Welcome to the August edition of our bushfire recovery newsletter

Here at MidCoast Council we are continuing our focus on supporting our community to recover and rebuild after last year’s fires, and support the community to prepare for the summer ahead. Our Community Recovery Bushfire Reference Group is working towards these outcomes, as is our bushfire recovery taskforce, which is focused on support those who wish to rebuild doing so as smoothly as possible.

Our bushfire recovery taskforce is continuing to work with our community to approve applications for rebuilding as quickly as possible.

The taskforce supports owners when they are ready to clean up and rebuild property, and can be contacted by calling 7955 7777.

We are also continuing our audit of community hall facilities as part of our hall network upgrade program to ensure these facilities are well equipped to provide our communities with a safe and useful resource if and when another emergency occurs.

We are currently in the process of recruiting for more staff to work in the bushfire recovery space to work with the community to identify needs, develop local recovery programs, and assist in accessing information and resources.

In the meantime, for any of your recovery needs, please contact Michelle Jobson on 7955 7543.

Research project to improve safety

A new research project is seeking to learn from the experiences of those affected by bushfires across New South Wales in 2019/20 to assist the New South Wales Rural Fire Service continue to improve its warnings, education and community preparedness and responses to bushfire.

Conducted by the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC and the University of Wollongong for the NSW Rural Fire Service, researchers want to hear directly from residents about their fire preparedness and experiences. Register your interest in participating at https://www.bnhcrc.com.au/research/resilience-hazards/7090.

Lead researcher Dr Josh Whittaker said the views of anyone who was affected by the fires are important, including residents and tourists from all parts of NSW.

“Your experience is unique and can help make a difference during future bushfires. We’d like to better understand bushfire risk and awareness, actions you may have taken to plan and prepare, and how you responded to warnings and the bushfires, whether you were directly or indirectly affected,” Dr Whittaker said.

Due to COVID-19 interviews will be conducted either via phone, or videoconferencing (eg Zoom, Skype), and take between 45 minutes and an hour to complete. Researchers are available after hours and on weekends. If you would like to arrange an interview, or have any questions about the research, you can register your interest in an interview via the form available at https://www.bnhcrc.com.au/research/resilience-hazards/7090.

The research is being undertaken in communities right across NSW - Batemans Bay, Malua Bay and Mogo; Bega Valley; Eurobodalla; Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains; Mid North Coast; Northern Tablelands; Shoalhaven; Snowy Monaro; Snowy Valleys; and the Southern Highlands and Wollondilly. The experiences of tourists in any of these areas during the bushfires is also important. The results of the research will be used to inform strategies to improve community bushfire safety in NSW.
Rate relief extended for properties where houses were destroyed

The NSW Government has announced it will fund a full year of council rate relief for owners of homes, farms and businesses lost in the bushfire crisis.

Deputy Premier and the Minister responsible for disaster recovery John Barilaro said the government is extending council rate relief for eligible property owners affected by the bushfires to help them recover and rebuild their lives and businesses.

“In February 2020 the NSW Government announced it was funding six months of council rate relief for owners of homes, farms and businesses whose properties suffered damage beyond repair in the bushfires,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Now the government is announcing that we will fund a further six months of rate relief for eligible property owners to ensure they can direct more of their finances towards rebuilding their lives and businesses.”

Minister for local government Shelley Hancock said the government has already provided more than $2.4 million in council rate relief to ease the financial burden on bushfire victims.

“The NSW Government is committed to helping our local communities recover and rebuild from the devastating bushfires,” Mrs Hancock said.

“That’s why Service NSW has already paid out more than $2.4 million in council rate relief for property owners in 34 local government areas whose homes, farms and businesses were lost in the bushfires.

“Importantly this funding is paid directly to the local council, meaning ratepayers don’t have to pay anything, and it does not cost local councils anything to support these property owners.”

Council rate relief already paid out covers rates notices for quarter 3 (January – March) and quarter 4 (April – June) for 2019-2020. The six-month extension will cover rates notices for quarter 1 (July – September) and quarter 2 (October – December) of 2020-2021.

