



Webinar chat summary

Special webinar | International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction: Resilience starts at home

Tuesday 13 October 2026, 1.00pm-2.00pm AEDT

Presenters

- **Adrian Sains**, *Member and technical advisor, Resilient Kurilpa; Principal Engineer, ACS Consult*
- **Dr Elise Remling**, *Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Environmental Governance, University of Canberra*
- **Dr Sophie Yates**, *Senior Research Fellow, Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University*

Appreciation

- This is excellent, Adrian
- Fantastic presentation!
- Thanks so much for sharing this resource and your thoughtful reflections. I'm personally really keen to try it out. Thank you
- awesome addition to the puzzle!
- Fantastic presentation - thank you! Very practical and applicable to many events we might face.
- Thanks for the wonderful session
- This absolutely looks like a tool to add to the local disaster resilience plan we are developing in our community
- Fabulous session so informative. would love more
- Great session - so much information, I am buzzing!
- I could spend much longer with this content.... thank you to both sets of presenters, very interesting, thought provoking content.
- Thank you to all presenters for sharing their experiences. Great session
- A brilliant and informative webinar. Thank you John and presenters.
- So both presentations really focussing on building our relationships within the communities we live - great to bring focus to this.
- Great presentation - thanks for pulling it all together @John Richardson and team!
- Excellent presentations and webinar session, very informative and engaging
- Thanks all! Really interesting session
- Excellent work, this style of community involvement could be a great help in getting the message out there. Thank you.
- thanks so much to all presenters :)
- Great session. Thanks to all speakers for their wonderful presentations and work.
- Thank you - great session!
- Thank you! Absolutely fantastic presentations today!
- thank you so much everyone, this has been really thought provoking



- Thank you, very interesting
- Thank you that was brilliant
- Thank you for all who participated putting this together
- Thank you all - some very practical learnings which can be applied across all sectors.
- Thanks to all presenters and AIDR, amazing to learn from people working in their communities at the grassroots community led projects.
- Great session
- We need these conversations in our high schools, to engage young adults.
- Thank you, all informative and engaging, appreciate the experiences and insights shared.
- Thank you for your presentations.
- awesome. thank u

Links from webinar presentations

Resilient Kurilpa

<https://www.resilientkurilpa.com>

ACS Consult

<https://acsconsult.com.au>

Resilient Kurilpa Apartment Toolkit

<https://www.resilientkurilpa.com/apartment-toolkit>

Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) Workbook

https://collaborating4inclusion.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020-08-19-Person-Centred-Emergency-Preparedness-P-CEP-WORKBOOK_FORM_FINAL.pdf

Brisbane City Council disaster resources

<https://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/community-and-safety/community-safety/disasters-and-emergencies>

Get ready for a bush fire: Four simple steps to making your bush fire survival plan

https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0003/36597/BFSP-Complete.pdf

Australian Red Cross Rediplan

<https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/resources/>

SES Emergency Kit checklist

https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2024-06/NSW-SES_Emergency-Kit-Checklist.pdf

National Strategy for Disaster Resilience

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/emergency/files/national-strategy-disaster-resilience.pdf>

NSW State Emergency Management Plan (EMPLAN)

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/rescue-and-emergency-management/state-emergency-management-plan-emplan>

National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/emergency/files/national-disaster-risk-reduction-framework.pdf>



Victorian Women's Trust Kitchen Table Conversations guide

https://vic-womens-trust.yourcreative.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/KTC-Guide-2021-DIGITAL-v11_.pdf

One Journey Together

<https://indigenousvoice.church>

Mental Health NGO Subsector Commissioning: Discussion Guide

https://www.communityservices.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/2234720/Older-People-Discussion-Guide.pdf

Helping to create a disability strategy for the ACT: A kitchen table conversation kit

<https://yoursayconversations.act.gov.au/act-disability-strategy/kitchen-table-conversations-kit>

Kitchen table conversations tools (including blank resources that can be adapted as needed)

<https://www.drkatiemoon.com.au/climatepods>

A guide for hosting kitchen table conversations for emergency preparedness

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/6556a48912b6051961162a1f/t/6ab85ff62196901903e6d3e9/1790468086487/KTC+guide+for+emergency+preparedness+V1%2C+Sep+2026.pdf>

Kitchen table conversations as a social technology for place-based disaster preparedness

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23251042.2026.2668514>

Other links

Australian Red Cross psychosocial approach to disaster preparedness

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/media/11379/ajem-11-2023-03.pdf>

Australian Red Cross report on Understanding preparedness and recover

<https://www.redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/publications/preparedness-report-july-2021.pdf>

Australian Red Cross Perth Hills Emergency Preparedness Programs impact evaluation

<https://www.redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/emergency-services/agency-resources/phep-impact-evaluation-report-2022.pdf>

