

# RYDE RESILIENCE PLAN 2030

COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY WORKING TOGETHER  
TO ADAPT, SURVIVE AND THRIVE



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## CALL TO ACTION YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE PLAN'S ACTIONS

The City of Ryde has adopted the the first comprehensive action plan for resilience at a local government level in New South Wales.

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 for actions over a 10-year period aims to support all members of the local community and organisations to withstand and recover as quickly as possible from shocks and chronic stresses.

The Plan sets out how we can work together to become more adaptable and be better prepared for responding to local and global events that strongly impact our way of life.

This reflects the results from extensive research including reviews of best practice elsewhere, extensive engagement with the community and other stakeholders, and encouragement of innovation for integration into the Plan.

### Our response to challenging times

The City of Ryde recognises the interconnected nature of the current COVID-19 health crisis and heatwave conditions over 2019-2020, which has followed drought, the prolonged bushfire emergencies, hazardous smoke pollution over extended periods and severe storms.

The Plan, presented in two volumes, listened to what the community in 2019-2020 told Council in relation to current and future issues impacting resilience in our city. Once implemented it will support local initiatives, programs and activities to foster resilience for residents, workers and visitors across the city, as well as leading to improve Council's own operations.

### What is Resilience?

Resilience is the ability to withstand and recover quickly from difficulties. It means collectively strengthening our ability and capacity to survive, adapt and thrive from major threats, known as stresses and shocks.



**Chronic Stresses** are threats that have a cumulative effect, such as housing affordability, global or national economic downturn, transport congestion, access to food, social isolation, lack of connectedness, mental health, and climate change.



**Major Shocks** include sudden emergency situations such as heatwaves, bushfires, damaging storms and floods, infrastructure failures, disease pandemics, communications meltdowns and even cyber-attacks. Often these shocks can have a chain or cascading effect, or more than one can occur together, to become compound events with even more serious consequences for communities.

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**Volume 1** tells a shared story of resilience. It sets out a vision, uses evidence and data to identify pressures, issues, challenges and opportunities for resilience in our city. There are nine key response areas of most importance defined to guide actions towards building and strengthening preparedness so our community is able to adapt, survive and thrive in the most challenging times.

## Key response areas

-  ENERGY SECURITY
-  WATER SECURITY
-  RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
-  CLIMATE CHANGE, EXTREME WEATHER EVENTS AND NATURAL HAZARDS
-  BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL SYSTEMS
-  TRANSPORT AND CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY
-  HEALTH AND WELLBEING
-  EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSES AND RECOVERY
-  GOVERNANCE WITH DIRECTION, COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND COLLABORATION

**Volume 2** provides an implementation plan of actions for how we can 'make it happen' across the key response areas and considering the five main pillars of resilience, which are:

-  SUPPORT EACH OTHER
-  ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE
-  CONNECT FOR STRENGTH
-  GET READY
-  PREPARE OUR CITY

The Plan outlines the roles that individuals, households, neighbourhoods, businesses, schools or organisations can play in increasing and building resilience as a connected and more cohesive community. This acknowledges a vital need to engage with and involve the more vulnerable or often harder to reach sections of the community.

Council especially wants to support more vulnerable residents including the aged, people living with disabilities and chronic serious health conditions, and older non-English speakers from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Collaboration and partnerships with community groups, local organisations and other agencies will be a key ingredient of the Plan's implementation and achievement of targets and outcomes.

The Plan includes monitoring and evaluation to track, measure and publicly report on its progress covering actions and overall state of resilience across the community and Council operations.

## How do I get involved in strengthening our future resilience?

The Ryde Resilience Plan 2030 is available to be viewed at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/resilienceplan](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/resilienceplan). We encourage the community to participate in and contribute through the many Council initiatives that include:

- Climate Wise Communities
- Home Waste and Sustainability Advisory Service
- Get Prepared app
- Resilient Ryde programs for emergency preparedness
- Ryde/Hunters Hill Home Modification and Maintenance Services
- Bushcare volunteer program
- Our Common Ground
- Community safety programs
- Social inclusion programs

### For more information

More details about local resilience in Ryde are available by going to: [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ResilientRyde](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/ResilientRyde) OR call Customer Service on (02) 9952 8222, email [cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au).