WHAT WE DO

QRA is charged with managing and coordinating the Government's program of **recovery and reconstruction** works within disaster-affected communities, with a focus on working with our state and local government partners to deliver best practice administration of public reconstruction and resilience funds. QRA is also the state's lead agency responsible for **disaster recovery and resilience policy**, working collaboratively with agencies and stakeholders to improve risk reduction and disaster preparedness.

OUR VISION

Make Queensland the most disaster resilient state in Australia.

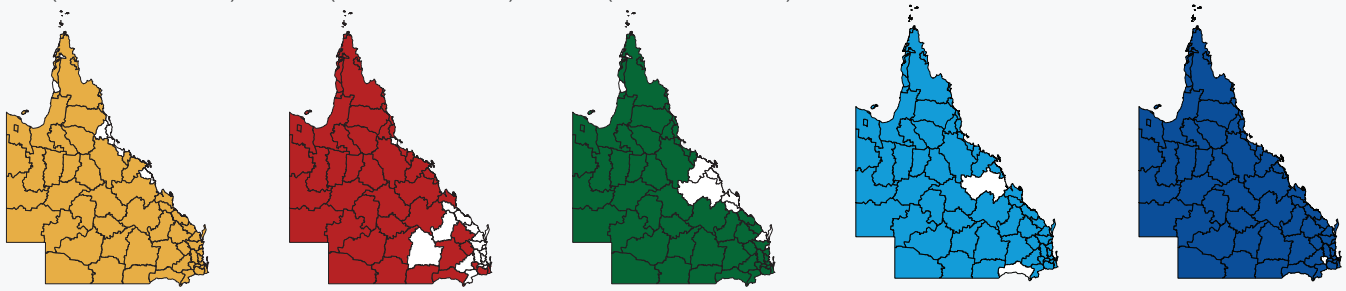
OUR PURPOSE

Enable recovery and build resilience to disaster events within our communities.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE AND RESILIENCE GRANTS PROGRAM

62 events | **77** councils with an active program | **$17.9** billion

2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
9 events	**8** events	**13** events	**17** events	**15** events
66 councils	**57** councils	**66** councils	**73** councils	**76** councils
$4.93 billion	**$1.30** billion	**$3.83** billion	**$5.30** billion	**$2.52** billion
ETD **$3.77** billion	ETD **$931.50** million	ETD **$2.18** billion	ETD **$1.31** billion	ETD **$180.40** million
EFC **$3.87** billion	EFC **$0.99** billion	EFC **$3.29** billion	EFC **$5.05** billion	EFC **$2.52** billion
30/6/2024	**30/6/2025**	**30/6/2026**	**30/6/2027**	**30/6/2028**
97% complete (remainder under EOTs)	**94%** complete (remainder under EOTs)	**66%** complete (remainder under EOTs)	**26%** complete	**7%** complete



ACTIVE PROGRAM

QRA is currently administering an active disaster recovery and resilience program valued at $17.9 billion arising from 62 disaster events that have impacted the state since 2021 and covers every one of Queensland's 77 local government areas.

The program comprises:

- more than $13 billion of DRFA Category A and B recovery and reconstruction measures being delivered within disaster-impacted communities,
- more than $4 billion of DRFA Category C and D extraordinary assistance packages providing targeted assistance for disaster relief, unique recovery needs and resilience building activities
- $630 million of disaster resilience funding programs funded from DRFA efficiencies and other state and Commonwealth funding sources helping to strengthen the disaster resilience and preparedness of Queensland communities.

Information on the projects being delivered under these programs is available on QRA's website.

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RECOVERY PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

MUDGEERABA CREEK CAUSEWAY PROJECT REACHES MAJOR MILESTONE

Construction of the new Mudgeeraba Creek causeway has reached a major milestone, with the successful installation of 74 new reinforced concrete culverts.

Located on Gold Coast–Springbrook Road, the existing causeway sustained damage during Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred in March 2025. It is a well-known hotspot for rapid flooding during intense rainfall events, impacting residents of the nearby Austinville, Neranwood and Springbrook communities in the Gold Coast hinterland.

