

Meeting notes

Community Resilience and Disaster Recovery Reference Group

Date	6 December 2022	Time	1:00 pm
Venue	Council Chambers, Yalawanyi Ganya	Chair	Cr Peter Epov
		Note-taker	Janine Friedrich
Present	Greg Hale, Sandra Bourke, Anna Burleigh, Cr Paul Sandilands, Peter Hatton, Jess Corkill, Margy Hilder, Karen Anderson, Daniel Trudgeon, Mark Johnson, Alastair Breingan, Alex Mills, Steve Prohm, Peter Brown, Jenny Brewer, John Green (and Jenny), Cr Peter Epov, Janine Friedrich, Donna Hudson, Paul De Szell		
Apologies	Vicki Connell, Maria Frazer, Maria Quintero, Cr Dheera Smith, Mark Redding		

Meeting items

Item	Key points/actions
1	Acknowledgement of Country
2	Induction – Donna Hudson
3	Confidentiality Agreement – Donna Hudson
4	Future meeting dates. Need to be meet a minimum of 4 times a year. Maybe every two months from February to begin with, first Tuesday of the month. Tuesday afternoons 1-4. Next meeting 7 th February
5	<p>Disaster Recovery Update</p> <p>Janine's Community Recovery Officer position is funded by Resilience NSW in response to the 2019 bushfires and the March 2021 floods. Current contract focuses on flood recovery and expires 30 June 2024. The role provides support to communities (not individuals) throughout their recovery journey. Five main deliverables are associated with the program:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish and/or expand operation of Community Resilience Network/s – our Disaster Recovery Reference Group will serve as MidCoast Council's Community Resilience Group 2. Facilitate community recovery events 3. Develop a Local Recovery Action Plan incorporating community needs and activities 4. Provide access to relevant and timely recovery information 5. Develop a Local Recovery Plan - (assist bushfire CRO where one is in place)

	<p>Current communities actively engaging with: Manning Point, Mitchells Island and Oxley Island, Harrington, Mount George, and Cooperook. Still to commence engagement with Taree, Wingham and Croki. Barbecues for Wingham and Taree are planned for early next year</p> <p>Networks established:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MidCoast Disaster Recovery Service Providers Group • Small Communities Supporting each Other • Harrington Crowdy Head Community Resilience Team <p>Ongoing media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Recovery Hub • Bushfire Recovery Hub • MidCoast Council Disaster Recovery Newsletter <p>Some work is ad hoc, e.g. specific recovery issues that arise after a natural disaster. Focus needs to be on where there is the most disadvantage, as these are the people who have the least resources to recover from disaster.</p> <p>Many disaster recovery initiatives pivot to focus on communities ensuring that if a similar disaster occurred in the future, they can be better prepared. This sentiment resulted in the previous reference group, the Community Recovery Bushfire Reference Group supporting Council to apply for funding for a bushfire preparedness project. This successful application to the Federal Government has resulted in Peter Brown working with Council as Bushfire Preparedness Officer on a 12-month contract, working with people in the 2019-2020 bushfire affected areas to develop household bushfire survival/disaster preparedness plans.</p>
6	Introductions
7	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>What would we like this group to address?</p> <p>What will be our priorities, where are there gaps, what do we need to advocate for?</p> <p>This group needs to assist Janine to develop a Disaster Recovery Action Plan that will serve as a template for recovery activities in future disasters.</p> <p>Group members can also serve as community connectors and advocates for disaster recovery.</p> <p>What are we working towards? Are there examples of other groups that have done this well?</p>

Next meeting

Date	7 February 2022	Time	1 – 4pm
Venue	MidCoast Council Chambers, Yalawanyi Ganya, 2	Note-taker	

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Actions	Who
Homework: What would you like this group to address?	Everyone to consider and bring back to the next meeting
What are the gaps and priorities in current recovery activities?	Everyone to think about and bring to the next meeting
Circulate a list of who is in this group	Janine
Distribute relevant documents developed by the original reference group	Janine
Participation in Emergency Management Training	Everyone, as appropriate. Janine to send out information as it becomes available
Members to read and digest the MidCoast EMPLAN	Janine to distribute, everyone to read before the next meeting