The relief package covers the land rates component and fixed service charges, such as waste, sewerage and water, where the amount is included on the council rates notice. Water charges are paid where it is a council-owned water utility. Any eligible ratepayer who has already paid their rates will receive an automatic credit against their account or can speak with their council regarding a refund.

MidCoast Council has distributed the 2020/2021 Rates notices to all landowners, however residents who lost their primary residence during the 2019 Bushfires and are eligible for the rates relief would have noticed that it hasn’t been deducted from their notice. Council, in consultation with Service NSW are finalising the eligibility list, once completed and funding received from Service NSW the relevant accounts will be credited.

Help a Small Biz

Bushfire-affected small businesses have not been forgotten and can still receive assistance from free initiative Help a Small Biz to help them get back up trading again.

Help a Small Biz connects the needs of small businesses that were directly or indirectly impacted by the bushfires with professionals who want to donate their time and skills to help them.

Professionals are offering their services in marketing strategy, social media, graphic design, website development, grant writing and business coaching amongst other things. This is at no cost to the small business.

Sign up to get help at www.helpasmallbiz.com and you will be matched with someone to help your business get trading again.

Any questions can be directed to Mel at helpasmallbiz@corporate2community.com
Connecting to the electricity network
Bushfire-affected areas
Due to the unprecedented damage to the electricity network caused by both the North Coast and South East NSW bushfires during 2019/2020, for the next two years, Essential Energy is waiving the normal connection fee and offering customers, whose property was affected by fire, a rebate towards the cost of restoring service mains.

If power supply connection to your home or business premises has been damaged or destroyed by bushfire, you should contact an appropriately qualified electrical contractor – an Accredited Service Provider (ASP) – to help you through the reconnection process. A list of ASPs is available on the Energy NSW website (energysaver.nsw.gov.au).

Step-by-step connection process
- The customer engages the services of an appropriately qualified Level 2 ASP.
- The customer or ASP submits an Application for Low Voltage Connection, stating that the application is for a ‘Rural New Connection’ (even if the connection is for an urban area), noting in the comments that this is for a bushfire-affected customer.
- Essential Energy will assess the application and connection prior to the bushfire event and determine an appropriate costing on a ‘like for like’ replacement basis – the offer and a reimbursement form will be sent to the customer.
- The customer will sign the offer and send back to Essential Energy.
- The ASP will carry out the work to replace the connection to Essential Energy’s network.
- The customer will pay the ASPs invoice for the works.
- The customer then has the ability to submit the paid invoice and reimbursement form to Essential Energy for reimbursement.

If you or your ASP need technical information about connecting to the electricity network, contact Essential Energy on 13 23 91.


Vinnies NSW Community Bushfire Grants Program
Since the beginning of the 2019 fire season, the St Vincent de Paul Society has been on the ground supporting people in affected communities across Australia. Through the Vinnies Bushfire Appeal we raised $22.9 million and over $16.7 million has since been distributed directly to affected individuals and families.

They are pleased to let you know that all remaining appeal donations held by Vinnies NSW have now been allocated to two new programs, fulfilling our promise to use every last dollar to support bushfire-affected communities.

The Vinnies NSW Community Bushfire Grants Program includes 115 grants of up to $20,000 for registered community organisations, to assist them to administer their own local recovery projects. These could take many forms, from infrastructure repairs to counselling, healing and education programs and more. Applications will be accepted in two stages, the first of which closes on 23 August 2020.

The Vinnies NSW Bushfire Community Development Program will place experienced Vinnies community development workers in areas most affected by the bushfires, and where communities are vulnerable to ongoing disadvantage. The program will consult widely with residents, councils, local businesses and organisations, working closely with the community to develop and lead a tailored plan for local recovery. This program is currently being piloted in Kempsey for approximately 8-12 weeks. It will then be evaluated before being rolled out across a number of other communities in NSW.

More information, including an application form, is available at www.vinnies.org.au/bushfiregrants

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Mike Riley, our Bushfire Response Coordinator, who can be reached on 0488 717 175.
Community Activism: Supporting your community during disaster recovery

Are you a neighbourhood centre, community service or grass roots organisation working hard to support your community as they recover from the Black Summer bushfires? Australian Red Cross Disaster Recovery Advisors and Mentors Australia (DRAMA) invites you to join them as they host Kris Newton, Manager of Mountains Community Resource Network and Anne Crestani, Manager of Step by Step Recovery Support Service as they talk community activism in the post-disaster community recovery space.