Once complete, the upgraded crossing will sit approximately 2.5 metres higher than the existing causeway, increasing flood immunity and reducing the frequency and duration of road closures.

The new culverts form the structural backbone of a stronger, safer crossing that will maintain connectivity during severe weather events. Standing approximately 3.6 metres high, they were transported two at a time due to their significant scale and weight. A 100-tonne crane was mobilised to carefully unload and position each culvert onto the recently poured concrete base slabs.

The precision sequencing required reflects both the magnitude of the task and the challenging conditions of working within a live creek environment. Safeguards are in place to protect the sensitive creek ecosystem throughout construction.

The new causeway is being constructed upstream of the current crossing, which remains open during construction.

Now the culvert installation is complete, pavement construction, upstream wingwalls and scour protection works are underway. In the coming months, traffic will be diverted onto the new alignment, enabling downstream construction to proceed.

The project is expected to be completed by early 2027, weather and site conditions permitting.

The recovery works are jointly funded by the Australian and Queensland Governments through the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).



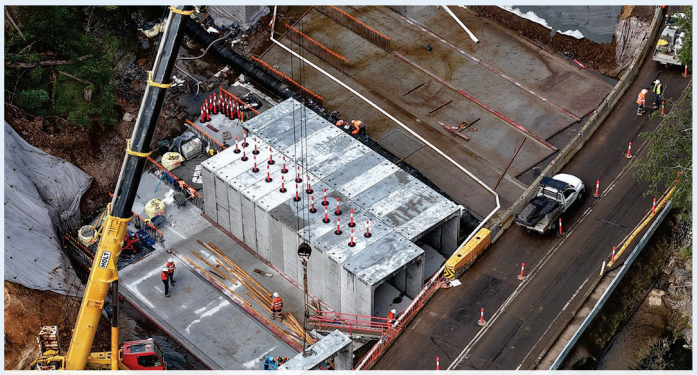
Gold Coast–Springbrook Road – pouring the base slab at Mudgeeraba Creek causeway (June 2026)



Gold Coast–Springbrook Road – Mudgeeraba Creek causeway culvert installation (June 2026)



Gold Coast–Springbrook Road – new culverts at Mudgeeraba Creek causeway will enable greater water flow in comparison to the existing causeway (June 2026)



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Gold Coast–Springbrook Road – 100-tonne crane used to move culverts into place (June 2026)

RECOVERY PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

RECONSTRUCTION MONITORING

Throughout July, August and September 2026, QRA undertook Reconstruction Monitoring (RM) visits of more than 750 homes across Queensland damaged by the severe disaster events of 2024-25 and 2025-26.

QRA conducted final RM activities for Tropical Cyclone Alfred and Associated Severe Weather event throughout July and August 2026, re-visiting properties identified as damaged during the previous RM audit throughout Fraser Coast, South East Queensland and the Darling Downs.

During this same period, QRA also conducted initial RM activities for properties impacted by events this year including the Monsoon Trough, Tropical Cyclone Koji and Tropical Cyclone Narelle events throughout Bundaberg, Isaac, Western Downs and Etheridge.

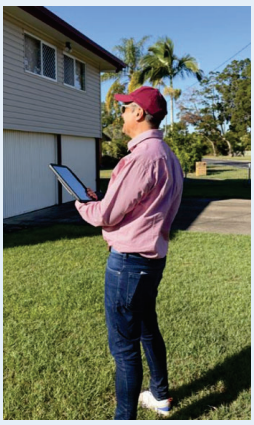
In September 2026, QRA conducted the final RM phase for the Western Queensland Surface Trough and Associated Rainfall and Flooding event which saw our team travel to Bulloo, Paroo, Barcoo and Quilpie to visit more than 120 properties to check on their progress since QRA RM teams visited 12 months ago.

QRA officers conducted property damage assessments in the local government areas with support from councils and Community Recovery. The Community Recovery officers were on the ground with QRA during every operation to provide psychosocial support for residents in need.

