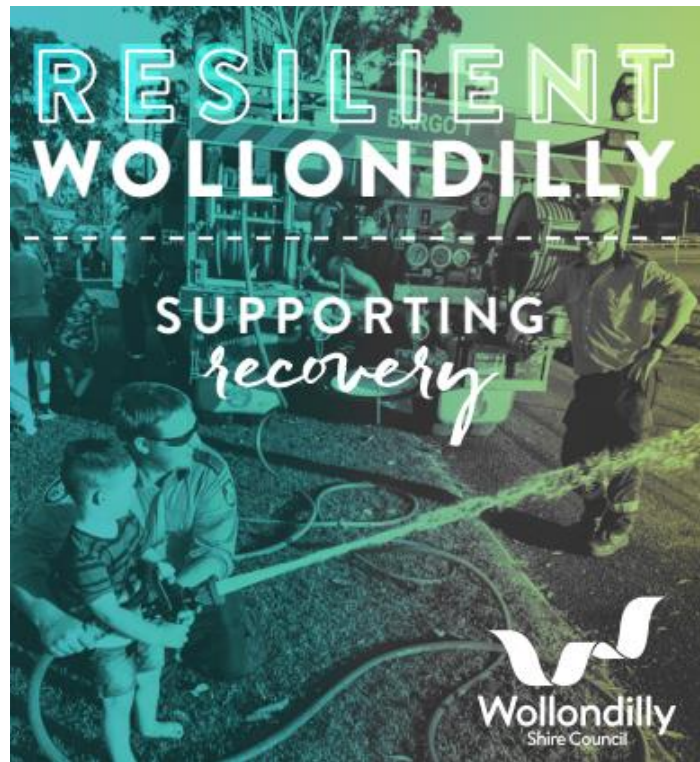


Wollondilly Shire Council

Response Recovery and Resilience 2022



RESILIENT WOLLONDILLY

SUPPORTING RECOVERY | CREATING CONNECTION
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES | PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Wollondilly Shire Council's Role in Disaster Recovery

- Councils, in partnership with State and Federal government, are responsible for contributing to the safety and wellbeing of their communities by participating in local emergency management and recovery efforts
- Recovery and resilience initiatives are being implemented all across Council



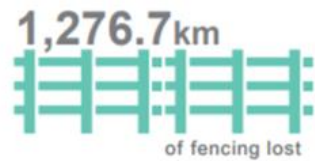
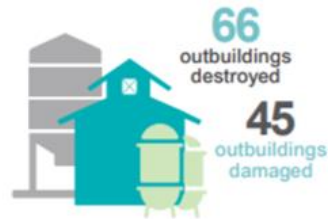
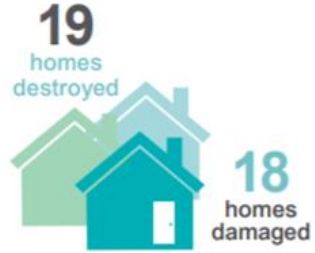
Wollondilly Has Experienced Compounding Disasters

- Green Wattle Creek Bushfire 2019/20
- 2020 Flood
- 2021 Flood
- 2021 Severe Storm
- 2022 Flood
- 2022 Flood
- COVID-19 Global Pandemic





Significant Impacts OF THE GREEN WATTLE CREEK BUSHFIRE



Learnings from Past Disaster Events

- In 2016 Wollondilly Shire was impacted by major flooding.
- After the floods Wollondilly Shire Council implemented a series of deliberative engagement strategies to assess Council and community responses to the disaster and to plan for long-term recovery.
- Information collected was used to develop the 'Activate Wollondilly' Framework.



