

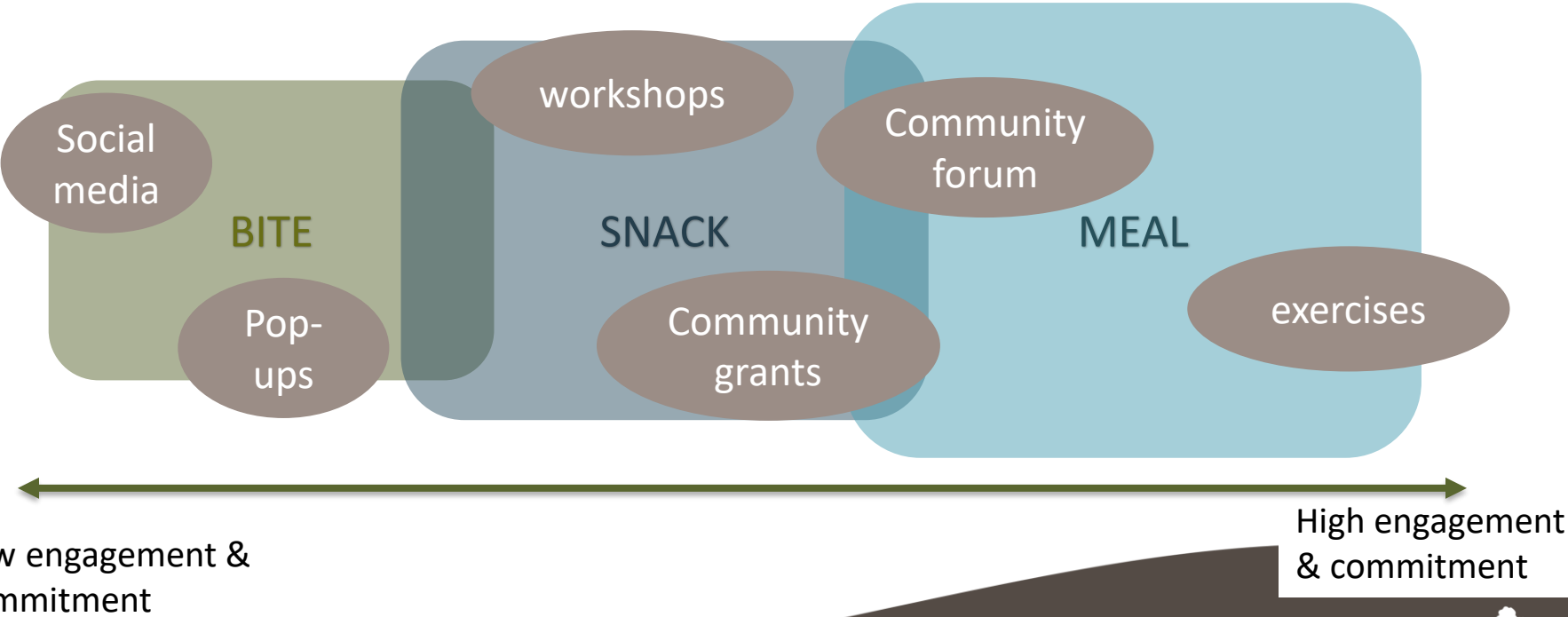
# Community Emergency Exercises

Learnings for Councils



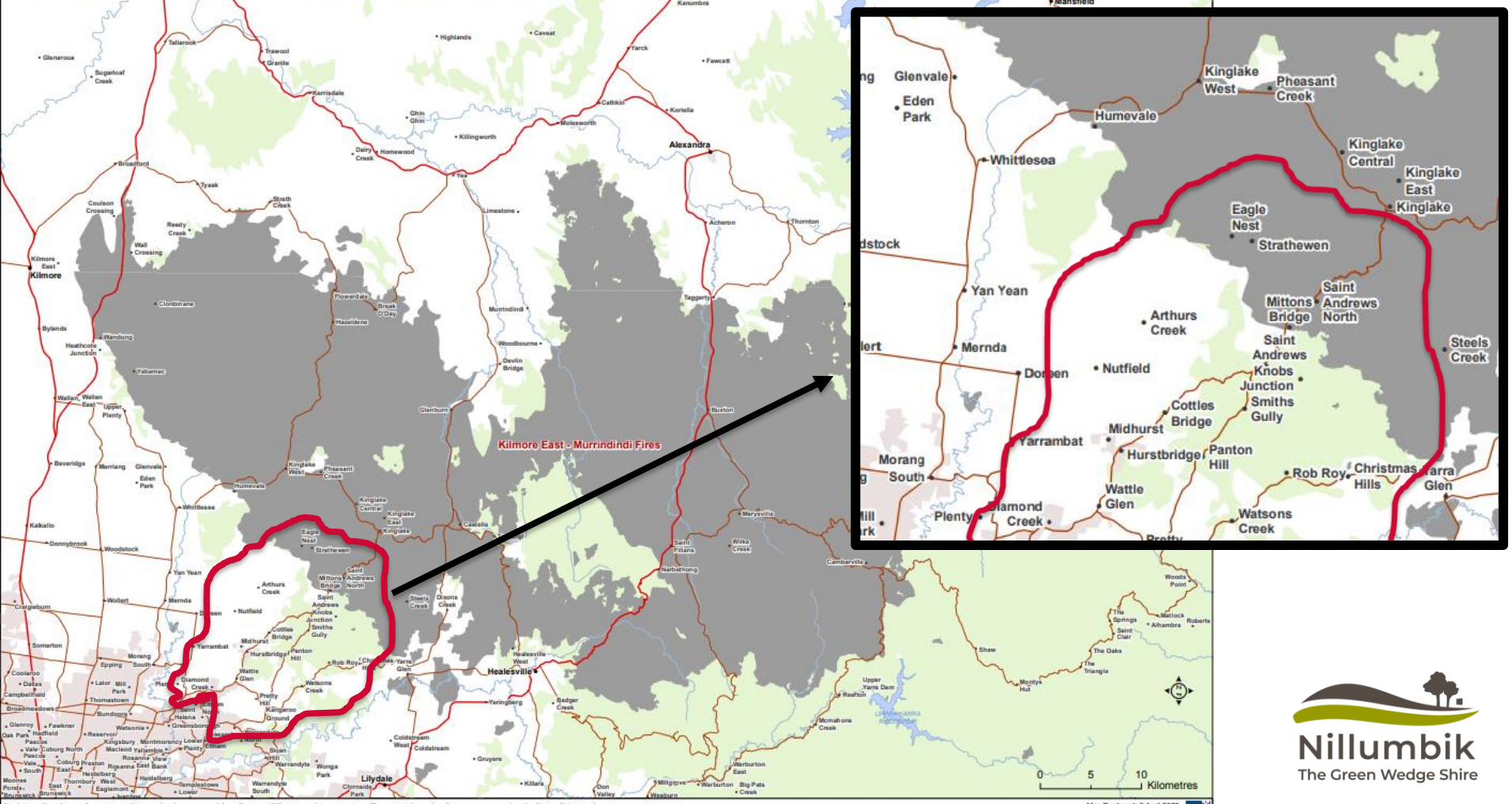
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# Disaster Resilient Nillumbik





# Summary of Fires - Kilmore East - Murrindindi, Victoria: January/February 2009



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## Long Walk Home, Wellington