During each of the operations, QRA collected data on structural damage to properties, the progress of repairs and insurance claims, and spoke with residents about their wellbeing post-disaster.

Of the more than 750 properties recently assessed across the three events, approximately 70% of properties are now repaired.

While each operation was looking at different communities and different phases of recovery, overall community spirit was high. Some common themes that our teams encountered were slow insurance claims, delayed repairs, and difficulty obtaining or affording flood insurance.



QRA Staff undertaking Reconstruction Monitoring in partnership with Community Recovery

RESILIENCE PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

QUEENSLAND RESILIENCE AND RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM (QRRRP)

The Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP) aims to improve the State's resilience to future disaster events across three key streams:

- **1 – Queensland Betterment Fund:** to support the delivery of identified high priority, large-scale betterment infrastructure projects.
- **2 – Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Fund:** to support delivery of targeted projects that reduce risk and build long-term resilience.
- **3 – Hazard and Risk Priorities Fund:** to support delivery of contemporary disaster risk assessments and priority flood risk management projects that address identified risks and build future preparedness and resilience.

The QRRRP is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments through efficiencies realised during the delivery of Queensland's DRFA reconstruction program.

QRRRP Round 1 (2025-26) is in delivery, with 16 projects and $140 million in approved funding.

Applications for QRRRP Round 2 (2067-27) have been received and assessed with recommendations to be considered by Cabinet Budget Review Committee (CBRC) during the Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Review (MYFER) process, with outcomes expected to be announced from December 2026 onwards.

More information about the QRRRP is available on QRA's website.

DISASTER FUNDING REFORMS

On 5 June 2026, the Commonwealth Government released its proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF) for consultation. The DRFF has been proposed as the replacement for the current Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) which have been in place since 2018.

The key proposed changes under the DRFF include:

- reduction of the Commonwealth's contribution to disaster recovery costs that tiered up to 75% to no more than 50%
- standardised assistance packages
- changes to non-standard and exceptional circumstances categories
- increased event activation thresholds from $240,000 to $2.7 million
- abolition of the DRFA efficiencies framework, instead with a capped level of betterment funding available through a new Resilient Infrastructure Scheme.

The Queensland Government remains strenuously opposed to reforms which will increase the share of costs borne by the state and local governments.

This position is strongly supported by the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) who have been active in advocating to the Commonwealth Government against cuts to Queensland's disaster recovery funding and the potential impacts of DRFF to councils.

QRA supported the Queensland Government's preliminary submission on the proposed reforms that highlighted the significant impact to communities, councils and the economy from the changes. The response was submitted to the Commonwealth by its deadline of 19 August 2026. LGAQ, many local councils, regional organisations of councils and other key stakeholders also provided feedback to the Commonwealth on the impact of the changes.

Analysis of the proposed changes indicated that, had the revised cost sharing arrangements been in place, Queensland would have received $1.5 billion less Commonwealth funding towards the state's recovery program over the past three years alone. In addition, the future eligibility of Counter Disaster Operations (CDO), which supports emergency relief and response delivered by local governments, emergency and social services, is unclear under the new arrangements. Over the last two years Queensland has claimed more than $195 million in CDO funding under the DRFA, including over $70 million to local councils for key preparedness and disaster response activities, which are crucial to reducing the overall recovery costs.

The proposed Resilient Infrastructure Scheme and loss of efficiencies will also appear to significantly reduce Queensland's investment in resilience. Only 22 of 722 Betterment projects delivered in Queensland since 2013 would be fully funded under the DRFF.

Subsequent to the end of the quarter, on 9 October 2026, the Federal Treasurer announced changes to the reforms advising that the Commonwealth will retain the current cost-sharing arrangements, providing up to 75% of disaster recovery funding when certain criteria are met, states will be able to continue to claim eligible costs under Counter Disaster Operations, event activation thresholds have been adjusted to $1 million and the Commonwealth will continue to work with [the jurisdictions] on the proposed reforms.