OVERVIEW OF
THE COMPONENTS OF THE

ACTIVATE WOLLONDILLY FRAMEWORK



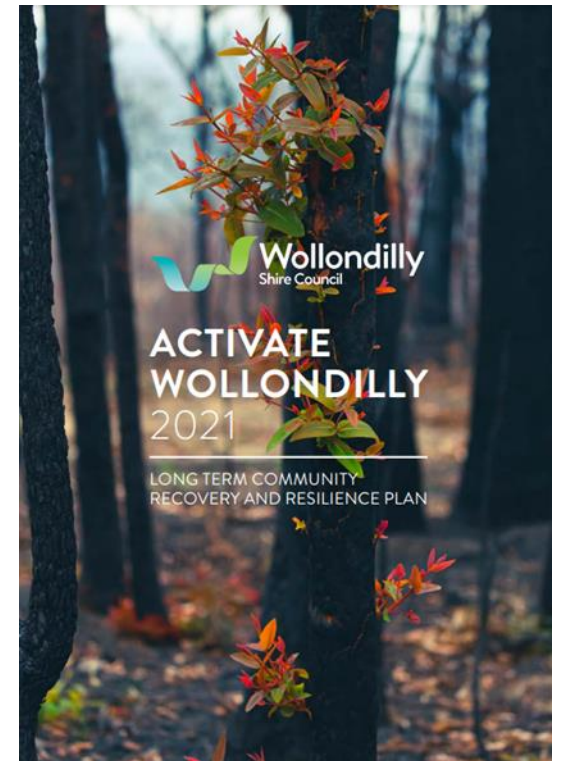
Wollondilly Local Recovery and Resilience Committee

LOCAL RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
Community members from across Wollondilly Shire	Salvation Army
Warragamba Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre	Wingecarribee Shire Council
Wollondilly Resilience Network	Tharawal Land Council
Picton CWA	NSW Police (Camden LAC)
St Stephens Thirlmere	Wollondilly Local Emergency Management Committee
Community Links Wellbeing	Picton Chamber of Commerce
Rotary Club	St Vincent de Paul Society
Federal MP Angus Taylor's Office	Lifeline Macarthur
Local State MP Nathaniel Smith's Office	National Bushfire Recovery Agency
Resilience NSW	South West Sydney Local Health District
Greater Sydney Committee	South West Sydney Primary Health Network
Red Cross	Wollondilly Shire Council

NOTE: Other agencies and organisations may have representation in the Local Recovery Committee over time.

Activate Wollondilly 2021: Long-Term Recovery and Resilience Plan

- The Recovery Action Plan contains a number of short-term actions which council will be undertaking to support the long-term recovery of the shire and build greater resilience towards future disasters. The document highlights the transition from the floods of 2016, subsequent bushfires, drought and Covid-19 pandemic.
- The Recovery Action Plan enables planning and resource allocation to deliver disaster recovery initiatives and facilitates communication and engagement with people and communities to engage and support them in their recovery journey.
- Endorsed by Council in July, 2021



