

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.

Status of NDRRA/DRFA Delivery Program

	2018 Events	2019 Events	2020 Events
 Delivery Program	\$1,770M	\$288M	\$16M
Current Spend	\$526M	\$193M	-
Deadline for Delivery	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022
Time Elapsed	 67%	 17%	-
% Completion	 67%	 23%	-

In November

2 events ACTIVATED FOR DRFA MEASURES

STRADBROKE BUSHFIRES September 19
EASTERN QUEENSLAND BUSHFIRES November 19

\$224M SUBMISSIONS APPROVED
\$29M WORKS REPORTED AS DELIVERED

Additional Recovery Measures

QRA is administering a suite of exceptional DRFA assistance measures for recent events.

North & FNQ Monsoon Trough (2019) - \$242M

- Infrastructure \$134.5M**
 - \$47.85M allocated to date to 22 projects, to restore and improve the disaster resilience of flood damaged essential public, community and water assets.
- Economic \$39M**
 - 9 Industry Recovery Officers and 3 Rural Financial Counsellors in operation
 - 94 small business grants approved to the value of \$910,546
 - 12 Travel bursaries provided for delegates to attend the DestinationQ Events Conference
 - \$1.1M provided to councils for fodder supply costs
- Environment \$36M**
 - Riparian Recovery Program - 77 projects worth \$13.4M recommended across riparian reconnaissance, urgent riparian works, Coastal Recovery Program and the Regional Invasive Species Program.
 - \$100,000 Emergency Response Program for Parthenium Weed is being delivered through Department of Agriculture and Fisheries as an emergency response immediately following the Monsoon Trough.

Central Queensland Bushfires (2018) - \$12.0M

- Human & Social \$3.79M**
 - 3 Community Development Officers delivering program across 8 councils
 - Mental Health program - 6 clinicians appointed across Rockhampton, Mackay and Wide Bay HHSs. 622 people screened, 24 individuals have received clinical treatments and 1032 clinical hours undertaken.
- Resilience \$8.25M**
 - \$1.5M Rural Residential Recovery program has commenced rollout with over \$650k paid to date
 - 17 projects being delivered under Flexible Funding Grant program, round two of the Flexible funding grants closed on 5 November 2019
 - Bushfire awareness campaign underway

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

NDRRA/DRFA Grants Program

QRA administers and coordinates joint Commonwealth State disaster recovery grant measures in Queensland through Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) and Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Acquittal:

The State's next claim to the Commonwealth for DRFA is due by **31 March 2020**. QRA is currently processing the close-out of works completed to 30 June 2019 that will be included in the claim, ahead of audit in Q1 2020.

- Human & Social \$12.75M**
 - 9 Community Development Officers in place
 - Mental Health program has commenced delivery with 9 clinicians, social and health workers delivering services through the Townsville, North West and Central West Hospital and Health Services (HHS). 1433 people screened, 15 individuals have received clinical treatments and 519 clinical hours undertaken.
- Resilience \$19.75M**
 - Flexible Funding Grants totalling \$4.5M approved across 68 projects. The projects will continue to support and enable recovery, and contribute to building awareness and resilience.
 - Townsville Flood Mapping project initiated



Works for **21 events** from

2018
2019
2020 disaster seasons are currently in delivery with an estimated value in excess of

\$1.77B

RECOVERY

QRA works extensively on recovery planning with councils impacted by major disaster events, increasing capability and awareness through active participation and providing support for local recovery governance.

Recovery Plans

QRA is currently coordinating 3 state event specific recovery plans:

Queensland Bushfires (2020)

The Queensland Bushfires Recovery Plan addresses the Southern Queensland Bushfires and eastern Queensland Bushfires. Functional Recovery Groups are completing recovery action plans for incorporation into the Recovery Plan. Noosa Shire, Toowoomba, City of Gold Coast, Somerset and Scenic Rim Regional councils are being assisted to develop event specific recovery plans by QRA. Southern Downs and Livingstone Regional Councils have endorsed their event specific recovery plan.

North & FNQ Monsoon Trough (2019)

The first quarterly progress report on recovery has been completed.

Central Queensland Bushfires (2018)

Second progress report on recovery has been completed.

Recovery Planning and Governance Project

As a result of the 2018-19 disaster season, assisting local governments with developing and/or strengthening local disaster recovery capabilities has been identified as a key recovery priority for Queensland.

Delivery underway on completed Council event-specific recovery plans related to the Central Queensland Bushfires and the NFNQ Monsoon Trough

19

6 Council event-specific recovery plans being finalised for the Southern Queensland Bushfires

43 Council Recovery sub-plans underway or endorsed

Recovery Information Hub

The Recovery Information Hub, an initiative developed by QRA, will provide access to a range of recovery resources to local and State Government agencies and Non-Government Organisations. 100 stakeholders and QRA staff were asked to participate in a survey to identify relevant content for the Hub. One fifth of those surveyed have responded and agree the initiative will provide value to recovery stakeholders.

