

Preparing Together Loddon Mallee

Informed and inclusive disaster risk reduction action



Supporting diverse communities in Victoria's north-west to prepare for disasters, together.

About the project

Preparing Together Loddon Mallee is working to support communities to connect, learn, and lead activities to be better prepared for, and recover from, natural disasters and extreme events, such as floods, heatwaves, bushfires and storms. The project is a 3-year project which commenced in April 2025.

Preparing Together Loddon Mallee received funding from the Australian Government.

Led by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA)'s Loddon Mallee region, the project team will collaborate with organisations who work with First Nations people, multicultural communities, young people and rural communities across the Loddon Mallee region.

Project timeline

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Project phases

The first 2 years of the project will be the building blocks for rolling out community-led projects in year 3.

Connect: networks across the region

To begin, we will support 4 region-wide networks of community members and representatives from community groups to build strong relationships and collaborations.

Learn: knowledge-sharing and leadership

Year 2 of the project will bring together the skills, knowledge and experience of people across Loddon Mallee region with climate disaster experts, helping communities be better prepared for and recover from natural disasters and events and integrating unique local knowledge and lived experience into disaster risk reduction action.

This phase will support community representatives to identify, develop, and build on leadership skills. This will support them to better work with their communities.

Lead: community-led projects

The final phase of Preparing Together Loddon Mallee will provide funding for communities to deliver projects that will assist communities in their resilience and readiness for major disasters.

Why are we doing this?

The project aims to increase community resilience and reduce disaster risk in Victoria's north-west.

Preparing Together Loddon Mallee seeks to:

- Encourage and strengthen social connection
- Allow for local knowledge to stay within the community
- Provide training opportunities
- Reduce community vulnerability through a tailored community-led approach
- Create initiatives that are unique and specific to meet community needs

Working together

The project will link with organisations that can contribute to Preparing Together Loddon Mallee, by providing ideas and connections, and help meet their organisational goals for resilient communities.

We invite organisations that work with or represent First Nations people, multicultural communities, young people and rural communities to contact us.

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We acknowledge Victorian Traditional Owners and their Elders past and present as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters and commit to genuinely partnering with them and Victoria's Aboriginal community to progress their aspirations.



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