Activate Wollondilly



Bushfire Recovery Events for Children and Young People in Wollondilly



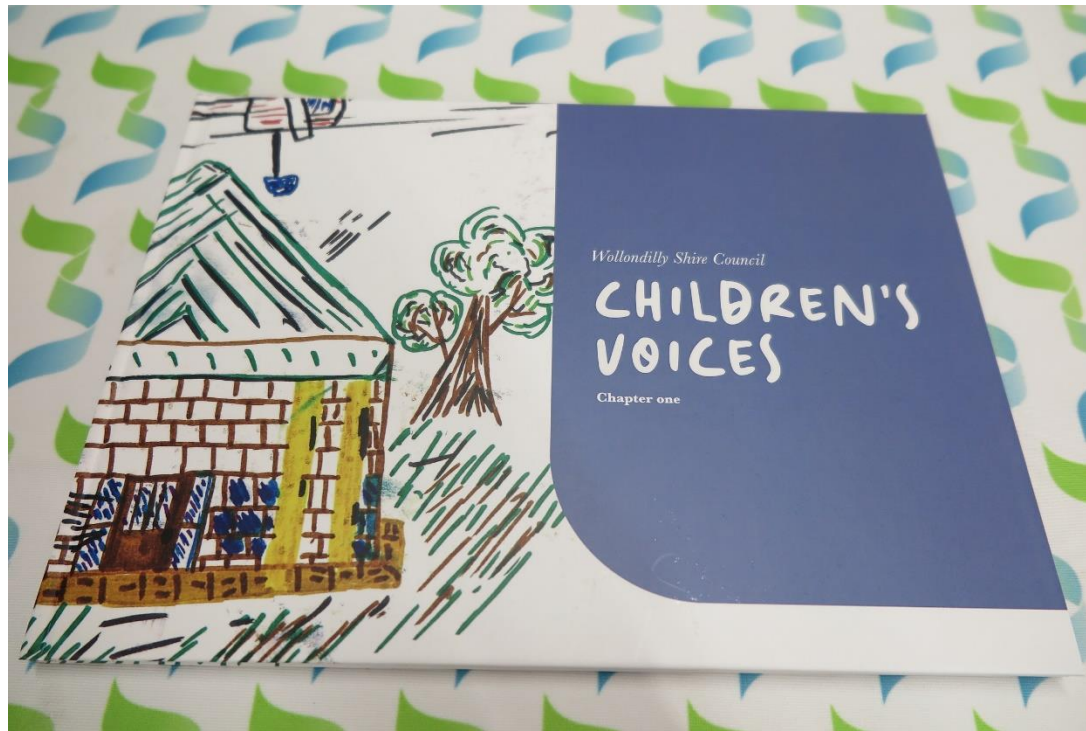
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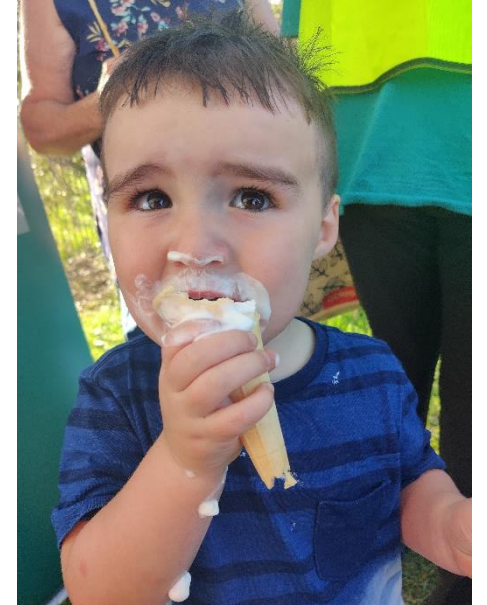


Children and Youth Voices



Bushfire Recovery Events

- Family Fun Days held in Bargo and Warragamba
- Live Music Nights held in Buxton and Oakdale
- Funded by State and Commonwealth Government



Supporting Residents to Rebuild After Disaster



INTRODUCTION BUSHFIRE REBUILD

We understand that it will take the Wollondilly community a long time to recover from the 2019/20 bushfires.

- 15 homes were destroyed and 16 homes damaged
- 8 facilities were destroyed and 3 damaged
- 66 outbuildings were destroyed and 45 damaged
- 273 rural landholders were impacted

Our Certification and Planning teams are here to help you, whether you are building another home, replacing outbuildings and water tanks or repairing onsite sewage management systems.

Please look through this booklet and then call our dedicated team at Wollondilly Shire Council on 4677 1100 or email council@wollondillynsw.gov.au to ensure you receive tailored assistance.

This booklet provides information and guidance for those who were impacted by the recent bushfires. It describes the bushfire rebuild services available at Council, where additional information can be found and key contacts.

Council is committed to assisting our community in its recovery, every step of the way.

Bushfires can have extensive negative effects on the social and economic wellbeing of a house hold and community. Following the experiences of the 2013 and 2019/20 bushfires, Council is better aware of the psycho-social factors informing the decisions to rebuild and the delays that can occur in the process. That is why we are here to help.

Council development application fees have been waived for bushfire impacted properties with no time limit applied. This is in addition to the temporary waiving of the following fees for bushfire impacted properties:

- Land use advice pre-lodgement fees
- Tree removal permit fees
- Roads Act application fees
- Initial Approval to Operate a sewerage management system associated with a replacement of an existing on-site sewage management system.