This webinar will provide community organisations with an insight on how to identify community issues, organise your network and advocate and influence with your community for their needs.

Date: Thursday 13 August 2020
Time: 3pm - 5pm AEST
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZUZhG1ZVTaGw5_tnR2RO1g

Supporting children & young people to cope

Are you a parent or carer? Whether because of drought, the Black Summer fires or COVID-19, supporting children and young people has been particularly challenging in recent times. This session will provide information, advice and tips on ways to support children and young people. Ask questions, understand common reactions and signs of stress, and get practical tips of parenting through uncertainty.

Australian Red Cross invites parents and carers join them as they host Natalie Fraser, psychologist with over 25 years’ experience, as they talk about supporting children and young people through these tough times. They’re running the session twice, to try and reach as many parents and carers possible. The webinars are free but limited to 500 attendees so please register by clicking on your preferred webinar time:

Wednesday 26 August - 6.30pm - 7.30pm
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IWxc-NeVTamsRW8Gf_VDaw

Thursday 27 August - 12.30pm - 1.30pm
https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k18mfmP8RT-kblOuCu3y4g

Farmgate Support Program

The farmgate support program provides free mental health and emotional support to farmers, farming families, local businesses and service providers affected by the drought, bushfires & COVID-19.

It is designed to meet the needs of individuals, couples and families; whether they require short term conversations and information or ongoing formal counselling options.

The program can also assist community members to access other mental health services they may require.

Service Delivery
- The Farmgate Support Program is a free mobile service throughout the Hunter New England Local Health District
- Farmgate counsellors and Peer Workers are able to visit and provide service on farms, in homes and businesses
- Visits can also be arranged at any other place where confidentiality can be guaranteed

How to access the Farmgate Support Program
- You can call or email
- Referral by families, friends and service providers. To make a referral on behalf of someone else, you need their consent before contacting the Farmgate Support team.

Phone: 0477 322 851
Email: FarmgateSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

Red Cross Recovery webinars

If you have any problems registering for the following webinars, please contact recovery@redcross.org.au

If you have any problems registering for the following webinars, please contact recovery@redcross.org.au
Be You Bushfire Response Program

The Be You Bushfire Response Program provides tailored mental health support to schools and early learning services affected by bushfires across Australia. Informed by placed-based and community-led principles, the Program empowers bushfire-affected communities to lead their own recovery.

What the Program offers

The Bushfire Response Program offers schools and early learning services a package of support comprising four primary elements:

- Contact Liaison Officers
- Trauma training
- Recovery planning
- Support service mapping

To find out more or to register go to https://beyou.edu.au/bushfire-response-program

Resources

Wellbeing fact sheets
https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets

Wellbeing tools

A great article on educator resilience can be found at https://beyou.edu.au/resources/news/seven-ways-to-build-professional-resilience

The Mental Health Continuum is downloadable and a great resource to have on hand when observing children’s wellbeing and mental health https://beyou.edu.au/fact-sheets/mental-health-issues-and-conditions/mental-health-continuum

Any enquiries please contact Liz Parker, Be You Bushfire Response Contact Liaison Officer from Early Childhood Australia on 0499 500 437.

Local organisations assisting in the recovery effort

Lincoln Brickworks

Lincoln Brickworks understand the desire to build a home that allows you and your family to feel safe and comfortable. A space to call your own that provides a solid foundation to move beyond the events of last summer.

They are one of a handful of bespoke brick makers left in Australia. They custom make specialty bricks and pavers. Whether you have an old brick that you want to match, a photograph or a memory to recreate, go and talk to them, Michael is a master brick matcher. Lincoln Bricks are able to match colour, size, face and texture, to help you solidify your vision.

If you need a few pavers or you are dreaming of a statement fireplace, they have the experience and knowledge to help you find the right brick for the job. Feel free to visit their brick yard, talk to an expert and view some of their sample walls.

Lincoln Brickworks would like to extend a helping hand by offering a 10% discount to all registered Bushfire affected residents within the Manning Valley for the 2020/21 financial year.