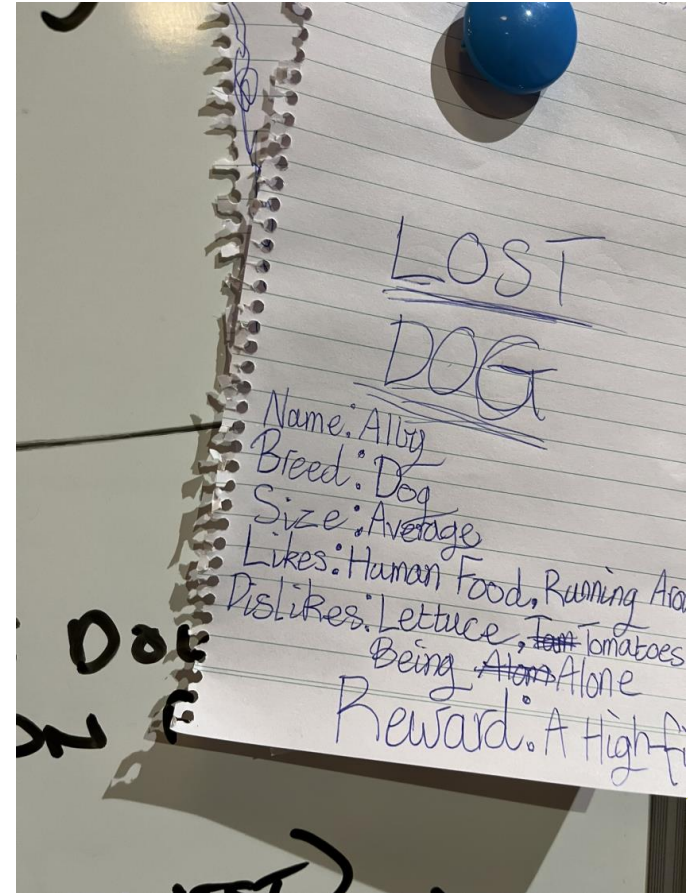
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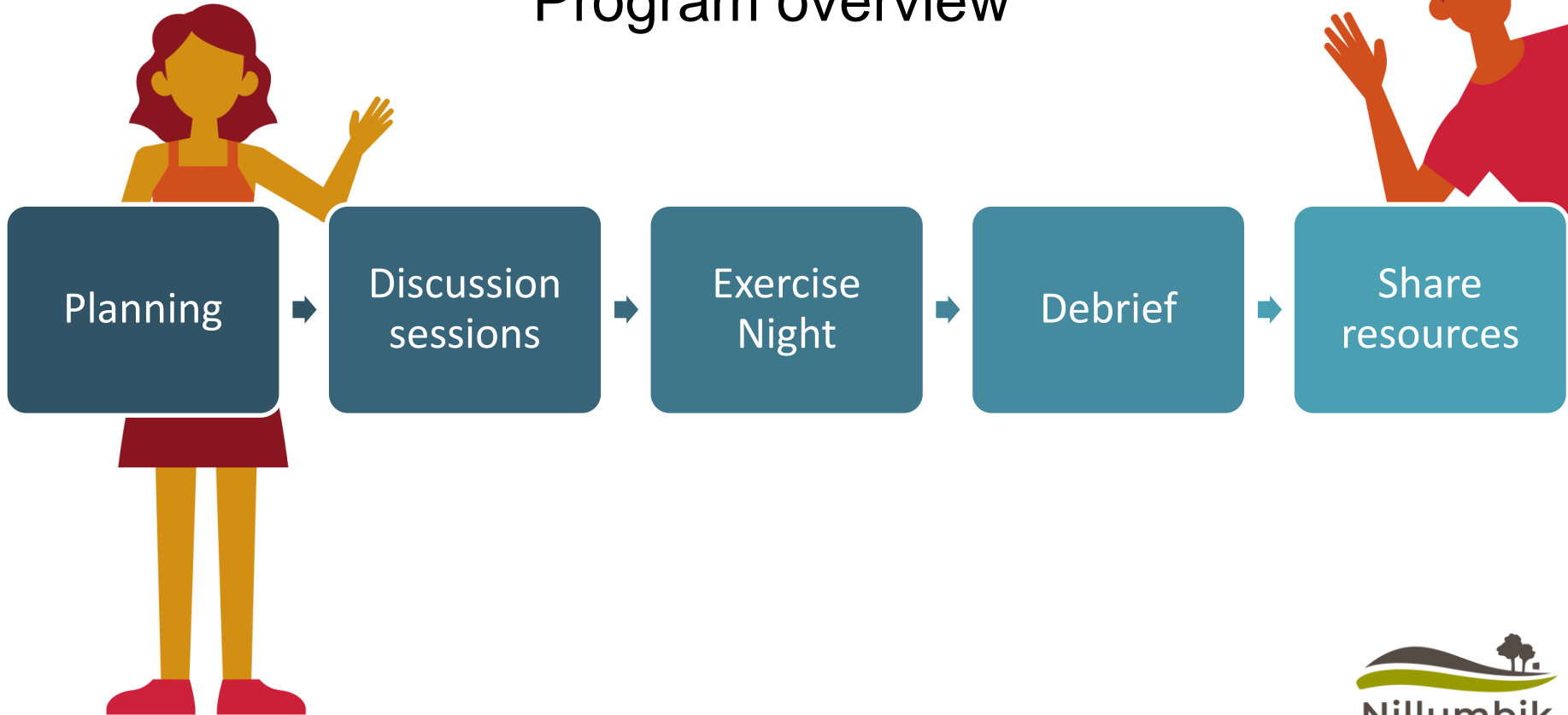
## Tsunami Day Drill, Yamamoto

