



Embedding Resilience:

*A Local Government
Perspective on Radical
Transformation*

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Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather here in Perth today.

I pay my respects to Elders past and present, and I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

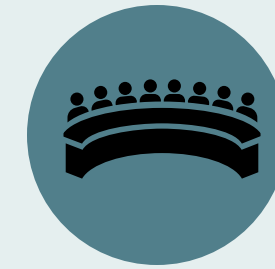


Wingecarribee Shire

- Southern Highlands, NSW
- 3 Towns, 17 Villages
- Gundungurra & Dharawal
- Urban–bushland interface = high disaster risk



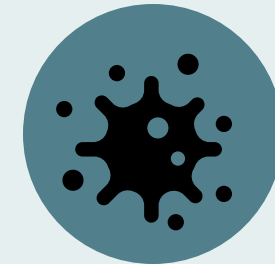
From Disconnection to Crisis



Council



**Black Summer
Bushfires**



Covid



**Administration &
Public Enquiry**

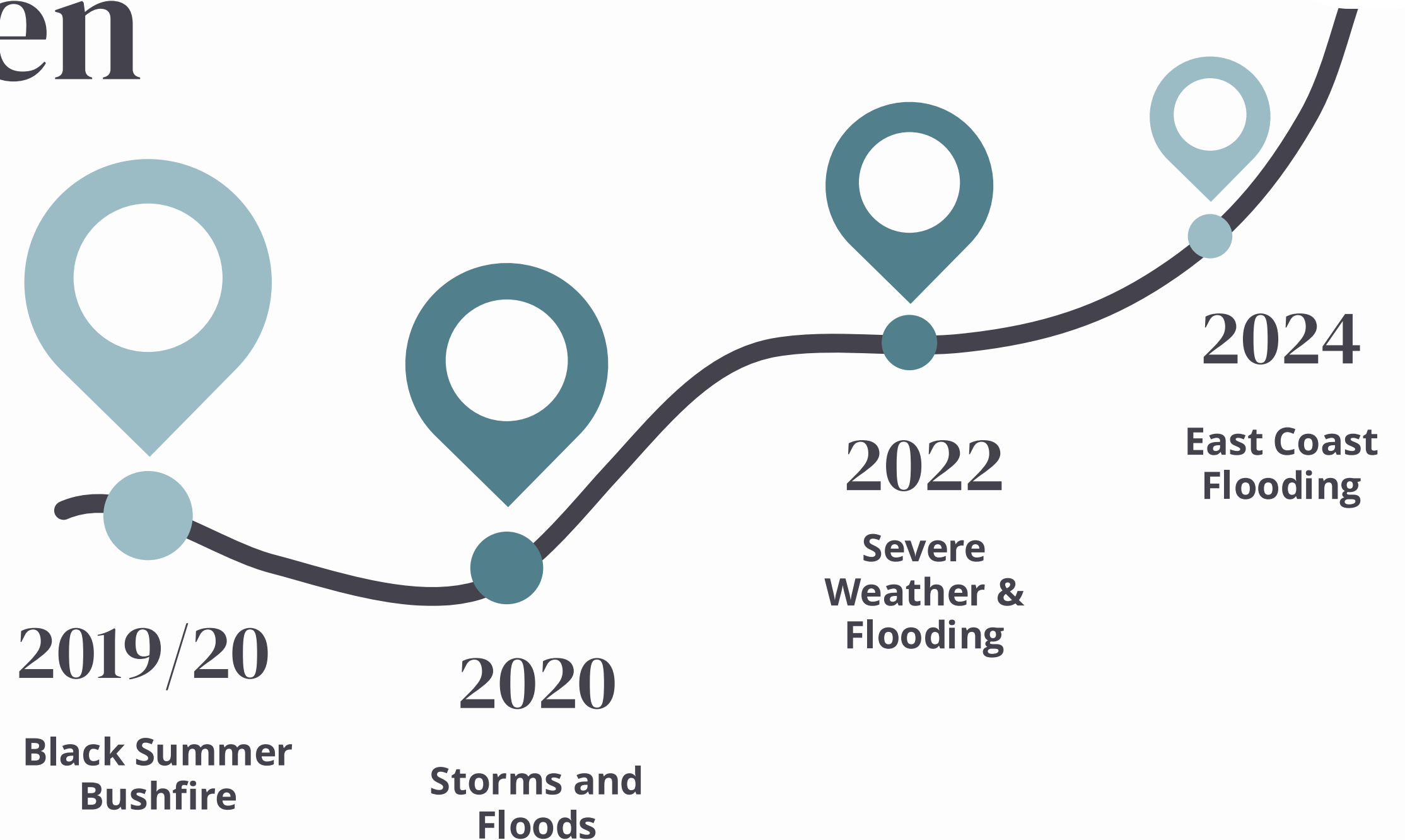


Reset



A Risk-Laden Landscape

- **2019–20: Black Summer fires**
(60% bushland 178 Homes)
- **Fire, flood, storms, drought**
- **15 Natural Disaster Declarations in 5 years**



Balmoral Village





How do you embed
resilience when trust
does not exist?



44 Recommendations – A Mandate for Change



Wingecarribee Bushfire
Response and Recovery
Review



Integrated Planning
& Reporting



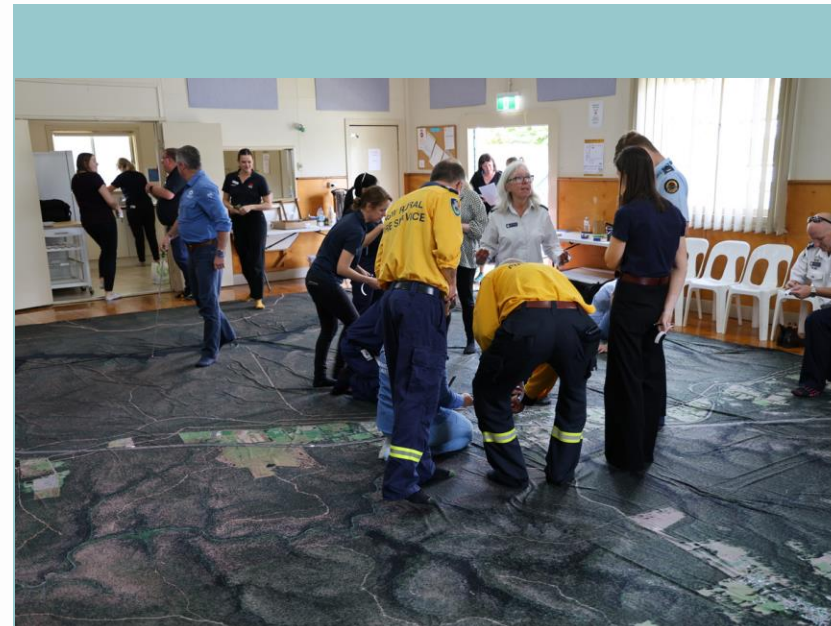
Internal reform +
community-centred
recovery



Resilience is not a plan. It's a practice.



**Invest in
community
strength -
communities act
when ready**



**Consistent
engagement
builds
confidence**



**Inclusion in
practice**



**Embed
resilience into
everyday
Community
Development**



Radical Transformation – What it takes

COURAGE

to learn from
your mistakes

**Communities
lead.**

**Councils
enable.**

**Local
Knowledge =
Power**

Connect.

Show up.

Be accountable.

Humility

to rebuild trust



Thank You

Invitation to connect