Michael & Adele Baker
www.lincolnbricks.com.au

Port Macquarie Landcare Nursery: Plants for regenerating after fire

The nursery is open every Monday morning, 9am - 12pm and is run by volunteers, stocking local trees, shrubs and grasses from the local area. All plants are grown from locally sourced seed.

Located on Blackbutt Road, Port Macquarie, inside the National Parks and Wildlife Services compound.

Contact: Estelle Gough
ph: 6583 6508 or 0432 141 605
email: nursery@landcareportmac.com.au
Fresh Food Fridays
Thanks to Second bite and foodbank we have fresh food hampers available on Fridays to pickup and delivery in some areas. We also have community and government departments available from 1.30pm each Friday for you to have a chat with to get up to date information.

Buddy Program and Weekly Catch ups
We match volunteers with people who have been impacted by bushfires, drought and Covid-19 offering regular contact and check in. We also ring our isolated and impacted clients weekly for a chat and access their needs.

Counselling
We have fully qualified free counsellors available for appointments. Not available weekends or public holidays.

Supplies
We may be able to help with, groceries, toiletries, cleaning products, bedding, pet food, building materials, furniture and some fodder. This is all subject to donations available.

GIVIT
Being a local registered GIVIT coordinator, we are able to access supplies that are available through this government backed program.

Referral
Shazz is available for a chat and if she is unable to help you, she will refer you to the right person or organisation that can.

Bush Library
We are now offering a small library for all.

Future projects
Sharing the workload, security, capturing water, sustainable living, community days, education, healthy cooking and resilience.

Operating hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Fridays - 8am until 5pm
Thursday - 8am until 7pm
Closed public holidays

Contact
Shazz: 0400 372 767 or Gina 0409 810 876
email: tinoneeoutreachinc@gmail.com
https://www.facebook.com/TinoneeOutreach/

Samaritans - financial assistance for people impacted by bushfire and COVID-19
Samaritans is here to support the people across the MidCoast area.
They understand that it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the recent challenges and identifying what needs to be done to help rebuild communities.
Assistance available may include:

- Food vouchers
- Essentials vouchers
- Utility grants (power/gas, telephone/internet)
- Special household/personal grants (clothing, bedding, kitchen utensils, furniture)
- Personal needs (medical & pharmaceutical)
- Vehicle grants (registration, insurance and petrol)
- School assistance (books, uniforms, excursions)
- Financial counselling
- Homeowners effected by bushfire needing support to return to the land (people whose primary place of residence has been destroyed or rendered permanently uninhabitable and people whose place of residence that has not been destroyed but needs structural repairs to make it safe to return home.

Phone: 1300 656 336

Global Care
Located at 147 Cowper St, Taree, the team would love to meet you. For more information please contact Jenny - jenny@harbourchurch.com.au.

Manning Valley Neighbourhood Services
Please call 6553 5121 for information or an appointment.
Australian Red Cross Bushfire Recovery Support

Australian Red Cross Emergency Services provides support to communities before, during and after emergencies. After last year’s fires our trained Emergency Services Volunteers supported people at evacuation and recovery centres and through outreach.

Red Cross is still here for you. They provide:

- Community recovery sessions like Recovery Basics & Self Care which looks at why recovery after the fires is so tough and tips on how you can look after yourself and others.
- Emergency preparedness sessions using the Red Cross RediPlan and the Pillowcase Program, for primary school children. Take a look at the Red Cross website www.redcross.org.au/prepare
- Emergency Grants – Was your primary residence destroyed or damaged by the fires? Were you injured or bereaved? Find out more about our grants at www.redcross.org.au/grants or by calling 1800 733 276.
- Do you have ideas for community events and projects that will help your community recover? Talk to them about how Red Cross can support you.

Eleanor Harris, Australian Red Cross Recovery Worker, Mid North Coast, 0426 916 984, eharris@redcross.org.au.

Mid Coast (NSW) Community Quilters

Anne and Jenny have donated many beautiful quilts that they would like to go to bushfire-impacted residents. If you or someone you know would like a quilt please contact Jenny Fletcher on 6554 1201.

