

Community Recovery and Resilience Report

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Purpose

This report provides the Community Development Committee with an overview of Recovery and Resilience functions and activities across the Lithgow LGA.

Key Points

Stakeholder, Community Engagement, Meetings and Events

Continued support for community groups, individuals, services and organisations to increase understanding and awareness of local issues, assist and support Community-led approaches and activities and regular meetings to inform the development of service delivery priorities and programs.

- Pop Up Cafes occurred at Portland and Wallerawang, the last Pop-Up will occur at Dargan on Tuesday 13 September. The mini family fun day at Cullen Bullen on 12 July 2022 was a great success with over 70 residents attending.
- Council was fortunate to attend and support the following events during the period:
 - Get Ready Community Running Stream
 - Lithgow Business Chamber Black Rose Awards Information Session
 - Community Consultation Animals and Wildlife in Emergencies
 - Community Hall Launch at Clarence
 - Mural unveiling at Monkey Creek Dargan
 - Waste to Art Closing Gala
 - Trauma informed Conference
 - Nature Therapy Walk at Mt Tomah
 - All about bees – Steamworks Portland
 - Opening of the Mountain Pygmy-possum breeding centre at Secret Creek Sanctuary
- On Thursday 8th September Lithgow City Council in conjunction with Resilience NSW teamed up with Jean Hailes for Women’s Health Week to celebrate women in the LGA and to raise awareness of women’s health issues. The event led by Kellie Evans of Central West Media included a panel of passionate women and audience of over 40 attendees. Lithgow City Council would like to thank the women and wonderful businesses for their support of this event.

- On Tuesday 8 August Jen Quealy and Rachel Nicoll attended the Hawkesbury Recovery Action Planning Day - Health and Wellbeing Committee workshop in response to storm and flood events.
- Residents and businesses recently participated in an evaluation survey of the Resilience NSW Community Recovery Officer Program in response to the 2019/20 bushfires. The results of this evaluation will be published later this year. Rachel Nicoll will be presenting the Lithgow CRO Program to Resilience NSW in Mudgee on Monday 12 September.

Readiness Rally 15 October 2022

The Lithgow Readiness Rally is a free community event to **be aware and prepare for Natural Disaster**. After recent disaster events it provides critical information and an opportunity for Community, Government, Businesses, Services and Industry to come together.

Why?

Members of the community impacted by disaster events have expressed a desire for information to be better prepared in future. The types of information included how to protect their family, property, animals and wildlife, landscaping maintenance, weeds and property management, repairing and retrofitting their home, firefighting tools and equipment, energy saving advice, insurance, and communications and technology.

The Readiness Rally is designed to bring all these elements into a one-day event that includes presentations, an expo, workshops and demonstrations, wellbeing and art activities (for all ages) and more! This exciting event will be held from 9am to 3pm at the Maldhan Ngurr Ngurra Lithgow Transformation Hub and Lithgow Union Theatre on Saturday 15 October 2022.

Registrations to exhibit are still being taken. Please visit the Readiness Rally website www.readinessrally.com.au

In the lead up to the event, Lithgow City Council be running a 5-week competition for the 5 steps to prepare for disasters. One lucky resident from the LGA will be chosen each week. To enter follow the Readiness Rally [Facebook](#) or Instagram [@lithgowreadinessrally](#) page and comment on the question asked in the post.

Week 1 - Know your risk

Week 2 - Plan for what you will do

Week 3 - Get your home ready

Week 4 - Be Aware

Week 5 - Look out for each other

Grants

Flood grants of up to \$10,000

Community Wellbeing and Resilience Grants of up to \$10,000 are now open. The grants are to support the mental health of those affected by the 2022 floods. A range of activities and initiatives

will be considered appropriate to support community-led wellbeing. If you are considering applying, discuss your proposal with the grants team. For more information, click <https://www.nbmphn.com.au/Jobs/Grants/Wellbeing-and-Resilience-Grants>. Applications close **11:59pm Sunday 2 October 2022.**

Resources for Regions Grant Opportunities

Organisations are invited to submit an application under Round 9 of the Resources for Regions (R4R) program by 16 September 2022.

Resources for Regions aims to support ongoing prosperity in regional NSW by providing economic opportunities, improved amenity and positive social outcomes in communities impacted by mining and gas exploration.

A total of \$140 million is available in Round 9 for mining affected LGA's with a dedicated \$5 million allocated for projects in Lithgow LGA.

Only Councils are eligible to submit applications for R4R funding and Lithgow City Council will be submitting its own grant applications under R4R Round 9.

Lithgow City Council will also submit applications on behalf of community groups following their assessment in relation to the funding guidelines, local priorities and the \$5 million funding cap.

Community and sporting groups are invited to submit applications to Lithgow City Council for consideration under Round 9 of the Resources for Regions program.

<https://council.lithgow.com/request-for-community-submissions-resources-for-regions-round-9/>