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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

# Queensland Disaster Management Conference

**27-29 May 2025**  
Brisbane Convention  
and Exhibition Centre

**Ready Together:**  
Navigating Local Leadership for  
Future Disaster Preparedness



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## Tuesday 27 May

TIME	OPTIONAL SITE TOUR: Chair and LDCs tour of Kedron
8:30am	Attendees to make their own way to State Disaster Coordination Centre, Kedron. A bus will be provided to transport all attendees back to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC).
9:00am	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b> Auditorium
9:10am	<b>Tour of Kedron</b> Local Disaster Management Group Chairs, new to the role or yet to visit the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC), are invited to a site tour hosted by the Queensland Police Service Emergency Management Coordination Command (EMCC). The site tour will provide an overview of the capabilities and functions within the SDCC and an opportunity to meet the EMCC team. <i>Please ensure you register for this tour, as there are limited spaces.</i>
10:10am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Wrap-up
11:15am	Bus departs for BCEC

TIME	SESSIONS
12:00pm	<b>Registration and Lunch</b>
12:45pm	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b>
12:48pm	<b>Acknowledgment of Country</b>
12:50 pm	<b>Official Opening</b> Hon Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government & Water & Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery & Volunteers
1:00pm	<b>LGAQ CEO Welcome</b> Alison Smith, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ
1:35pm	<b>Ready Together: Queensland's Disaster Reforms Report Card</b> <b>QDMC Insights and Expectations</b> Shane Chelepy, Deputy Commissioner, QPS & State Disaster Coordinator
2:00pm	<b>Ready Together: Queensland's Disaster Reforms   Panel</b> Shane Chelepy, Deputy Commissioner, QPS & State Disaster Coordinator Alistair Dawson, Inspector-General of Emergency Management Jake Ellwood DSC, AM, CSC, CEO, Queensland Reconstruction Authority
2:45pm	Afternoon Tea
3:15pm	<b>Rapid Recovery: Prequalified Local Suppliers Clean Up Quicker</b> Emma Peters, Head of Engagement, Local Buy
3:25pm	<b>Partner Address: Telstra</b>
3:30pm	<b>State Government Update</b>
3:40pm	<b>Protect. Connect. Empower</b> Andrew Colvin AO APM, CEO, Red Cross
4:10pm	<b>Networking Event Partner Address: King &amp; Company Solicitors</b>
4:15-5:30pm	Recovery Refreshments in the Trade Exhibition