It is not clear when further information/consultation on the changes and/or the next updates on the reforms will be received. QRA has and will continue with stakeholder engagement across Queensland Government agencies, local governments, LGAQ, other jurisdictions and other stakeholders to support understanding of potential impacts on reconstruction, recovery and resilience programs.

HAZARD AND RISK MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

QRA leads the state's hazard and risk functions in the areas of Flood Risk Management, Hazards, Risk & Resilience, and Geographical Information System (GIS), as well as initiatives in Community Engagement and Education and Community Awareness Campaign.

QRA's responsibilities include providing a statewide approach to assessing risk from potential hazards, through the design and delivery of a risk assessment framework that is locally appropriate and fit for purpose.

Recent key hazard and risk program highlights include:

Property Level Information Portals and Floodcheck	The $10 million Property Level Flood Information Portals initiative supports eligible local governments impacted by the 2021–22 Queensland flooding events. 33 councils are participating in the QRA led initiative and two other councils have sought funding to enhance their existing flood information platforms. The initiative also includes an upgrade to **FloodCheck Queensland**, managed by the Department of Resources. Council portals are expected to progressively go live between **November and December 2026**, with both the portal initiative and FloodCheck upgrade scheduled for completion by **December 2026**. Once available, the portals will provide communities with accessible property-level flood information to improve understanding of local flood risk and support preparedness and resilience.

South West Queensland flood programs	Following the significant flooding across South-West Queensland in 2025, the Queensland Government allocated $15 million under Round 1 of the QRRRP for the following two projects: • $10 million for the Bulloo Catchment, Lower Thomson River and Cooper Creek Catchment Flood Risk Management Program (FRMP) • $5 million for the South-West Queensland Total Flood Warning Review (TFWR). Councils will lead most works under the **FRMP** that includes: • Airborne LiDAR capture for Level 3 Flood Studies in the Bulloo, Quilpie and Paroo catchments • Level 3 Flood Studies and Floodplain Management Studies and Plans for towns in the lower Thomson, Bulloo and Paroo River catchments • Floor-level surveys and associated flood mitigation initiatives • Review and upgrade of disaster management plans and sub-plans • Disaster dashboard upgrades • Thargomindah Levee concept design • Thargomindah and Quilpie evacuation centre designs. The **TFWR** focuses on improving flood intelligence through: • Updating the Local Knowledge Maps for Cooper Creek and the Bulloo and Paroo catchments (community Big Map/Knowledge Map workshops are scheduled for November and December 2026) • Updating the Flood Warning Infrastructure Masterplan for each council • Identifying priority investment locations for weather and warning infrastructure • Implementing priority weather and warning infrastructure. Works under both program are expected to be completed by 30 June 2028.
Far North Queensland Flood Risk Management Program	The Far North Queensland Flood Risk Management Program was established following the significant flooding associated with Tropical Cyclone Jasper in the 2023-24 disaster season. The program is funded through DRFA Efficiencies allocated to improve the foundational understanding of flood risk through flood studies and flood risk management planning for priority Far North Queensland communities. The following flood risk outcomes and benefits are expected across the affected councils: • improved critical baseline data and information to inform flood studies and risk assessments • increased flood intelligence to be better able to prepare for, and respond to, flooding events • increased capacity and capability within councils and state agencies for effective flood risk management • elevated industry standard for the delivery of flood studies and flood risk management projects • increase availability of fit-for-purpose data, information, and flood studies for accessible flood mapping and local floodplain management plans to guide and enable informed decision-making to manage existing and future flood risks (consistent with the Queensland Flood Risk Management Framework) • flood risk information to support evidence-based local planning schemes and disaster management • evidence-based and prioritised future investment in flood risk management • increased resilience of Queensland communities against future flooding events • enhanced community awareness, understanding and management of their flood risk.

INDUSTRY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Insurance Roundtable (Updated)

In September 2026, the Queensland Government convened the third Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable in Bundaberg, with insurers, councils, and other government representatives. These roundtables have resulted in improved data sharing and a greater spotlight put on the flood mitigation and risk reduction work that the Queensland Government is doing.