# Objectives

- Practise enacting their emergency plan.
- Practise navigating crisis situations as they occur.
- Practise unifying the skills already exist within the community.
- Identify opportunities to enhance the local community response to disasters



# Program overview





# Collaborative approach

- Embed local expertise and knowledge
- Use relevant language and imagery
- Consider accessibility and ways to support community



## Community Emergency Planning in Arthurs Creek and Strathewen

**What if a fire or a storm happened tomorrow?**

**In the first few hours after any emergency, the local community are the first responders well before emergency services can arrive.**

Let's get together with our neighbours and local volunteer emergency responders to explore ways we can prepare our families and community.

Come along and talk through an emergency scenario, followed by an interactive activity night to put our community actions to the test.

The more of us who can come together, the truer our conversations will be to our community. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Dinner and childcare provided at every session.**

**RSVP today for catering purposes by scanning the QR code or calling 9433 3311**

**Scenario discussion sessions:**  
Arthurs Creek Hall: 24th October  
Strathewen Hall: 27th October

**Interactive activity night:**  
Arthurs Creek (TBD): 15th November

**Reflective session:**  
Arthurs Creek Hall: 17th November

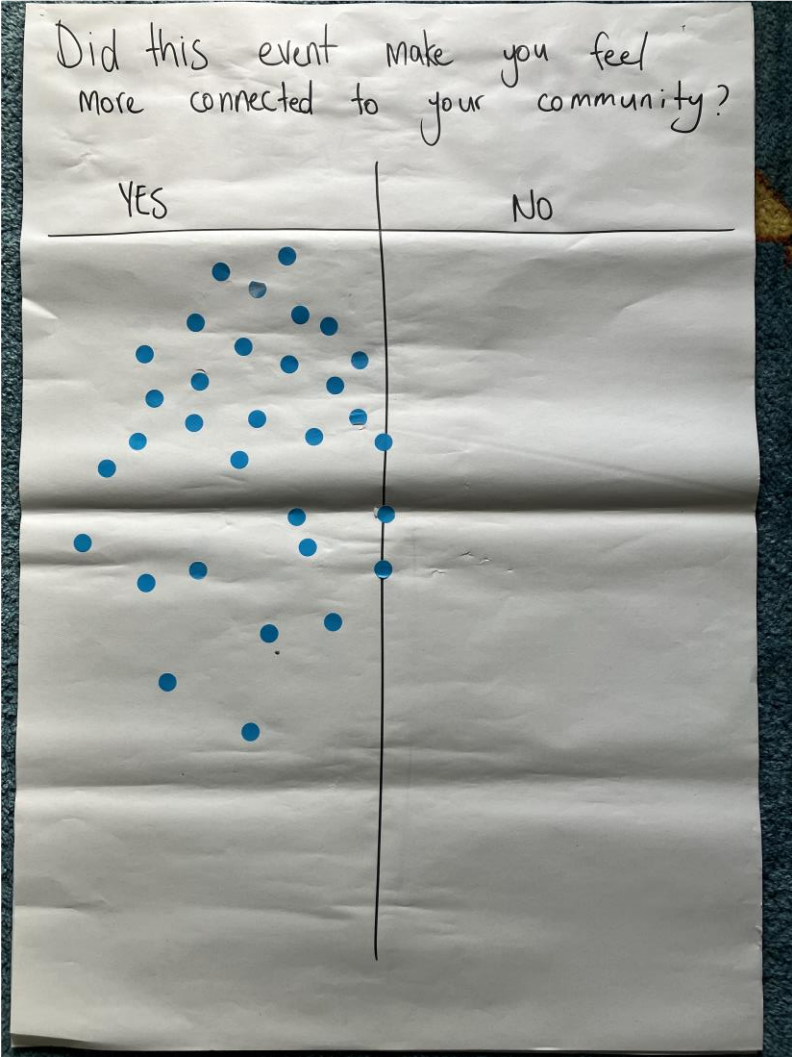
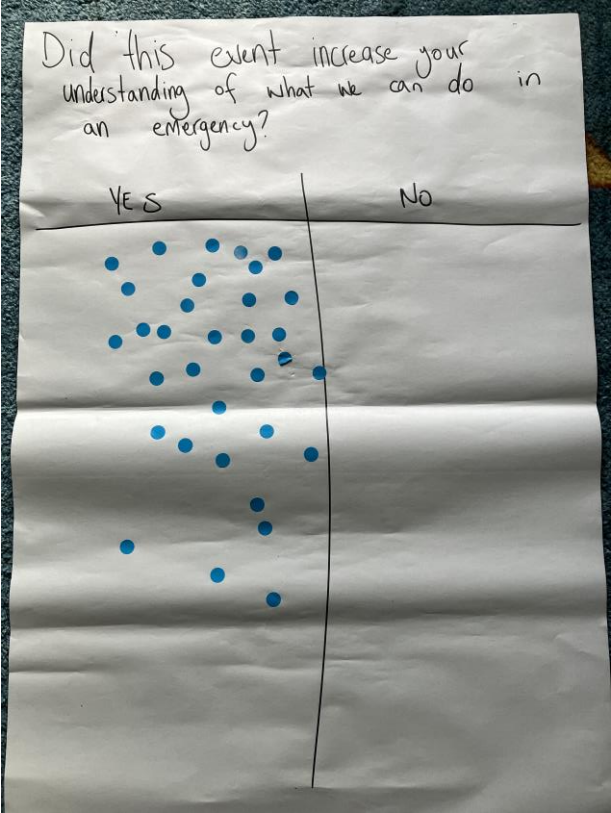


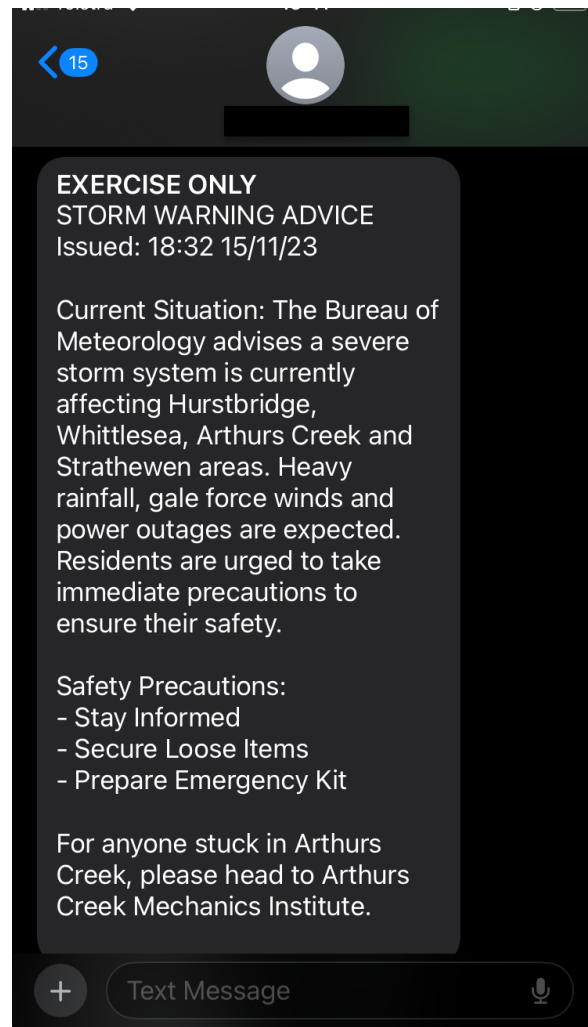
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Keep the community  
**safe, calm and informed**

