

Community Disaster Management

Community Disaster Management is a volunteer program that is run as part of Council's Disaster Management Team.

The program is made up of community-led teams from areas that are vulnerable to isolation during disaster events.

Team members are local residents who volunteer to support their community before, during and after disasters and are a valuable resource to Council, emergency services and their communities.

Due to the nature of this program, applicants **must** reside in one of the following communities:

- Beachmere
- Dayboro District (this team is currently at capacity)
- Donnybrook and Meldale
- Mount Glorious
- Mount Mee and Ocean View
- Mount Nebo
- Toorbul

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- Supporting Council in developing local community disaster plans and arrangements.
- Attending team meetings, training sessions and exercises.
- Providing education to the community about how to prepare for, respond and recover from a disaster.
- Helping to operate an evacuation centre/information hub during a disaster event.
Please note, volunteers are not emergency "first responders" and do not require high levels of physical fitness. However, disasters can be confronting and team members should be prepared to manage difficult situations, requiring compassion and resilience.

Registration requirements:

- Register as a Moreton Bay Regional Council volunteer through the Better Impact online portal.
- Hold a valid *Queensland Working with Children Blue Card* or undertake a new application (at no cost to the volunteer).

Training Requirements:

All training under this program is provided free of charge. Mandatory training is covered in a 3-hour session facilitated by Queensland Fire & Emergency Services (QFES) and includes:

- Queensland Disaster Management Arrangements
- Evacuation Centre Management

Optional training is offered to interested volunteers including CPR/First Aid and Psychological First Aid training (Australian Red Cross certified).