Through programs such as the $450 million Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program (QRRRP), the state is investing in disaster mitigation and resilience initiatives to protect Queenslanders, reduce risk and help drive down insurance premiums. Initiatives like the $10,000 Stronger Homes Grant funded from DRFA efficiencies are also helping Queenslanders build greater resilience into their homes.

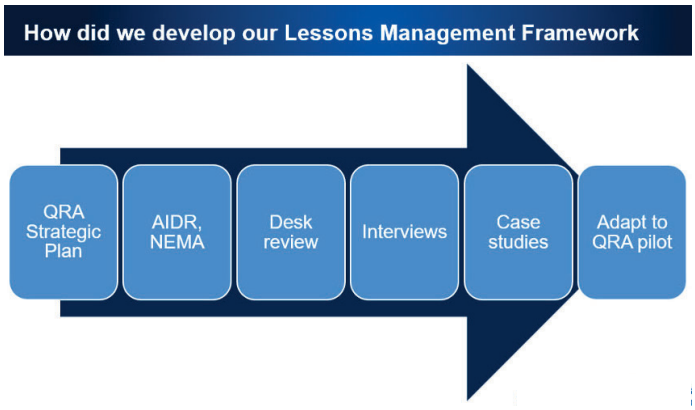


Insurance in Rural and Regional Queensland Roundtable in Bundaberg, 2 September 2026

Queensland Disaster Management Lessons Community of Practice – September workshop (Updated)

QRA participated in the Queensland Disaster Management Lessons Community of Practice workshop on 16 September 2026, presenting on QRA's Lessons Management Journey: From Pilot to Practice and sharing how lessons management is being embedded within QRA's Disaster Recovery Coordination arrangements.

The presentation described QRA's experience developing and testing a more structured lessons management method during the 2025–26 higher risk weather season. The pilot brought together a range of existing review and continuous improvement activities into a more consistent framework, with 331 observations captured across mid-season and end-of-season reviews and distilled into 12 key insights and 24 actions.



QRA also shared key learnings from the pilot, including the value of having a consistent framework to support comparability between seasons and build a stronger evidence base for continuous improvement. The pilot also demonstrated the importance of keeping lessons management practical and sustainable, with QRA now moving towards a more proportionate end-of-season review model supported by targeted in-season capture where required.

The workshop provided an opportunity to share experiences with other Queensland disaster management agencies and discuss how lessons can be captured, translated into practical improvements and incorporated into future preparedness activities. For QRA, lessons identified through these processes will continue to inform updates to its Disaster Recovery Coordination arrangements, guidance and capability-building activities ahead of future disaster seasons.

All staff pre-season prepardness briefing (Updated)

