



Ideas..... for increasing disaster resilience in your community

To help your community to be more connected and more disaster resilient what are some of the things your community might do?

Start by thinking about this key question.....

“What’s important for your community **to do now** to be able to bounce back when a disaster strikes?”

List some of your thoughts and ideas.....

Here are some ideas from other people....

Arrange community get togethers (BBQs, shared meals, street parties, etc) - could be to celebrate anniversaries and milestone events.

Invite local speakers to let you know what is around in your community e.g. invite the local council to discuss the natural disaster plans for your area.

Hold regular coffee and chat sessions - space for talking and connecting.

Arrange a history project for your community group - visual, written, oral - collecting impacts from past disasters and the strength of the community in response.

Consider group discussion or storytelling processes that share early experiences and what can be learnt from them.

See if your group can identify an area in the community that could use enhancing and how to make the required changes. You might even consider the development of a community garden.

Identify and address any important gaps in support services.

Identify services within the community that are inaccessible to certain groups and develop ways of giving them access.

If you found this useful you might also like to check out these:

Building resilience in rural communities (USQ)

<http://www.usq.edu.au/crrah/publications/2008/resiliencetoolkit>

Community Resilience Conversations

<http://www.emergencyvolunteering.com.au/home/about/47-community-resilience-conversations-roundup>