BUSHFIRE REBUILD INFORMATION | 1

- Wollondilly Shire Council Bushfire Rebuild Information booklet
- Dedicated certifier to assess rebuild Development Applications
- Free pre-DA meetings
- Waived DA Fees

Environmental Recovery

- Native seed collection and propagation
- Regeneration Grants
- Dangerous tree removal
- Hard Waste Stand to help manage waste from disaster events



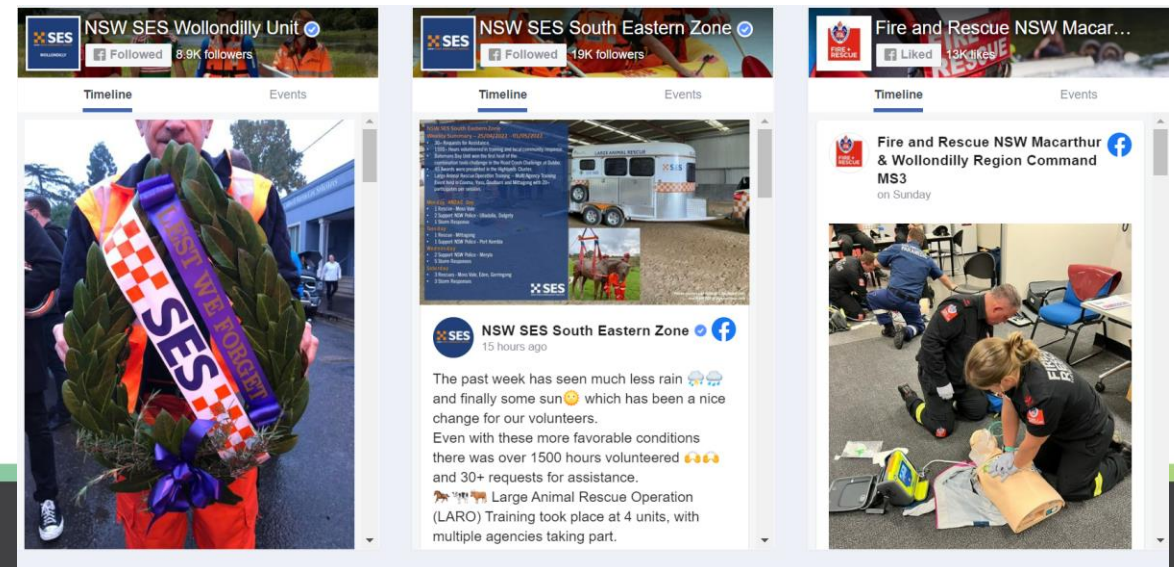
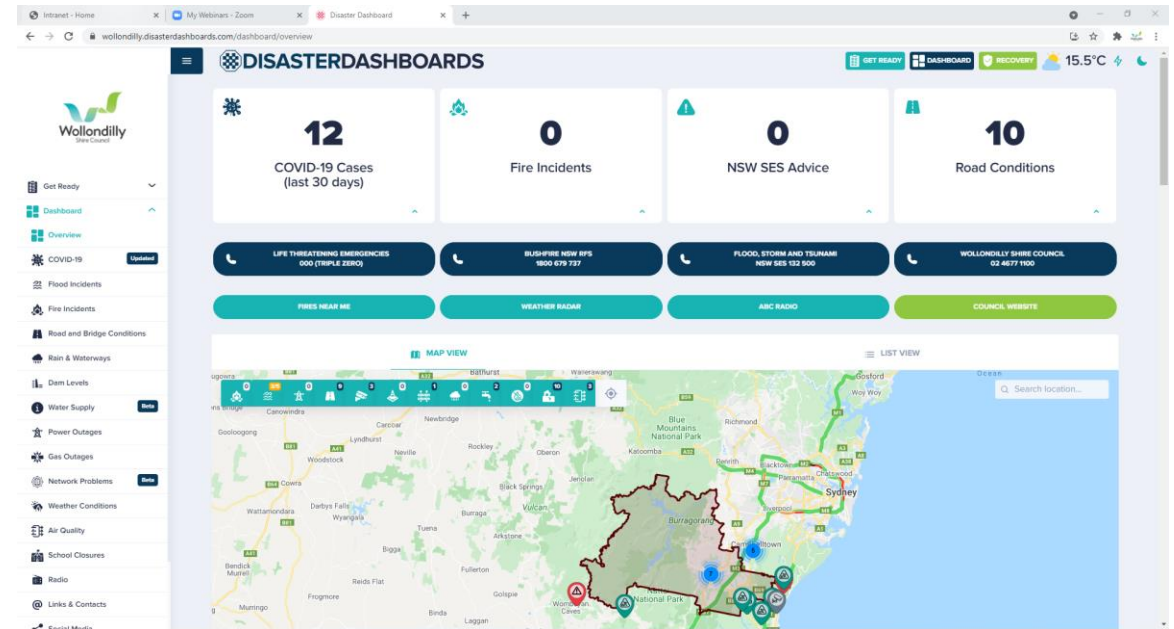
Economic Recovery