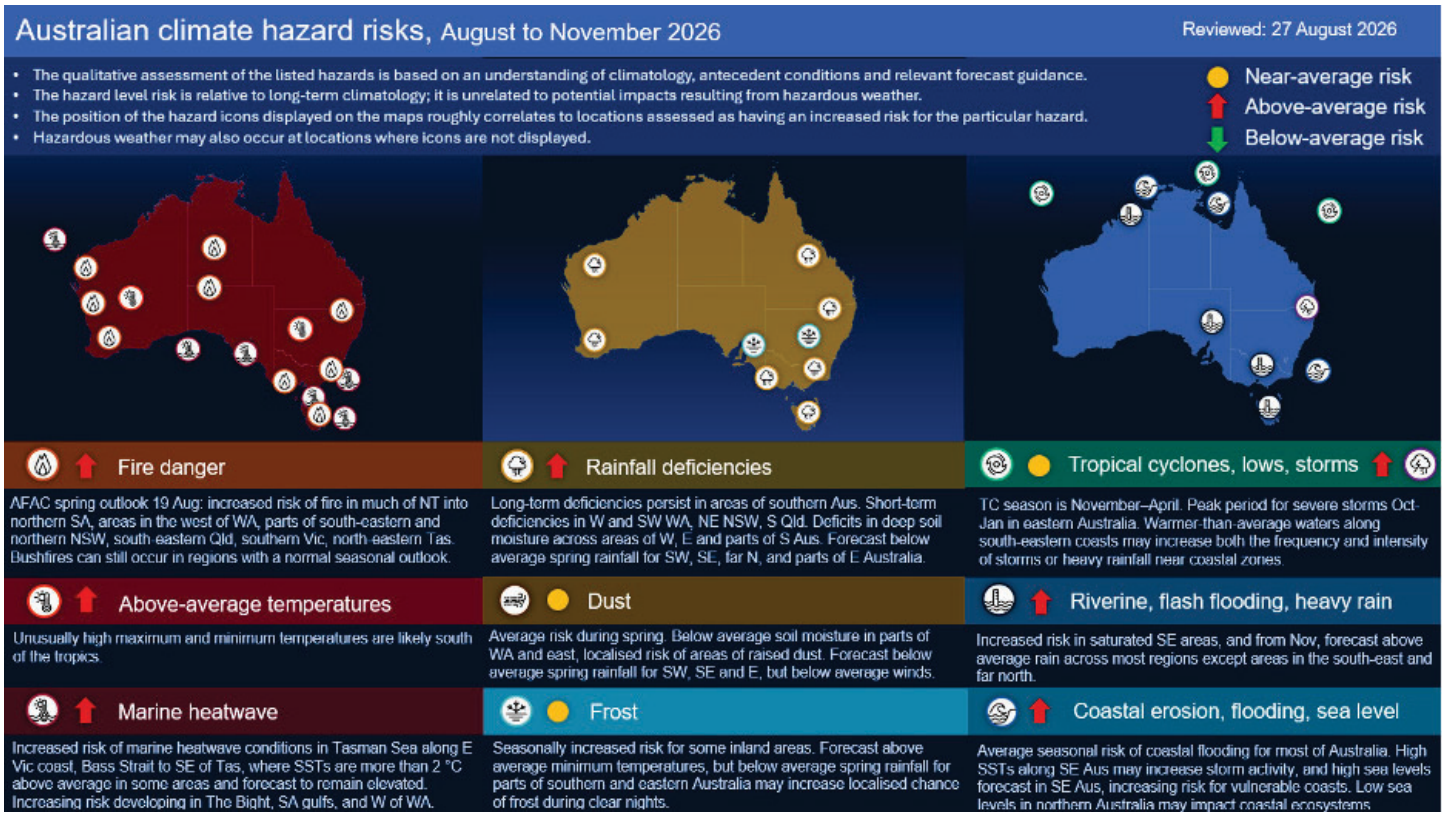
QRA held its annual All Staff Pre-Season Preparedness Briefing on 1 September 2026 to prepare staff for the 2026–27 higher risk weather season and reinforce QRA's role in supporting disaster recovery coordination across Queensland.

The briefing formed part of QRA's broader pre-season preparedness program, which also includes staff training and an annual pre-season desktop exercise.

The briefing provided staff with an overview of the seasonal outlook from the Bureau of Meteorology, including heightened risks associated with bushfire, extreme heat, severe storms and tropical cyclones, and outlined QRA's updated recovery coordination arrangements for the season ahead.

Staff were also briefed on QRA's operating model for recovery operations to be implemented as disasters occur across the upcoming season, including around coordination, liaison and disaster funding functions; and workforce arrangements to support effective operations while managing fatigue during prolonged or complex events.

The session also highlighted the upcoming Get Ready Queensland campaign and the importance of preparedness across QRA, government partners and the broader community ahead of the higher risk weather season.



GET READY QUEENSLAND

Get Ready Queensland (GRQ) is a year-round, community resilience program that helps Queenslanders prepare for disasters. The comprehensive GRQ program includes crisis communications, campaigns, capability-building and community engagement, research, partnerships and funding for locally led initiatives across Queensland's 77 councils and the Weipa Town Authority.

Launch of the new 'Get Queensland Ready' campaign and severe weather checklist

Launching on 6 October 2026, the new 'Get Queensland Ready' state-wide campaign encourages Queenslanders to take small, practical steps to prepare for severe weather. The campaign highlights how we can all play a part in getting our households, neighbours and communities ready.