## INJURED

- \* Suzie: STABLE - injured @
- \* Lois: 110 Deep Creek Rd. STABLE.

## RESOURCES

- Hall
- Long life milks 2 x 1L
- Cans soft drink 13
- 250ml water 22.
- Table cloths (15)
- Crockery
- Tea + coffee
- Gas UHF
- Water CB
- 4 torches 3 x FIRST NO
- 2 x CHAINSAW 1 x GENERATOR

## WE NEED

- Beds/bedding
- Hand sanitizer

## Who's Here?

Juliet Peter [redacted] - Teacher & leadership.

Ruth [redacted] - Organisational Skills -

Lois [redacted]

Jenny [redacted] - teacher.

Rada. - Recovery.

Kate - Teacher.

Dean - IT - chainsaw

Kathy - Good on the tools  
Cook.

Carri - Nurse

Jenny [redacted] - Scientist.

MIKE [redacted] - "

Tamara - Organizer  
Communications.

Phil [redacted] - Teacher.

Carla - project manager's ] not local

Stacey - project manager ] local

Mary - child

Harriet - child

John S.

Ivan

Suzie

## KNOWN INCIDENTS

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(Warren Kees)

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Creek Rd; people trapped  
• SES to incident @ 7:20pm

7:20 = Lost dog Chadds Creek Rd,  
(black) answering to Alby.

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- WATER ON ROAD

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ARTHURS CREEK RD (NEAR AVE RD - WEST)

COTTESBRIDGE - STRATHVEN RD - (NEAR AVE RD)

GREENS RD

SHAWS RD - NEAR GREENS INTERSECTION

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Breed: Dog  
Size: Average  
Looks: Human Foot, Running like a dog  
Collar: Lettec  
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(AR HINE RD)

SECTION

ACROSS - MR  
PHIL - TORCH  
CATHY - TORCH  
- ROPE - HILL  
- GLOVES.

LOST  
DOG

Name: Abby  
Breed: Dog  
Size: Average  
Likes: Human Food, Running Around  
Dislikes: Lettuce, ~~Tom~~ Tomatoes  
Being Alone  
Reward: A High fr


DOG  
E





# After Action Review


- Good to think about what resources are available without relying on emergency services
- Things won't be perfect, it's about making a terrible situation less bad
- Exercise filled knowledge gaps they were not aware of (uncovering some unknown unknowns)
- Showed we were able to organise quickly and collectively
- Meeting new people from the community
- Developing a core group of community members who now have a better understanding of what they can do in crisis situations



It was an excellent session! Really well run everyone involved went the extra mile - especially with the role playing!

Thanks for supporting programs that build resilience and preparedness in a community-centred way.

Encouraged more family discussions and we made some valuable connections within community.



It was thought provoking and showed that we do need leaders who can take charge and encourage others to make decisions/take action.

# Learnings for Council

thanks I hope the shire council facilitates these every year, the messaging needs to be consistent, not just dependent on a grant and then it doesn't happen in following years. The further we get from Black sat, the more is forgotten.

More of these

More scenarios and community building events



# Reflections

- Empowering community and identifying existing resources and skills
- More engaging and better learning outcomes than a presentation
- Helpful for community and emergency services to develop mutual understanding of skills, needs and resources
- Great way to engage all ages and take whole-of-community approach
- Important to think about how to create a safe environment