- Tourism Initiatives such as scenic walks, expansion of the Festival of Steam and Mermaid Pool and Tahmoor Canyon Walks
- Traineeship program at Wollondilly Shire Council
- Upskilling programs for Youth
- Smart Hub



Disaster Dashboard

- Resilience NSW and Demonz have developed a Disaster Dashboard that automatically updates with real-time emergency information, providing members of the community with access to the latest localised information relating to emerging events, disaster preparedness and recovery information.
- Key information includes water levels, advice levels, road closures, location of emergencies.
- Wollondilly Council started using the dashboard in 2022.
- People can access information from relevant social media feeds even if they don't have Facebook/ Instagram.



Flood Information




FLOOD INCIDENTS

NSW SES Advice - Sydney Southern Region

Valid as of 04/05/2022 5:43:29 AM - Checked every 15 minutes

No items to display

Authority:  **SES**
Sydney Southern Region

DIAL 132500 

WEBSITE 

 MAP VIEW

Menangle Bridge

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Nil






Current Level	0.05m
Minor	5.2m
Moderate	9.2m
Major	12.2m

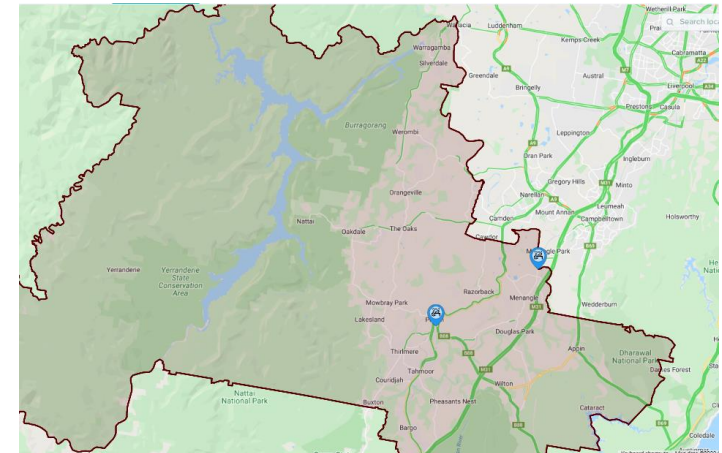
Menangle Bridge Station Readings

Updated in 8 hours

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- Floods** 2 ☒
-  Major 0 ☒
 -  Moderate 0 ☒
 -  Minor 0 ☒
 -  Nil 2 ☒
 -  Stale 3 ☐



Fire Information

Major Fire Updates

Updated 15 minutes ago · Last checked 13 minutes ago · Checked every 15 minutes · Updates in 2 minutes

No major fire warnings

Authority:



DIAL 1800679737





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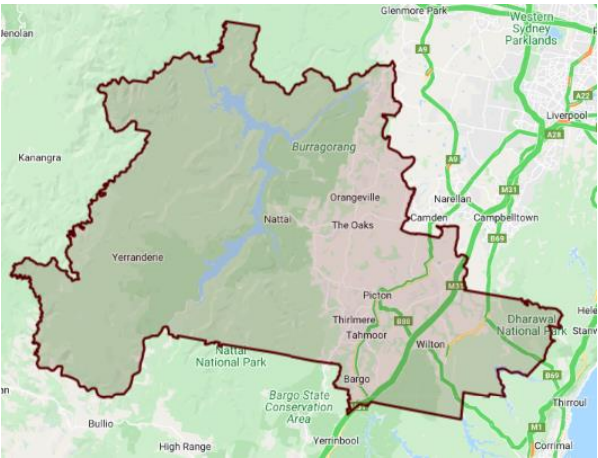
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HAZARD REDUCTION BURNS 0

