

Climate Ready Communities

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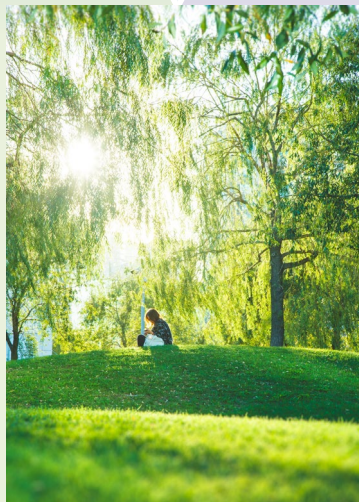
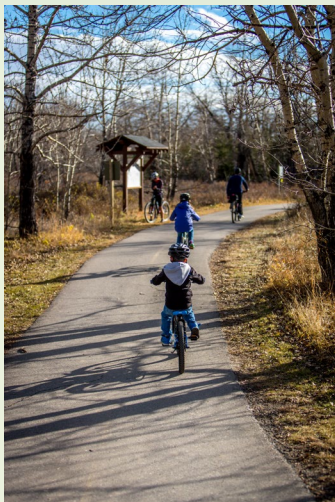




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Mitigation



Adaptation



Why: How is it different from extreme weather preparedness?



Stage 1

- 2017-2019
- Four metropolitan Adelaide councils
- 62 champions
- Funded by Natural Disaster Resilience Program
- Co-contribution by Red Cross, participating councils



Stage 2

- 2019-2020
- State-wide
- ? Champions
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Our purpose

We support and empower people and communities in times of vulnerability.

We save lives and support people before and after disasters strike.

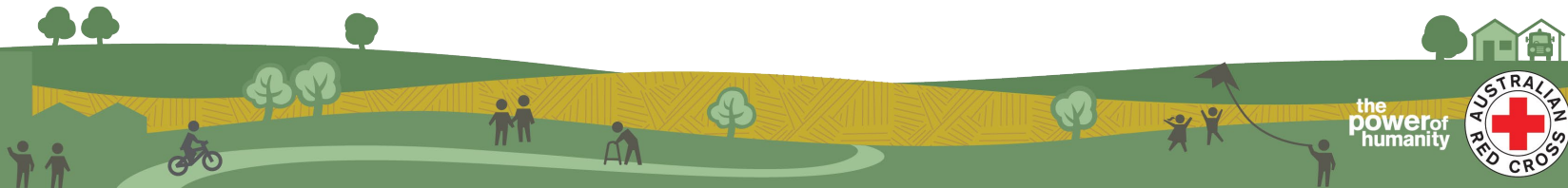
And we work to assist our most vulnerable community members – no matter their circumstances.

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3 million Australians
are equipped to be
prepared for and
recover from disasters

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2.5 million
people, reflecting
the diversity of
our community,
take voluntary
humanitarian
action with
Australian Red Cross
to help others



50% (of 2.5 million)
are self organising
and leveraging
Australian Red
Cross knowledge,
expertise and
evidence to
advocate for and
help others

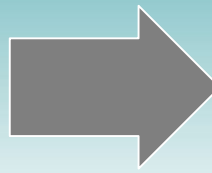
Community-Led Change



- Self organising volunteers
- Not formal Red Cross volunteers
- Supported, facilitated, and motivated by Red Cross
- Have their own community conversations
- Run their own community events

Known (Champions training)

- Climate science
- Local data and projections
- **Having conversations**
- **Creating change**



Unknown (post-training)

- Conversations?
- Wider community projects?
- Teams?
- Resources?
- Support?
- Motivation?







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A guide to getting started



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Top 10 Climate Ready Actions

*We're locked in for dangerous levels of climate change.
Let's get ready with these tips, tricks, and ideas!*



1. **Get planning and packing:** Have an emergency response plan such as the Australian Red Cross RediPlan with an emergency response kit, e.g. have a grab bag with all important documents and clothes.
2. **Get caring:** Take care of those more at-risk, including the young, elderly, those most vulnerable, pets, and wildlife.
3. **Get risk wise:** Avoid travelling to or staying in risky locations and venues, and always have a plan b for outdoor activities and events have indoor alternatives.
4. **Get heatwave ready:** install appropriate cooling devices, and prepare your home and garden with shade.
5. **Get drought ready:** use water from shower, sink, or laundry in the garden, and grow plants suited to your area and the changing climate.
6. **Get bushfire ready:** clear debris, seal chimneys, plant fire-resistant plants, and travel equipped with your grab bag, first aid kit, and other useful items.
7. **Get storm ready:** clear gutters and downpipes, secure outside items, and seal gaps and weak spots in advance.
8. **Get flood ready:** have sandbags ready, create drainage channels.
9. **Get power outage ready:** get a powerbank, have a backup cooking source.
10. **Get connected:** Know your neighbours and local community; Have a phone/communication tree/plan with family, friends, neighbours, and networks.

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Actions people have always taken

- 61% already **changed habits** during extreme weather
- 12% already get **prepared**
- 12% already get **informed**

Actions taken because of the Climate Ready Communities project

- 71% got more **informed**
- 49% got more **connected**
- 44% **helped others**

49% for heatwaves, 39% for drought, 29% for storms, 24% for bushfires, and 7% for floods

“This program seems to be addressing an urgent and growing need to support communities in developing their own grass roots responses to climate change, not just relying on authorities, and to me this is the most powerful way to build true resilience.”





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