Grant Updates

Red Cross Re-establishment Grant

$40,000 per household for home owner occupiers $10,000 per household for people who were renting a home or whose primary place of residence was a caravan or mobile home (formerly known as the Rebuild Grant). Visit: www.redcross.org.au/grants. The Re-establishment and all other Red Cross grants are open until 31 August 2020.

Thank you for supporting residents to access these grants. As of 4 August, of the $227 million raised, $155m has been spent or disbursed. This includes $141m paid in grants to 4,758 people. Visit www.redcross.org.au/bushfirereport. Please get in touch if you know of anyone who needs support to access grants or who would like to share their story of how the grant funds have helped them.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army Disasters Assistance team is available to help those affected in any state or territory across Australia.

Agencies available for support:

The best starting point for accessing support services:

**Service NSW**

**Bushfire Customer Care Service**
Call 13 77 88

Service NSW bushfire customer care has specialists to help guide you through applying for cleanup and support, including grants and replacing essential documents. Book an appointment with Bushfire Customer Specialist - call 13 77 88.

**Supporting NSW Through COVID-19**
Call 13 77 88

Visit the Service NSW website for information and advice on assistance available for NSW residents and businesses including support for individuals and businesses, assistance packages and advice on how to stay healthy.

**Cost of Living Service**
Call 13 77 88

The NSW Government is helping with your cost of living with more than 70 rebates and savings. Answering 6 easy questions will give you a personalised list of rebates that include energy and utilities, tolls, travel and active kids vouchers.

**MidCoast Council – Bushfire Recovery Officers**

Need information on how to go about rebuilding, stopping rubbish collections and capping damaged septic systems? OR have a bushfire recovery question and not sure who to ask? Council’s Bushfire Recovery Officers are available to support residents through the recovery process, whether it be replacing destroyed garbage bins, capping damaged septic systems or information on how to start the rebuild process.

Email: recovery@midcoast.nsw.gov.au
Ph: 7955 7543

In need of mental health support...

**Manning Mental Health Services - bushfire recovery**

Not feeling like yourself after the bushfires? It can help to talk ... It’s OK to not be OK.

It’s normal to have strong emotional and/or physical reactions after a significant event. You may be feeling this way if you were impacted in any way by the 2019-20 bushfires. Everyone may react to these feelings in a different way. If you’re not feeling like yourself after the bushfires (and now COVID-19), it can help to talk. Lots of people in similar circumstances are finding it helpful. You might too.

**Bushfire Recovery Mental Health Clinicians**

are available in our local area to assist people within bushfire affected communities to have access to emotional support and the right level of mental health care for their individual needs.

This is a confidential and free service.

Jinu Abraham - ph: 0407 609 690 or email Jinu.Abraham2@health.nsw.gov.au

Tony Colechin - ph: 0407 801 331 or email Anthony.Colechin@health.nsw.gov.au

**Rural Adversity Mental Health Program**


Local contacts:
Kylie Atkinson: 0437 268 325
Orry Berry: 0409 834 501
Feeling isolated and lonely...

Hunter New England Health – Drought Support Peer Worker
Situated at Gloucester Community Health assisting people adversely affected by drought, fires and the current pandemic.
Providing support to people in the community who may be currently experiencing isolation, loneliness and any issues in relation to their general mental wellbeing.
Leanne Tilse 0419 747 276
HNELHD-DroughtSupport@health.nsw.gov.au

Local Land Services
Can help with 'boots on the ground' services during fire recovery. Staff can assist fire impacted property owners with livestock and pasture advice, animal health issues, pest animal problems, applying for roadside grazing permits and available Travelling Stock Routes.
LLS Contact details: 1300 795 299
Email: admin.hunter@lls.nsw.gov.au

Department of Primary Industries - Recovery Support
Need help after the fires? Working with primary producers, small landholders and communities across Rural NSW to support your recovery after disasters or adverse events. Peter and Julie can provide practical and personal support to help you manage your recovery, link you with services, assist you in decision making and future planning.
Mid Coast Area Recovery Officers:
Julie King 0417 483 339
Peter Brown 0437 671 459

