Care: 0439 406 770</p> <p>Some people are scared to report koala sightings as think there will be consequences if reported, e.g. can't build a house. This is not correct. The koala sightings are only used to update koala maps.</p> <p>Potential to utilise emergency service volunteer sightings (RFS, SES), develop an information sheet for volunteers on what to look for when doing hazard reduction, controlled burns, etc.</p> <p>Collateral could be taken to Peter's bushfire preparedness workshops</p>

4	<p>Red Cross Youth Disaster and Climate Resilience Project; Ana Mortimer, Project Officer - Youth Disaster & Climate Resilience Project, Australian Red Cross.</p> <p>Ana will be looking to engage young people, particularly high schoolers in the MidCoast area in disaster and climate resilience projects. The group discussed possible entry points for this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering the development of practical and life skills, e.g. how to use a CB radio, basic firefighting skills through TAFE. • Potential for Ana to engage with Police for community outreach. • Humour doctor • Try the army, navy, air force, RFS cadets, schools with Duke of Ed programs. • RFS community engagement officers at individual brigades (Kerrie Guppie at Wallaby Joe) • Peter’s Simtable program could be used to show disaster simulations for youth. • Kids on/at Oxley Island, Mitchells Island, Manning Point can contribute by reporting on local conditions, give them an opportunity to do something that is of value to their community. Kids with experience can show others that are new to the area. • Kids love tictoc videos. Could one be produced advising on what you must do be bushfire prepared. Or other short form, online media? • Daniel could connect Ana with TAFE teacher. Asking LLS what do people want.
	<p>Unresolved resilience and recovery issues in your community(ies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Killabakh (see actions)- people still not understanding what their responsibilities are around preparedness (need fire fighting pump and at least 10,000 l water) - Worries about upcoming bushfire season
6	<p>NSW Recovery Plan up for review: https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/Supporting-Plan-Recovery.pdf</p>

Next meeting

Date	26 September 2023	Time	1:00 - 4:00pm
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Venue	Spotted Gum Room, Mid Coast Council	Note-taker	Janine Friedrich & Peter Brown
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Follow up

Who	Key Points/Actions	Status
Janine	Connect Mat Bell with RFS and SES regional offices	Complete
Mat Bell	Koala follow up: One page document on koalas for bushfire preparedness workshops	Mat completing separate to group
Janine	Connect Trypheyne with Mat Bell	Complete
Janine	Connect Daniel with Ana Mortimer	Complete
Janine	Connect Greg with Ana Mortimer: Wallaby Joe connection	In Progress
Janine	Connect Anna with Margy	Complete
Greg	Greg to send list to Janine of recovery/resilience items at Killabakh that still need to be resolved – ongoing lack of communication through brigades to the communities about bushfires. Janine to find out pathways to advocate	Not started
Janine	Information about Landcare's Eco Burn workshops	Completed
Daniel	Daniel to find out if it would be possible to have a presentation about cultural burning	Not started
Janine	Distribute information about the NSW Recovery Plan	Completed