

Vulnerable Persons Disaster Management Forum



Date: Tuesday, 9 May 2023
Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm
Location: Gympie RSL, 217 Mary Street, Gympie

Facilitators: Ms Cindy Buchan, Bravo Disability Support Network and Member of the Gympie Local Disaster Management Group
Ms Lorelle Hatch, Manager – Governance, Integrity and Risk, Gympie Regional Council and Deputy Local Disaster Coordinator, Gympie Local Disaster Management Group
Mr Peter Harkin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Member of the Gympie Local Disaster Management Group

Purpose: Raising awareness for vulnerable persons and improving their support and resilience before, during and after disaster events

Audience: Vulnerable persons, agencies and carers - refer pages 3-4

RSVP: Please RSVP by 01 May 2023 by email:
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AGENDA:

Time	Agenda Item	Notes
9.00 am	Welcome and Introductions	
9.10am	Address by Mayor Glen Hartwig, Gympie Regional Council and Chair, Gympie Local Disaster Management Group	
9:30am	Ms Lorelle Hatch: Outline of Session	Aim of the session is to understand and raise awareness of vulnerabilities and to increase support
10.00am	Ms Cindy Buchan and Ms Lorelle Hatch: Collaborating for inclusion	Sector collaboration, including Person-Centered Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP) and Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning (DIEP)

10.30am	Mr Peter Harkin, Emergency Management Coordinator, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services and Ms Lorelle Hatch: Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness (P-CEP)	P-CEP activates capability focused self-assessment and preparedness actions of multiple stakeholders to enable personal emergency preparedness tailored to individual support needs; resulting in the identification of and planning for unmet needs that increase disaster risks.
11.30am	Ms Lorelle Hatch: Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning (DIEP)	Inclusive community-led preparedness actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pre-planning for the extra support needs of people with disability in emergencies - Building community capability Outcome: Nobody is left behind.
11.45am	Ms Cindy Buchan: Discussion and Question time	
12.15pm	Ms Lorelle Hatch: Next steps. Arrange for next session and discussions.	

TARGET AUDIENCE

VULNERABLE INDICATORS:

Extract from: *'People with vulnerabilities in disasters: A framework for an effective local response'* – The then Dept. of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services, 2016



Target Group Statement is "People who would benefit from additional and targeted assistance to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters".

Vulnerable Indicators: Refer to table on page 4

Protective Factors to provide guidance for communities, which include Wellbeing, Connection, Knowledge and Security (Australian Red Cross)

<i>Vulnerable Indicators</i>	<i>Can include: not exhaustive list</i>
Proximity to an event, lack of warning of an event	People living, working in and travelling through the affected area
Made a decision not to help themselves	People have received warning but chose to not take safety advice
Lack of understanding risk to an event	People living, working in and travelling through the affected area
Insecure housing or homelessness	Insecure housing e.g. caravans and boarding houses, rough sleepers and homelessness
Lack of financial resources	Pension and benefit recipients, low income workers (including casual and part time)
Personal safety; reduced health and/or wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some older people, children and young people, those experiencing domestic and family violence. • People impacted by loss or injury related to a disaster.
Disruption to, or lack of available services, supports/ carers medication, aids and equipment	Some older persons, frail, aged, people with health conditions including mental illness, people with disability
Lack of access to, or disruption to transport, supplies and communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People without private transport or reliant on public transport, people reliant on medical equipment and medication • People with languages other than English or low literacy levels
Visitors or new arrivals, low risk understanding or knowledge	Migrants, refugees, overseas/temporary workers, students and tourists
Social, physical, geographic isolation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some older people, people with health conditions, e.g. mental illness, disability, people experiencing homelessness • People living and working in remote locations