



Webinar chat summary

Resilience Matters webinar | Community-based disaster risk reduction: Putting communities at the centre

Wednesday 29 July 2026, 1.00pm-2.00pm

Presenters

- **Maree Grenfell**
Founder and Director, Once Upon Tomorrow
- **Natasha Odgers**
Sector Lead – Disaster Resilience, Neighbourhood Centres Queensland
- **Sally Foreman**
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Prompt for participants

- As you engage with the content today, we invite you to consider what action you are inspired to take in the next month, or the next three months?

Appreciation (small sample)

- Brilliant presentation Maree!
- Great presentation Maree, thank you!
- Amazing presentation!!
- Great presentation Sally and Natasha!
- Great to see these fantastic examples of community resilience building in QLD.
- Amazing presentation Sally and Natasha, very cool to see the diverse examples!
- Thank you for the opportunity to listen to these perspectives - this has been very valuable.
- Fantastic webinar and contributors - thank you so much!
- Thanks everyone!
- Enjoyed the presentations and discussions. Thankyou
- "Resilience" is a really problematic word in South Australian Primary Industries due to the weaponisation, but also over use of it in terms of drought.
- Thank you - great grounded examples and experience
- We in the Constellation use the term community competence
- Thank you, this has been a fantastic session
- Thank you for all the information and great ideas on improving disaster recovery by recognizing the importance of correct language, resilience and preparedness.
- Excellent presentation and content, thank you All!
- Fantastic presentations! Thank you...
- Thanks for a great session.
- This has been a big boost for me and my work!! Thanks everybody
- great talks. Congratulations



- Brilliant presentation, thanks all, I'm going to go back and re-watch, there were so many pieces of gold in this! 😊
- Fantastic presentation and Q&A. Thanks everyone for your time, perspectives and questions. Really thought provoking and inspiring to see the great work happening around Australia.
- Thanks everyone for your work 😊
- Thank you to everyone involved today. Great presentations!
- Wonderful presentations, thank you AIDR and all presenters!
- Thank you that was excellent. I will also be revisiting this soon!

Links from webinar presentation

Once Upon Tomorrow

<https://www.onceupontomorrow.com.au>

Neighbourhood Centres Queensland

<https://ncq.org.au>

Strategy for Disaster Resilience

<https://ncq.org.au/projects/disaster-resilience-strategy/>

Benarrawa Community Development Association

<https://www.benarrawa.org.au/neighbourhood-resilience>

Resilient Kurilpa

<https://www.resilientkurilpa.com>

Community Plus

<https://communityplus.org.au>

Cooktown District Community Centre (CDCC)

<https://cdcc.org.au>

Street Up

<https://www.streetup.com.au>

Nambour Community Centre

<https://nambourcc.org>

Resources and invitations shared by participants

Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Emergency Responders Network

<https://www.caldern.org/>

The Adaptation Game

<https://www.tagclimatedrill.org/>

Moneycare by The Salvation Army

A downloadable e-book to assist individuals to plan to be financially ready prior to a disaster

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/moneycare/planning-for-the-unplanned/>



Comments in the chat (small sample)

- From a financial counselling perspective, there is real value in positioning financial counsellors as a key "go-to" support during and after disasters. We can help people navigate financial hardship, access relief measures, negotiate with creditors, and connect with broader community supports during recovery.
- Yes thank you for touching on this subject. Disaster funding is a big challenge for us in Brisbane as our communities have been settled on floodplains yet the 'local' LGA is so large, which is where funding goes
- Thank you Maree, Sally and Natasha - appreciate your responses, and really appreciate the work you are doing. I really like and agree with focusing on community resilience, broadening where community strengths are enhanced.
- Wow - that's brave & the opposite of the apathy (denial) so many have... until the disaster hits.
- Thank you to all involved. So relevant and so important for communities across Australia. So important also that there is a focus on developing and engaging volunteers and then understanding volunteer leadership in these programs.
- Thanks for the great presentations great to hear about community initiatives. There is need for defining community resilience before the disaster based on risks so during and after disasters we are able to ensure we are building back better to reduce the losses for future disasters.
- Thanks everyone . Hope the conference is great. Don't forget to look for the Northern Rivers Community Resilience Alliance from the Northern Rivers of NSW in 'Resilience Lane' to hear from our Team Lead who can share many great examples of community-led resilience building.
- "what's brought you here today"? (referring to a suggested question to remove power imbalance, instead of "how can we help you?")
- I would love to see those conferences as free entry for community group volunteers.
- I volunteer in the emergency management space for 2 organisations and have 10+ years and due to commitments I would like to see it [ADRC] in northern QLD where disasters are regular with TC's and flooding, etc...
- A comment really, I'd love to see slow onset disasters included in disaster 'counts', rather than only rapid onset disasters. As it should be according to the Sendai Framework.

Announcements

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[Resilience matters webinar series](#)

Australian Disaster Resilience Conference 2026

19-20 August 2026 in Melbourne: <https://www.aidr.org.au/events/55824?locationId=55839>

Note: information about AIDR's Professional Development Program on 21 August is available at the same link