Fire Incidents 0

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-  Watch and Act 0 ☒
-  Advice 0 ☒
-  Not Applicable 0 ☐

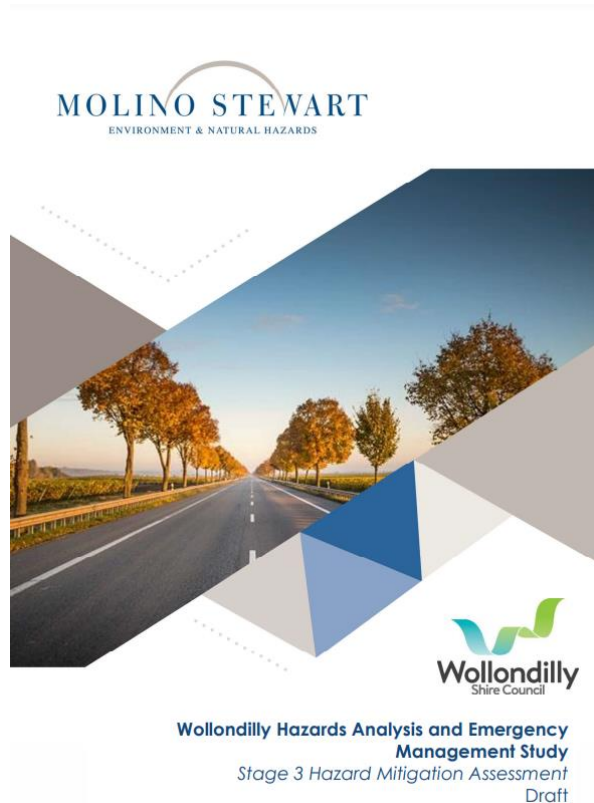


Community Led Recovery Hub Toolkit



- Developed by Disaster Recovery Expert Anne Leadbeater in consultation with local community members and service providers.
- A toolkit that can be provided to community groups wishing to support their local community following a disaster.
- A short, practical handbook that will be supported by online self-paced learning modules.

Hazard and Emergency Management Study



- Wollondilly Shire Council commissioned consultants Molino Stewart to prepare a Wollondilly Hazards Analysis and Emergency Management Study (HAEMS), being a shire-wide integrated study and guide to evacuation and emergency response to hazards, following the 2019-2020 bushfires and major local flooding in local areas across the LGA
- The study aims to increase local resilience, inform future growth decisions, and address constraints that exist in evacuation. The scope of the project involves providing evidence-based detailed advice and recommendations as they pertain to potential natural and human-made hazards across the Shire.
- It is intended to serve as a document that will guide future planning decisions and a framework for Wollondilly's future growth.

Resilient Wollondilly: Mobile Recovery and Resilience Hub



- During or after a disaster event the vehicle will be used to provide immediate outreach support to impacted residents and businesses during and immediately after a disaster.
- This could include provision of emergency funding through the Mayor's Relief Fund, a meeting point for residents and external support services and provision of information.

Resilient Wollondilly: Mobile Recovery and Resilience Hub

- When the van is not being used for Recovery purposes it will be used for resilience building projects including community education and awareness programs, social programs aimed at increasing connectedness and opportunities for residents to connect with services.
- Partnerships and collaboration will be crucial for these resilience building initiatives.



Networks and Collaboration

Wollondilly Shire Council is a part of several recovery and resilience networks:

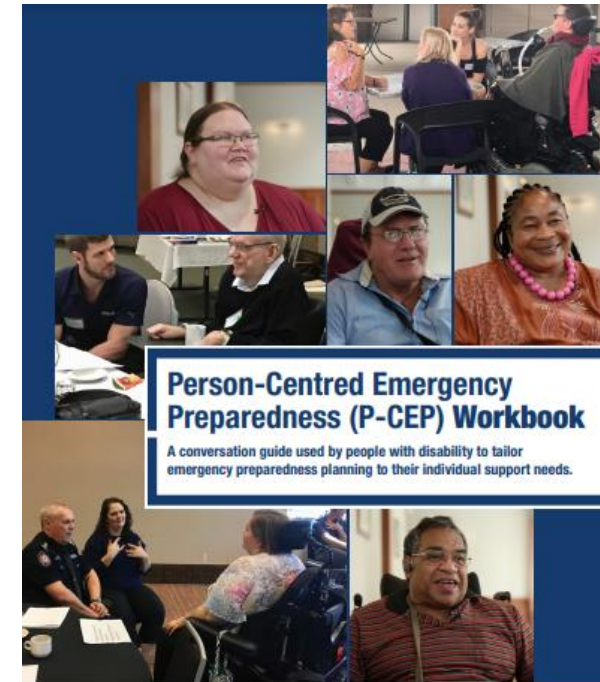
- Resilience NSW Greater Sydney Recovery
- Resilience NSW Greater Sydney Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee
- Resilient Sydney
- Wollondilly and Wingecarribee Bushfire Mental Health Steering Committee