## Wednesday 28 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	<b>Registration</b> Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	<b>Welcome to Day 2</b>
9:05am	<b>Ready Together: Strategies for Leadership During Disasters</b> Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General, NEMA
9:35am	<b>Lessons From the Eye of the Storm   Leadership and Recovery in Disaster Response</b> Mark Armstrong, Chief Officer, SES Mayor Tom Tate, City of Gold Coast Justin O'Connor, Ex-TC Alfred State Recovery Coordinator, QRA Stuart Mackenzie OAM, Western Queensland State Recovery Coordinator, QRA
10:25am	<b>Partner Address:</b> Brighter Super
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	<b>Council Disaster Case Studies</b> <b>Case Study 1: Gladstone Regional Council Tsunami Risk Research</b> Emma Catlin, Disaster Response Specialist, Gladstone Regional Council Dr Jane Sexton, Director, State Intelligence, Predictions & Planning, Queensland Fire Department <b>Case Study 2: Importance of Business Continuity Planning</b> Margaretta Burton, Community & Corporate Resilience Program Leader, Community & Corporate Resilience, Logan City Council Sherry Paterson, Business Continuity Coordinator (Acting)   Community & Corporate Resilience Program, Logan City Council
12:00pm	Lunch
1:15pm	<b>AI and Emerging Technology – Are we Disaster Ready?</b> Tracy Whitelaw, Chief Digital Officer, LGAQ
1:45pm	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b> <b>Session A: Planning and Plans, Office of the IGEM</b> Damian O'Sullivan – Manager, Disaster Management Adelaide Schuler – Principal Program Officer, Disaster Management <b>Session B: A Shared Responsibility: Council Preparedness for Biosecurity Threats</b> Joshua Dyke, Lead, Natural Resources and Environment, LGAQ Michael Reid, General Manager – Plant Biosecurity & Product Integrity, Chief Plant Health Officer, Department of Agriculture & Fisheries Cr Tony Raynor, Mayor, Longreach Regional Council Donna Brown, Disaster Management Officer, South Burnett Regional Council
2:20pm	<b>Concurrent Workshops</b> <b>Session C: Ready Together: Beyond the Blaze – Rebuilding After Bushfire</b> Steve Smith AFSM, Commissioner, Queensland Fire Department <b>Session D: Get Ready Queensland Planning, QRA</b> Gillian Moody, Manager, Get Ready Queensland, QRA
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:45pm	<b>Ready Together: Enhancing Hazard and Risk for Local Communities</b> Jimmy Scott, General Manager, Integration & Coordination, QRA
4:05pm	<b>Sponsor Address:</b> AirBridge
4:10pm	<b>Hot Topic: Getting Game Ready for Major Events</b> <b>On the couch with QPS, QFD and QAS</b> Assistant Commissioner Matt Bulow, State Operations Directorate, QFD Mr Graham Coleman (Executive Director Olympic & Paralympic Games Group), QPS
4:45pm	<b>Wrap of Day 2</b>
5:00–7:00pm	<b>Networking Mixer in the Trade Exhibition</b> Leave the suit at home for this relaxed networking and connection event <b>Sponsored by Vocus and AirBridge</b>

## Thursday 29 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	<b>Registration</b> Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	<b>Welcome to Day 3</b>
9:05am	<b>State Government Update</b> Hon Dan Purdie MP, Minister for Police & Emergency Services
9:20am	<b>Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster</b> <b>1. Insights From Recent Reviews</b> Alistair Dawson, Inspector-General of Emergency Management <b>2. Communicating With Kids</b> Andrea Baldwin, Senior Development Leader, Queensland Health <b>3. Getting the Most Out of Get Ready</b> Kasey Donald, Director-Strategy & Engagement, QRA <b>4. Lessons Learned on Language</b> Ash Innes, Media & Communications Advisor (Corporate Affairs), Sunwater
10:00am	<b>Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster   Panel</b> Alistair Dawson, Inspector-General of Emergency Management Andrea Baldwin, Senior Development Leader, Queensland Health Kasey Donald, Director-Strategy & Engagement, QRA Ash Innes, Media & Communications Advisor (Corporate Affairs), Sunwater
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	<b>Local Lifelines: Bolstering Community Resilience Through Food Supply Chains and Energy Security</b> Jae Lancaster, Executive Director, Infrastructure Planning & Advisory, Department of State Development, Infrastructure & Planning Anthony Hamill, Manager Government & Investor Strategy, Energy Queensland
11:50am	<b>From War Zones to the Top of the World: Leadership Under Fire</b> Mark Squirrell OAM Squiz is a man that has done all! From car bombings to meeting Yasser Arafat and climbing Mount Everest, Squiz has experienced more than many of us can dream about. Awarded the coveted Green Beret in his role as a commando with the Australian Special Forces he burned with a passion to put his skills to good use.
12:30pm	<b>Conference Close</b>

Please note this the program is subject to change.





## Registration (GST Inclusive)

- **Corporate Registration** \$1200.00
- **Full Registration** \$1000.00
- **Dinner Registration** \$95.00

[Register here](#)



## Accommodation

### ➤ **Rydges Southbank**

**Please see the 10% off Direct Local Delegate** [link](#)

**Please note:** State of Origin falls on the Wednesday night of our event and that availability of discounted accommodation may be impacted.

If you have any questions when booking accommodation, please contact the Reservations Team on **07 3364 0800**.



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