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Resilience Canopy News



Hello Kate

Have you explored the recent [National Climate Risk Assessment](#) yet? It provides an understanding of who or what might be at risk from a changing climate and paints a national picture to help prioritise adaptation actions.

From the 63 nationally significant climate risks identified, one common thread throughout was people's health and wellbeing.

The report also highlighted the heightened impact of climate risks on regional communities, many of which are vulnerable due to a reliance on climate sensitive industries, such as agriculture and tourism. Limited employment diversity, sparse critical infrastructure (particularly water, transport, and energy systems), and socioeconomic factors further reduce adaptive capacity.

Our coastal and urban communities are also facing 'heightened risks from rising sea levels, which intensify coastal flooding, erosion, and inundation'.

In short, it was a sobering read. Many of [our Canopy Communities](#) are already identifying these risks through their Deep Dive workshops. It continues to support the need for organisations and communities to address community resilience holistically, as the Canopy's Resilient Communities Framework does through the social, cultural, economic, natural, built, and health & safety lenses.

The assessment also reinforces the World Health Organisation message: "Action to support mental health at the community level provides a platform to develop and improve social norms, values and practices, while encouraging community empowerment and participation."

As these climate risks increase, continuing to bring community together to lift each other through connection, events, sport, arts, and to share knowledge is paramount. On this front, our [Canopy Collective resource library](#) is a good starting point for mental health and community connection resources.

Australia has a long history of resilience in the face of challenging climate conditions. As climate patterns continue to shift, we must draw on our diverse landscapes, strong

communities and resourceful spirit to help communities proactively, meaningfully, and systemically become more resilient. Keep reading for examples of this in action right now... Until next time,



Natalie Staaks (GM Partnerships and Marketing), and the Canopy team

[Millgrove strengthens its emergency preparedness with community-led projects](#)



Emergency preparedness is a key issue facing many communities. With support from The Resilience Canopy, the Millgrove Residents Action Group (MRAG) implemented a range of significant, community-led projects to strengthen their community's emergency preparedness. In our brand-new case study, you can read about how the results in this picturesque Victorian town are already paying dividends...

[Emergency preparedness in Millgrove - a case study](#)

[How The Resilience Canopy program is helping Millgrove to dream bigger](#)



For the Millgrove community, resilience is about more than emergency preparedness. It's also about addressing their other unique challenges to ensure that everyone in the community can thrive. As such, they have taken our program's learnings and run with them, creating subsequent Community Plans full of impactful projects that they are implementing on their own. In this complementary case study, learn more about these transformative initiatives and how they're inspiring other communities across Australia.

Please welcome our newest Canopy Communities

A warm welcome to our newest Canopy Communities, which we'll be supporting to strengthen themselves against the shocks and stresses they face.

These communities have created profiles on Canopy House, a formative step on their Resilience Canopy journeys, and are now gearing up to identify and address their key priorities and concerns.

- [Resilient Annerley](#)
- [Resilient Fairfield and Yeronga](#)
- [Resilient Moorooka](#)
- [Resilient Rocklea](#)
- [Resilient Women: Gympie](#)
- [South Melbourne Sustainability Group](#) [members pictured, below]
- [Southside Resilience Collective](#)



We're thrilled that these communities have chosen our research and practice-based model, which provides a rigorous structure while adapting to each community's unique context.

Keep an eye on their respective community profiles as they progress through The Resilience Canopy program and build community resilience in their own ways.

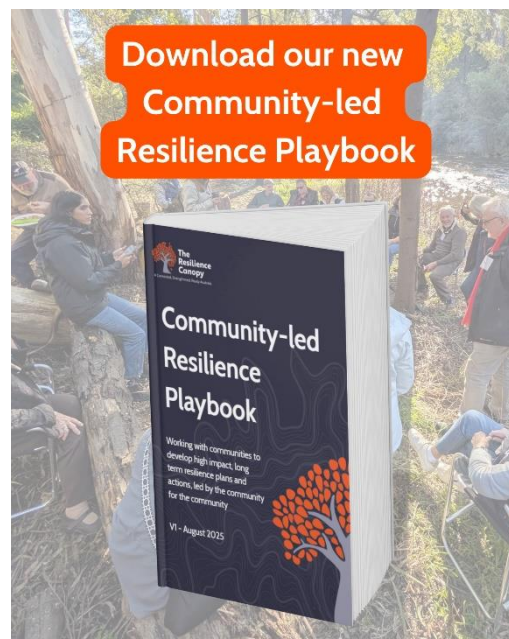
Training Playbook released!

We are delighted to announce that our **Community-led Resilience Playbook** is now available to read and use via [Canopy House](#).

This how-to guide helps practitioners support communities by exploring what resilience means to them, identifying resilience building priorities, and supporting their implementation.