Key partnerships and collaborations include:

- Resilience NSW
- National Recovery and Resilience Committee
- Community Links Wellbeing
- NSW RFS
- NSW SES
- Red Cross
- South- West Sydney Local Health District

Person Centred Emergency Planning

- Partnership with the University of Sydney
- Commencing in 2022
- Supporting people disability and their carers to be better prepared for disasters
- Currently taking Expressions of Interest to be involved in the project



Recommendation

Considerations

1. Mapping community capacity

Identify community strengths, capabilities, risks and challenges through the development of individual community profiles, detailing:

- Demographic and land use data
- Critical infrastructure
- Economic activities and influences
- Community structures and networks
- Culture, history and heritage
- Disaster risk profile and history
- Community values, priorities and aspirations
- Community vulnerabilities and strengths

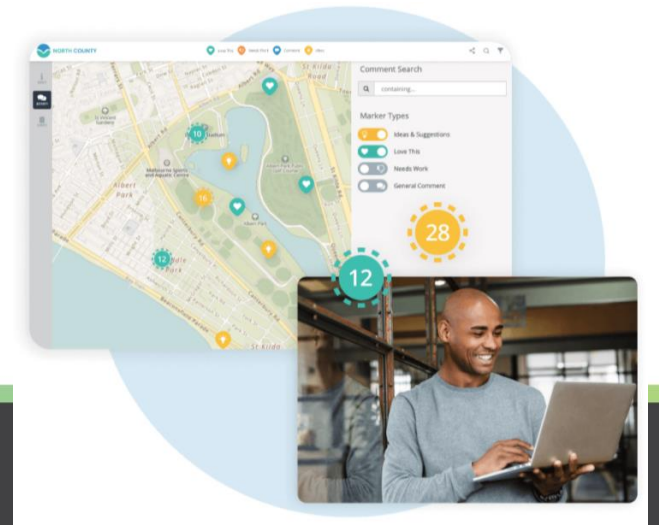
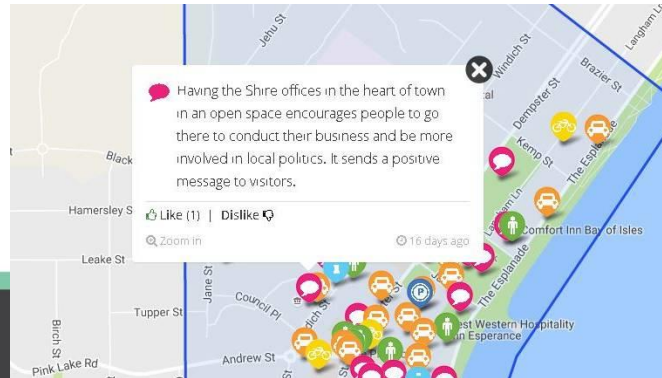
- Community profiles assist with preparedness and recovery planning.
- Community profiles facilitate information sharing – particularly with external agencies that may be deployed during or following a disaster.
- Developing community profiles in collaboration with the community can be an effective opportunity for community engagement.

Purpose of the Project

- Better understand and support all of our towns and villages.
- To understand community needs.
- To understand the strengths and opportunities within each village and town.
- To support resilience building.
- To support emergency preparedness and response.

How Data will be Gathered

- In person community engagement across Wollondilly Shire
- Desktop Research. Eg Profile ID, ABS Data, Social Media
- Online using 'Social Pinpoint'



Questions

