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**Preparing your community for disasters and emergencies – Northern and Yorke Region of SA**

A series of workshops are being held across the Northern and Yorke Region of SA during July and August 2023 which are being managed by the Legatus Group.

The workshops are being delivered by Kristine Peters and designed to help communities to understand what they need to do to prepare for and respond to disasters.

The purpose of the workshops includes (1) bringing communities and councils together to think about how they prepare for a disaster, (2) help everyone to understand their role and how they may need to deal with situations ahead of time so that they can be effective in their response and support their own wellbeing and (3) know what support is available and how to access.

Who should attend – Everyone who wants to be more effective and ensure they feel confident and informed when dealing with an emergency. This includes council representatives both senior administration and elected members, representatives of community groups including service organisations, progress associations, sporting and social clubs – noting that this does not need to be leadership of those groups as it is often the quiet achievers who are the ‘go to’ people in an emergency.

All events will be listed on the website <https://communitydisasterprep.com.au/>  and direct marketing will occur with support from the member councils of the Legatus Group. These workshops will include a light meal and commence at 6pm with the first 3 scheduled for

4 July Eudunda, 5 July Two Wells and 6 July Peterborough.

Communities that are prepared for disaster are generally better equipped to cope and rebound. In the past, events such as drought and bushfire were considered a normal part of rural life, however the increasing severity and complexity of events – combined with more fragmented societies, volatile climate, an increased focus on wellbeing, fewer people volunteering, and information overload – mean that Councils and their communities need a simple way to plan and respond to disasters. At the end of the workshop series a toolkit and resources will be available.

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For further information contact Simon Millcock Legatus Group CEO