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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	Welcome and Housekeeping Auditorium
9:10am	Tour of Kedron 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	Registration and Lunch
12:45pm	Welcome and Housekeeping
12:48pm	Acknowledgment of Country
12:50 pm	Official Opening Hon Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government & Water & Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery & Volunteers
1:00pm	LGAQ CEO Welcome Alison Smith, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ
1:35pm	Ready Together: Local Government Disaster Management Round Table QDMC Insights and Expectations Shane Chelepy, Deputy Commissioner, QPS & State Disaster Coordinator
2:00pm	Ready Together: Queensland's Disaster Reforms Panel 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	Rapid Recovery: Prequalified Local Suppliers Clean Up Quicker Emma Peters, Head of Engagement, Local Buy Mike Waterland, General Manger, Local Buy
3:25pm	Partner Address: Telstra
3:30pm	State Government Update Hon Amanda Camm MP, Minister for Families, Seniors & Disability Services & Minister for Child Safety & Prevention of Domestic & Family Violence
3:40pm	Protect. Connect. Empower Andrew Colvin AO APM, CEO, Red Cross
4:10pm	Networking Event Partner Address: King & Company Solicitors
4:15-5:30pm	Recovery Refreshments in the Trade Exhibition

Wednesday 28 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	Registration Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	Welcome to Day 2
9:05am	Ready Together: Strategies for Leadership During Disasters Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General, NEMA
9:35am	Lessons From the Eye of the Storm Leadership and Recovery in Disaster Response 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	Partner Address: Brighter Super
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Council Disaster Case Studies Case Study 1: Gladstone Regional Council Tsunami Risk Research Emma Catlin, Disaster Response Specialist, Gladstone Regional Council Dr Jane Sexton, Director, State Intelligence, Predictions & Planning, Queensland Fire Department Case Study 2: Importance of Business Continuity Planning 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	AI and Emerging Technology – Are we Disaster Ready? Tracy Whitelaw, Chief Digital Officer, LGAQ
1:45pm	Concurrent Workshops Session A: Planning and Plans, Office of the IGEM Damian O'Sullivan – Manager, Disaster Management Adelaide Schuler – Principal Program Officer, Disaster Management Session B: A Shared Responsibility: Council Preparedness for Biosecurity Threats Joshua Dyke, Lead, Natural Resources & 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	Concurrent Workshops Session C: Ready Together: Beyond the Blaze – Rebuilding After Bushfire Steve Smith AFSM, Commissioner, Queensland Fire Department Session D: Get Ready Queensland Planning, QRA Gillian Moody, Manager, Get Ready Queensland, QRA
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:45pm	Ready Together: Enhancing Hazard and Risk for Local Communities Jimmy Scott, General Manager, Integration & Coordination, QRA
4:05pm	Sponsor Address: AirBridge
4:10pm	Hot Topic: Getting Game Ready for Major Events On the couch with QPS, QFD and QAS Assistant Commissioner Matt Bulow, State Operations Directorate, QFD Mr Graham Coleman (Executive Director Olympic & Paralympic Games Group), QPS
4:45pm	Wrap of Day 2
5:00–7:00pm	Networking Mixer in the Trade Exhibition Leave the suit at home for this relaxed networking and connection event Sponsored by Vocus and AirBridge

Thursday 29 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	Registration Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	Welcome to Day 3
9:05am	State Government Update Hon Dan Purdie MP, Minister for Police & Emergency Services
9:20am	Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster 1. Insights From Recent Reviews Alistair Dawson, Inspector-General of Emergency Management 2. Communicating With Kids Andrea Baldwin, Senior Development Leader, Queensland Health 3. Getting the Most Out of Get Ready Kasey Donald, Director-Strategy & Engagement, QRA 4. Lessons Learned on Language Ash Innes, Media & Communications Advisor (Corporate Affairs), Sunwater
10:00am	Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster Panel 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	Local Lifelines: Bolstering Community Resilience Through Food Supply Chains and Energy Security Jae Lancaster, Executive Director, Infrastructure Planning & Advisory, Department of State Development, Infrastructure & Planning Anthony Hamill, Manager Government & Investor Strategy, Energy Queensland
11:50am	From War Zones to the Top of the World: Leadership Under Fire 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	Conference Close

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**

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



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