

Scarborough Local Resilience Plan

Workshop 2 outcomes

10 December 2024

Exploring resilience options

Local Resilience Task Force

Earlier this year, we invited applications from residents to be part of a Local Resilience Task Force.

Members of the Local Resilience Task Force have provided valuable local knowledge and insights to support the development of Local Resilience Plans.

The draft Local Resilience Plans will be shared with the rest of the community for feedback.

Actions in the plan will be implemented between now and 2050 with the aim of reducing the long-term impacts of natural hazards.

Workshop 2

The goal of the second workshop was to discuss options to improve local resilience to all natural hazards. This included improvements to both infrastructure and homes.

We also explored the draft format for the Local Resilience Plan document. Community representatives provided feedback on how to make the document more practical and easier to use.

"We appreciate Council listening to us and working together."

Workshop participant



Scarborough in the wet, 1950



Scarborough, 2009

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Residents shared feedback with project team members about various topics including natural hazard impacts, property improvements, infrastructure improvements, and what should be included in the Local Resilience Plan.

Current natural hazard impacts

Feedback included:

- Local flooding is complicated by the impacts of rainwater draining from uphill meeting tidal inundation.
- The 2022 rainfall event was the worst flooding current residents have seen. 1974 was slightly higher than 2022. 2011 also caused major flooding.
- Very flat area, making drainage difficult.

Property improvement options

Feedback included:

- Some property owners have already made improvements.
- Concern upgrades may increase replacement costs, impacting insurance premiums.
- High insurance costs impact liveability for property owners.
- The impact of property rebuilds on neighbouring properties needs to be considered.
- Mould is a big issue with flooding. Need to be able to get into cavity areas to clean and dry them.
- Older houses are more difficult to retrofit.
- Property owners need to balance keeping water out of houses and minimising the damage caused by water inside. Water comes in places you wouldn't expect.

Infrastructure improvement options

Note: There is no proposed infrastructure solution for Scarborough yet. A range of possible options were discussed.

Feedback included:

- No single infrastructure option will work by itself. Water coming from both local flooding and tidal inundation needs to be addressed.
- Drainage improvements are needed to divert water from Scarborough Road.
- In the 2022 flood residents observed a natural drainage channel develop from Third Avenue across Jamieson Park.
- Desire to maintain the green space and amenity of Jamieson Park. Support for naturalised drainage solutions.

What the community needs in a Local Resilience Plan

Feedback included:

- Include practical advice, like alternatives for electric garage doors.
- Inform new residents as they move into the area, so they understand risks and actions required.
- Clear guidance of the approvals required for property improvements options.

Do you have something to add?

The Local Resilience Plans pilot project is committed to working with community members. If you would like to add your thoughts to the feedback gathered so far, email: **yoursay@moretonbay.qld.gov.au**