Help with farm finances...
Rural Financial Counselling Service
The Rural Financial Counselling Service NSW Northern Region (RFCSNSW- NR) supports eligible farmers, fishers, forest growers, harvesters and small related rural businesses who are suffering financial hardship, and who have no alternative sources of impartial support, to manage and adjust to the challenge of industry and climate variability.
Taree Office: Michael Ramstadius
Phone: (02) 6551 5879

Help with general money worries...
Mid North Coast Financial Counselling Service
Free non-judgemental advice to individuals, couples, families, sole traders, company directors.
Phone: 1300 662 540

Financial assistance for replacing boundary fencing joining public land
Private landholders who share a boundary with public land and were impacted by the Northern fires of late 2019 and early 2020 are eligible to receive up to $5,000 per kilometre to contribute to the replacement of damaged boundary fences. For more information phone 1300 778 080.
Are you dealing with a dispute...

Community Justice Centres (CJC)

Disputes can arise in many areas of life - whether it’s a misunderstanding with a neighbour over a fence, a disagreement between you and a family member, conflict in your workplace, or a dispute over debt. CJC is:

- Free
- Informal
- Confidential
- Voluntary
- Professional
- No waiting lists
- Convenient
- Quick and timely
- Accessible

People reach agreement in about 80% of mediations.

Ph: 1800 990 777
Email: cjc@justice.nsw.gov.au

General contacts

MidCoast Council 7955 7777
Red Cross: 1800 733 276
Rural Assistance Authority 1800 678 593
The Salvation Army Disaster Assistance 1300 662 217

Children and Young People

Kids HelpLine 1800 55 1800
Headspace National (03) 9027 0100

Health and Wellbeing

Lifeline Bushfire Recovery Line 13 43 57
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636
Mensline 1300 789 978
NSW Mental Health 1800 011 511

Animal and Agricultural Services

Agriculture and Animal Services Hotline 1800 814 647

We’d love to hear about your thoughts on Recovery. Please let us know about anything you have been doing (good and bad) that you would like us to include in the next newsletter.

Email: recovery@midcoast.nsw.gov.au

If you have received this via post and would prefer to receive it via email please let us know.
How are you going?

WELL

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>How are you feeling?</th>
<th>Self-aware &amp; calm</th>
<th>Irritable or impatient</th>
<th>Angry or frustrated</th>
<th>Aggressive, out of control</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>What’s your stress level?</td>
<td>Coping well</td>
<td>Worried or nervous</td>
<td>Very nervous, panicky</td>
<td>Really anxious, panic attacks</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What’s your outlook?</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>Overwhelmed</td>
<td>Feeling hopeless</td>
<td>Depressed or suicidal thoughts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How are you working?</td>
<td>Motivated &amp; kicking goals</td>
<td>Putting things off, forgetting stuff</td>
<td>Unmotivated, not working well</td>
<td>Can’t get anything done</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How are you sleeping?</td>
<td>Sleeping normally</td>
<td>Trouble sleeping</td>
<td>Restless, disturbed sleep</td>
<td>Sleeping too much or too little</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What’s your energy level?</td>
<td>Energetic</td>
<td>Low energy levels</td>
<td>Tired</td>
<td>No energy &amp; feeling unwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What’s your activity level?</td>
<td>Keeping active</td>
<td>Not doing as much as usual</td>
<td>Not enjoying activities</td>
<td>Avoiding activities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How social are you?</td>
<td>Feeling connected</td>
<td>Withdrawal from social activity</td>
<td>Annoyed with everyone</td>
<td>Avoiding people, isolated</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

What can you do?

Keep it up!

Ask for support, try not to judge yourself

Talk to friends and family

Do something you enjoy

See your GP

Don’t put it off, act now

Contact Community Health or your EAP

You must get help

Help is available
Get Ready for Disasters

Five simple steps to prepare for disasters

1. Know your risk
   Think about the area you live in and the types of disasters that could affect you.

2. Plan now for what you will do
   Sit down and talk with your family and plan for what you will do if a disaster affects your area.

3. Get your home ready
   Prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance.

4. Be aware
   Find out how to prepare and what to do if there is a disaster in your area. Connect with NSW emergency services to stay informed.

5. Look out for each other
   Share information with your family, friends, neighbours and those who may need assistance.

emergency.nsw.gov.au/getready