In recent months the new campaign has been brought to life, from a shoot day with Get Ready Queensland Ambassador Johnathan Thurston, through to production of the video, digital and advertising materials that will amplify the campaign across the state.

The campaign directs Queenslanders to a new, easy-to-complete online severe weather checklist, with practical preparedness actions they can tick off over time to help them feel confident and ready for anything Queensland weather can throw at them.

The launch will occur during Get Ready Queensland Week that runs from 5-11 October 2026. Get Ready Queensland Week is the state's annual disaster season preparedness campaign, with more than 50 events planned statewide. Together, the campaign and Get Ready Queensland Week provide a strong platform to help every Queenslander get prepared for the higher risk weather season.

The Get Ready Queensland annual advertising campaign and Get Ready Week is made possible thanks to sponsorship from Suncorp, Get Ready Queensland's major partner since 2020.

Project launched: Natural Hazard Preparedness Resources for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Communities

On 7 September 2026, a new suite of multilingual disaster preparedness resources was launched through a joint media release from Queensland and Commonwealth Ministers. Led by Get Ready Queensland, with support from multicultural organisations and state preparedness teams across Australia, the project helps culturally and linguistically diverse communities access clear, practical information to prepare for natural disasters. The resources are available at getready.gov.au/languages and through the national MyAus App.

Resources are available in 10 priority languages: Thai, Korean, Cantonese, Arabic, Dari, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Nepali, Spanish and Punjabi. The project expanded from the six languages originally planned to reach more communities across Australia, helping more people feel informed, confident and ready when severe weather strikes.

The project was funded by the Australian Government through the Disaster Risk Reduction Package and led by QRA in consultation with jurisdictions across Australia.



New campaign hero image featuring Get Ready Queensland Ambassador and footy legend Johnathan Thurston

Get Ready Queensland website refreshed and ready

For many Queenslanders, getready.qld.gov.au is one of the first places they turn when severe weather is approaching. With this in mind, the Get Ready Queensland team set out to make the website simpler, clearer and easier for everyone to use.

The refreshed site has a cleaner design, with less clutter and new layouts that work just as well on a mobile phone as on a desktop computer. Accessibility has been a priority throughout, so that more Queenslanders can find and use the information they need, whatever their circumstances.

The navigation has also been restructured around what Queenslanders are looking for and when they need it. The 'Prepare' section outlines the three steps to get ready (know your risk, make a plan and pack a kit), along with simple actions people can take year-round to stay prepared. The 'During severe weather' section includes a dedicated page for each hazard, so Queenslanders know what to do when severe weather strikes. The 'Recover' section connects people with the right support and information after a severe weather event. The 'Get involved' section gives stakeholders and partners a place to connect with Get Ready Queensland and access the resources they rely on.

The refresh occurred over a six month period and completed just ahead of Get Ready Queensland Week.

Resilient Australia Awards 2026 – Recognising projects that strengthen community resilience

The 2026 Queensland Resilient Australia Awards (RAA26) program concluded with a successful awards ceremony held at Queensland Parliament House in September 2026.

The awards recognised outstanding projects and initiatives strengthening disaster resilience across Queensland. Queensland's nine winning entries have now progressed to the National Resilient Australia Awards, with Queensland entrants expected to be advised of national finalist status by late October. The National Resilient Australia Awards ceremony will be held in Melbourne, in late 2026.

Explore the full list of winners and highly commended on our Get Ready Queensland website



Local Government winners Fraser Coast Regional Council & FloodMapp (left) and Gold Coast City Council (right)

Get Ready Queensland partnering with Woolworths to promote disaster preparedness

Get Ready Queensland is pleased to announce a new partnership with Woolworths, making it easier for Queenslanders to pick up essential emergency kit items as part of their regular grocery shop.

Woolworths will activate co-branded Get Ready displays in Queensland stores, using high-visibility retail space to promote disaster preparedness and emergency kit essentials.