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

QUEENSLAND SWEEPS UP IN NATIONAL RESILIENCE AWARDS

A number of Queensland initiatives have been awarded for their outstanding contribution to building community resilience to disasters at the 2019 Resilient Australia Awards held in Adelaide on 7 November.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council took first prize for the National Local Government Award for its Get Ready Schools program which delivers interactive presentations to local schools. The program aims to empower students to help build their community's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

In the National School Awards category, Swayneville State School were Highly Commended for its Connecting the Divide mural. The seven-metre mural was created to symbolise community recovery and resilience after Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie destroyed the main access road into the small rural community of Sarina Range in 2017.

Redland City Council were also Highly Commended for its Community Champions Program in the National Local Government Awards category. As a first-of-its-kind in Queensland, the Community Champions Program is a network of people nominated by residents who work with Council to help local communities prepare for severe weather and disasters.

The annual Resilient Australia Awards celebrate innovative and collaborative initiatives that build whole-of-community resilience to disasters and emergencies around the country.

The awards recognise outstanding contributions in each state and territory in six categories including community, business, local government, State/Federal government, school and photography. The awards are administered by the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience.

For more information about the Resilient Australia Awards and the Queensland winning projects, visit the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience website.



Swayneville State School - Highly Commended



Connecting the Divide mural



Redland City Council - Highly Commended



Sunshine Coast Regional Council - National Local Government Award

RESILIENCE

QRA leads the coordination and development of whole-of-government policies for managing flood risk, improving the resilience of communities, and facilitating the mitigation against potential disasters.

Resilience grant programs

Queensland Disaster Resilience Fund (QDRF) and Prepared Communities Fund

\$10.65M allocated to 73 projects for the 2018-19 round of the State-funded QDRF (\$9.5M, 62 projects) and State-Commonwealth Prepared Communities Fund (\$1.15M, 11 projects). Applications for the 2019-20 allocation of QDRF funding are expected to open in early 2020.

Get Ready Queensland (GRQ)

GRQ provides Queensland Government funding for grants and community awareness campaigns to help local governments improve their communities' resilience.

GRQ's annual preparedness advertising campaign launched on 13 October 2019 and ran through to 25 November, while the campaign has been extended in Monsoon Trough impacted areas until 14 December. Following delivery of the Line of Fire bushfire awareness campaign in partnership with Queensland Fire & Emergency Services, market research will now be undertaken to assist in planning future GRQ advertising campaigns.

The new Get Ready Queensland website is now live at getready.qld.gov.au with refreshed branding, updated factsheets and resources, a council hub, social feeds and a news page.

Resilience projects and activities

Resilient Queensland 2018-2021: Delivering the Queensland Strategy for Disaster Resilience

- Three pilot projects are underway to develop regional resilience strategies in Central West Queensland, Mary River and Fitzroy catchments. All three pilots are expected to be completed and launched early 2020.
- Evaluation and planning for statewide rollout is underway and expected to commence in early 2020.

Brisbane River Strategic Floodplain Management Plan (SFMP)

- QRA has oversight of 52 SFMP actions including 34 for state government and 12 which QRA is responsible for.
- The Brisbane River SFMP Management Group met on 3 December with representation from Brisbane, Ipswich, Somerset and Lockyer Valley councils and relevant state agencies.

Resilient Building Guidance for Queensland Homes

- Flood Resilient Building Guidance for Queensland Homes – launched 9 April 2019.
- Cyclone Resilient Guidance for Queensland Homes – launch planning underway.
- Storm Tide Resilient Guidance for Queensland Homes – launch planning underway.
- Bushfire Building Guideline for Queensland homes – in development and due for completion by June 2020.

Nth Qld Monsoon Cat D - Flood Mapping and Flood Warning Programs

- Burdekin & Haughton Catchment Resilience Strategy Project – procurement completed; commence January 2020.
- Queensland Flood Warning Infrastructure Network Program – 4 areas of operation in Far North, Central West, North West Queensland and Townsville and surrounds. Procurement currently being finalised for delivery of Network Optimisation Phase in Q1 2020.
- Townsville Recalibrated Flood Modelling and Mapping Project - supporting Townsville City Council to update and recalibrate flood modelling and mapping across the council area including the Ross River.

Resilience policy

- QRA is working with CSIRO to develop an adaptation of their Resilience, Adaptation Pathways and Transformation Approach (RAPTA) for Queensland to support state agency resilience building activities.
- *Resilient Queensland in Action 2019* is a progress update for the first 18-months of Resilient Queensland, implementing the QSDR, and includes case studies and initiatives showcasing some of the great work happening throughout Queensland to improve disaster resilience. It is expected to be released in early 2020.



Flood Warning Infrastructure Network workshop, Townsville and surrounds, 14 November 2019