Featuring overviews and suggested activities for every step of the journey, printable session plans and checklists, and a glossary of terms to ensure every community member is on the same page, this playbook essentially brings our Six-Step engagement model to life in a community setting.

We hope it can help people to develop high impact, long-term resilience plans and actions, led by the community for the community.



[Download the playbook](#)

Upcoming Practitioner Training

The Resilience Canopy Practitioner Training gives you the skills to support your community to deepen connections with one another and become better prepared for what the future brings.

If you're ready to support a community on a journey toward a more resilient future, our four-session, deep-dive capacity-building program is sure to engage and empower you.

Here are our upcoming practitioner training sessions:

- [Djilang/Geelong VIC](#) – 28 October-11 November **[FULLY BOOKED]**
- [Meanjin/Brisbane QLD](#) – 18 November-25 November
- [Djilang/Geelong VIC](#) – 28 April-5 May 2026

More Practitioner Training dates will be announced shortly, so be sure to check [our upcoming events page](#) for training in an area near you.



As we expand our Practitioner Training to areas across Australia, we're on the hunt for organisations that might like to [host our training](#) and become a key player in building stronger, more resilient communities. Please [get in touch with us today](#) if you have a suitable venue and would like to help us build our movement.



Collective Update

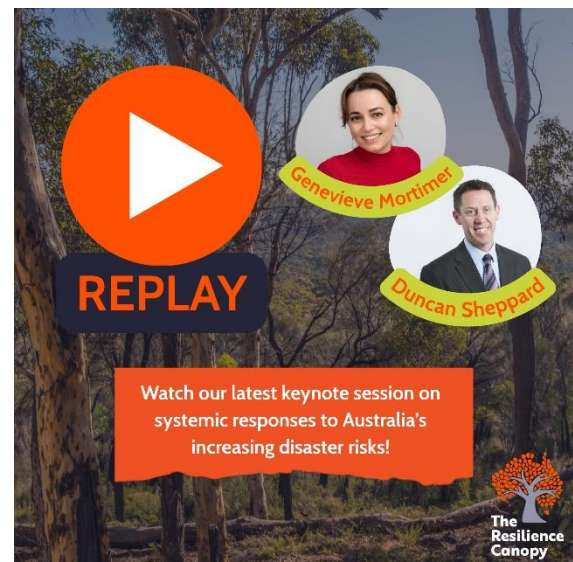
The Canopy Collective isn't just a series of events. It's a space where people from all corners of the resilience world can come together, **connect, share, and leave feeling more resourced and energised** to carry resilience into their work and communities.

Recent events



Michelle Tjondro (SGS Economics and Planning) shared the latest insights from this year's SGS Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index. Built on ABS data and enhanced with SGS's own proprietary indicators, the index offers a more holistic picture of wellbeing across Australia, moving beyond GDP to highlight systemic trends that matter for communities.

[Watch replay](#)



Genevieve Mortimer (Climate-KIC) and **Duncan Sheppard** (Insurance Council of Australia) presented their takes on managing climate risk. With perspectives spanning climate adaptation, insurance claims, risk pricing, and innovations, this session unpacked how these challenges play out in real communities, and how we can better collaborate across sectors to raise awareness and drive action on climate resilience.

[Watch replay](#)

Coming up next

The Canopy Collective team is busy locking in an action-packed 2026 calendar of events. [Visit our Upcoming Events page](#) for updates.

Exclusive Canopy Collective events, only on Canopy House

The Canopy Collective also hosts regular members-only events and check-ins. Recently, these have included a masterclass on negotiation by friend of the Canopy Sam Trattles (Other Side of the Table), and a Resilience in Action presentation on regenerative placemaking by Gilbert Rochecouste (Village Well).

Sign up for your free Canopy Collective profile on Canopy House to gain access to these exclusive events and much more!

[Join the Canopy Collective today](#)

*Please note: Canopy House is currently desktop only.
A mobile version is in the works.*



We have added dozens of new resources to our Resource Library on Canopy House, our online hub that connects practitioners, communities and partners together. A few of the recent resources include:

[SGS Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index \(CRWI\)](#)

As mentioned, Michelle Tjondro presented these findings in a recent keynote session. You can now read the full SGS Cities and Regions Wellbeing Index (CRWI) report on our resource library, or by clicking the link (above).

Bushfire Resilience (BRI) materials

Our partners, Bushfire Resilience, are experts at reducing bushfire risk by providing expert knowledge. Our resource library features their handy informative flyers and other materials to help your household stay protected.

[Resilient Youth - State of the Nation report](#)

This Resilience Survey is an annual measure of the wellbeing and resilience of Australian school students administered in more than one thousand schools across every state and territory each year. It's a go-to resource for any community looking to promote youth engagement.

[Sign up to Canopy House to gain access to our resource library](#)



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