Get Ready NSW

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/emergency/get-ready>

Get Ready Queensland

<https://www.getready.qld.gov.au>

Western Australia emergency preparedness resources

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire/prepare>

Northern Territory emergency preparedness resources

<https://secure.nt.gov.au>

Australian Red Cross Emergency Redi workshops

<https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencyredi/>



Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP)

<https://collaborating4inclusion.org/pcep/>

Comments in the chat

- My first big disaster was the [1974 Brisbane flood](#). Will we ever learn...sadly so. Hopefully, Resilient Kurilpa is a part of the overdue learning and changes.
- Bless you, Adrian. I used to be a work health and safety inspector, which includes being a lift inspector. I have lost count of how many times I have explained the importance of locking lifts at the top floor in a flood, not the ground floor as you are advised to do for a fire.
- There's a similar system of measurement in Wangaratta (Vic) where [Yogi Bear](#) in a playground is the marker for major floods! If Yogi is wearing a snorkel, it's going to be deep... (response: There's an opportunity for you Bricky, Yogi Bear flood markers)
- It's a major issue for the Bremer River. The Brisbane River in flood and especially a king tide pushes water back up the Bremer into the Ipswich CBD and train station.
- The Kurilpa community is incredibly fortunate to have Adrian, the Riverpoint Body Corporate Committee and Flow Body Corporate Committee sharing their expert and lived experience knowledge via free tools and templates on our Apartment Toolkit which can be found www.resilientkurilpa.com/apartment-toolkit 😊
- We continue to share information about developing flood management plans and apartment based flood preparedness via our recorded webinars also, which can be found on our [YouTube](#). Our next community webinar is this Thursday evening '[What Brisbane Apartment Renters Need to Know About Floods](#)' and Adrian and Leanne will join us on 4 Nov for '[Lessons for Success: Stories from Apartment Flood Planning](#)'
- The late [Professor Beverley Raphael](#) and her team did some research after Black Saturday into training primary school aged children. They took the develop a home plan home and the application rate was higher than 10% - if I recall that data correctly.
- I can really use this work in my fire brigade area. I've come across KTC before, but hadn't occurred to me to use it for bushfire prep!
- This is wonderful work, and beautifully communicated! [Benarrawa Community Development Association](#) in Brisbane does such similar work with residents, supporting them to develop their own neighbourhood disaster plans and survey their neighbours to map their resources to share during a flood e.g. generators, kayaks, cooking skills etc. And the residents match help offered with help needed.
- The KTC is a game changer for engaging communities down to household/street level. Brilliant work. We're fortunate to have such dedicated researchers assisting the EM sector - thank you!
- The experience of preparation for [Cyclone Alfred](#) was a great demonstration that when the time comes residents are very engaged, particularly if they have a plan and structure to work within. The feedback we received post event was overwhelming support for the excellent communications.
- Great point about the relationships we establish around us.
- Challenging to develop community based preparation in low socio economic areas.
- That comment, Dr Elise, sums up the difference between emergency response and emergency management. The 'First responders' are not in uniform. The uniforms provide



trained, emergency response. First responders are the people who are actually there - and when we're telling people emergency services may not be there for 72+ hours, the term 'First Responders' for emergency services is even less applicable.

- Thank you so much. Your research is rich. The [Keystone Communities](#) project from the [Global Ecovillage Network](#) has also developed tools to encourage community preparedness - we need as many resources to encourage community conversations ... 
We've been utilising these at [Narara Ecovillage](#) & in NZ
- Just finished this free short course, highly recommended Bushfires and Your Health: <https://bushfirehealth.mooc.utas.edu.au>

Invitations to connect

- Hello all, Andrew Orange Phd candidate from University of Tasmania. To the speakers, interested to know more about the challenges/success you have had engaging with the residents and making sure they are aware of the work you are doing? Self-Plug for bushfire I'm working on a preparedness app <https://resilientstreet.com/> and part of its design is to increase citizen awareness of community groups (designed for Tasmania, but appreciate anyone's feedback
- Hi, we are looking at this with respect to isolated areas with vulnerable populations - we would love to hear from others doing similar work kdrabsch@bsphn.org.au

Announcements

Webinar resources

The webinar recording and other resources will be available on the AIDR Knowledge Hub: <https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/international-day-for-disaster-risk-reduction/>

Spotlight Series webinar | Avian Influenza: Implications for community resilience

Tuesday 10 November, 1.00pm-2.00pm AEDT

For more information and to register, go to:

<https://www.aidr.org.au/events/>

2026 AIDR Annual Stakeholder Survey

https://afac.jotform.com/form/AIDR-annual-stakeholder-survey?utm_source=AIDR+all+active+subscribers&utm_campaign=79f57ba0ed-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_05_01_01_01_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_e5564b7f27-79f57ba0ed-573029367