Community Emergency Planning

Council has developed a **Community Emergency Planning Guide and Toolkit** to support local communities wishing to take an active role in planning for, responding to and recovering from disasters or emergencies which may impact their community.

What is Community Emergency Planning?

- Community Emergency Planning is a program undertaken by community members in liaison with Council, emergency service agencies and other local organisations to plan for emergencies or disasters which may impact their community.

Why undertake Community Emergency Planning?

- To assist communities to respond more effectively before, during and after an emergency.

- To identify what is important for your community and plan for possible disasters and emergencies.

- To identify and record the resources and skills within your community which will be valuable in an emergency event.

- To enable communities to recover more quickly following an emergency.

- To identify and educate the community on the hazards / threats they may be exposed to.

How do we start?

- Initial enquiries can be made through the disaster management team at Council. You will receive a Community Emergency Planning Kit and a staff member can discuss your planning process.

- A Community Emergency Planning Group will be formed with broad community representation and local expertise.

- The Community Emergency Planning Guide will support the program and the Toolkit will form the basis of the Community Emergency Plan.

Who should be involved?

- Community members, local emergency services such as SES, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Rural Fire, Queensland Police Service, non-government organisations including Red Cross, and local businesses, schools and education facilities.

- The group could also include Queensland Health staff and representatives from local community groups and organisations. It is important to have representation from senior community members and youth as part of your group. A working party of at least 6 to 10 community members is advisable.

- The group will liaise with emergency service agency staff to work through specific hazards which may impact the community.