

# ReadyMaroondah

**Empowering community organisations to build a resilient future to strengthen support for residents in the face of extreme weather events and major disruptions.**

## Why is this important?

- Extreme weather events, emergencies and other major disruptions will increase in frequency and intensity in the coming years. These events can disproportionately impact vulnerable community members.
- When emergencies happen, those with existing financial worry or who are facing other challenges can experience higher levels of emotional distress. This can increase feelings of social isolation and loneliness, particularly for community members who are already at-risk.
- Building strong social networks helps to improve overall wellbeing and is a key factor in assisting our community to recover from immediate and long-term impacts of emergencies.
- Community groups and organisations play an important role in supporting vulnerable members of our community on a day-to-day basis – this support is even more important when emergencies happen.

**Over the next three years the *ReadyMaroondah* project will aim to:**

- better understand the strengths of community groups and organisations and their ability to respond and adapt to extreme weather and major disruptions;
- work with groups and organisations to co-design initiatives and address identified needs;
- provide opportunities to strengthen relationships between organisations and build thriving networks that support our resilient community.

## Program phases

**Phase 1:** Comprehensive community engagement to analyse strengths and identify needs

**Phase 2:** Co-design workshops with groups and organisations

**Phase 3:** Collaborative implementation of projects that strengthen community resilience



## Get involved and find out more

By working together, we can strengthen community resilience and our collective ability to better recover from emergencies, creating a more resilient future for everyone in the community.

To learn more about how the *ReadyMaroondah* program can support the amazing work your group or organisation is already doing, contact Council's Community Resilience Project Officer at [community.resilience@maroondah.vic.gov.au](mailto:community.resilience@maroondah.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 88 22 33.

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