

DISASTER RESILIENCE INITIATIVE

MUDRI *Compendium of Victorian Community-based Resilience-Building Case Studies* Case Study Submission Guidelines

Background

Since our inception, MUDRI's strong interest in community resilience triggered the inspiration to create this *Compendium of Victorian Community-based Resilience Building Case Studies*, the first of its kind in Australia, to feature resilience-building case studies, shared learnings, insights, challenges and solutions in this context.

The MUDRI team created, improved and progressed this resource over a number of years. The initial idea for the *Compendium* was born out of a series of Annual MUDRI Forums that explored the national and political mandate to adopt coordinated, resilience-based approaches to emergency and disaster management guided by the *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience* (2011). As a result, people presented case studies at the MUDRI Community Resilience-building Forums. We recognised the need to support communities to avoid duplication, preserve precious resources, and capture these learnings in a single collection. These all inspired the creation of the *Compendium*.

The *Compendium* enables communities to promote their resilience-building activities to other Victorians, with the creators of each case study encouraged to share their ideas, their journeys, and to explain how they overcame challenges and discovered unexpected findings. It also represents a comprehensive resource that encourages resilience-building activities to others and supports them in strengthening resilience within their own communities by providing examples and expertise.

Free access to the *Compendium* provides a resource for all people from across all sectors, council boundaries and community groups to deliver resilience-building projects that help Victorian communities become even more viable, sustainable, liveable and prosperous, today and long into the future.

MUDRI invites you to contribute your community-based resilience-building activity/ies to the *Compendium*, so together we can use shared experiences and learnings to strengthen community resilience across Victoria.

The Need for a Compendium

Some communities, in starting such a resilience project, have expressed difficulty in finding available resources, finding what other have achieved that could help them in their efforts, or, knowing something about what they could be doing.

The International *Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction*, Australia's *National Strategy for Disaster Resilience* (2011), the new Australian *National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework* and Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) embrace community-based resilience as key objectives in their respective Strategic Action Plans.

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, 2015 - 2030 ⁽¹⁾

'It is urgent and critical to anticipate, plan for and reduce disaster risk in order to more effectively protect persons, communities and countries, their livelihoods, health, cultural heritage, socioeconomic assets and ecosystems, and thus strengthen their resilience.' (Para 5)

The National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, 2018 ⁽²⁾

This new national framework outlines a coordinated approach to reducing disaster risk. This critical component enables resilience and leverages the great work and progress made across all sectors since the release of the NSDR in 2011 to better understand and reduce disaster risks, improve resilience, and bolster the capability and capacity of communities to withstand natural hazards. 'Disaster resilience and risk reduction is a shared responsibility, but often not equally shared. While individuals and communities have their roles to play, they do not control many of the levers needed to reduce some disaster risks. Governments and industry in particular must take coordinated action to reduce disaster risks within their control to limit adverse impacts on communities. More than ever, limiting the impact of disasters now and in the future requires a coordinated effort across and within many areas including land use planning, infrastructure, emergency management, social policy, agriculture, education, health, community development, energy and the environment.' (p4)

The *National Framework Overview* ⁽²⁾ outlines:

- The 2030 Disaster Risk Reduction Vision and Goals for Australia
- Four Framework Priorities
- Four Guiding Principles, and
- Three practical changes at local, state and national levels (p8)

Victorian Emergency Management Strategic Plan, 2020⁽³⁾

Under the banner of the Victorian Emergency Management Vision of *Safer and More Resilience Communities*, EMV has developed four strategic themes to guide its activity over the period 2018-2020, namely:

- Leading change
- Stewardship
- System delivery, and
- High performing organisation

Strategic objectives and measures of community impact define each strategic theme.

Compendium Objectives

The MUDRI *Compendium of Victorian Community-based Resilience-Building Case Studies* aims to create a resource that will:

- Describe Victorian community-based resilience-building programs, their scope, range, and specific activities;
- Help identify and showcase best practice and lessons learnt;
- Help build collaboration and networks to share and distribute community-based resilience ideas, successes, challenges and solutions to other communities;
- Help build an evidence-base for a more resilient and safer community;
- Reduce unnecessary replication and preserve resources;
- Encourage consistency while supporting diversity; and
- Provide access to university support where it will be of benefit and in response to local identified needs, e.g. literature reviews, forums, evaluations etc.

The *Compendium* will:

- Comprise a collection of Community-based Resilience-building Case Studies within the context of unexpected emergencies, natural hazards, disasters and disruptive events, defined as those that are led by community groups, including those which are hosted/supported/co-designed with Local Government Authorities or Emergency Service Organisations;
- Include case studies that are either 'completed' or 'in-progress' activities;
- Be produced in a standard, consistent format using a standard template;
- Be on-line, free, publicly accessible, hosted by MUDRI;
- Enable interested parties to distil learnings from a broad range of resilience initiatives from different communities across Victoria, and
- Provide a research tool to increase the evidence-base in this sector
- Provide research outcomes to present at appropriate Forums and conferences.

Benefits

- Tangible support to community groups developing resilience programs and activities
- Empowerment of communities
- A baseline from which we can all grow
- Effective community-based resilience programs
- Efficiencies from networking
- Efficiencies from reducing replication and preserving resources
- A leadership profile for Victoria and a first time initiative of this type
- A research tool to increase the evidence-base in this sector

Audience

MUDRI envisages that anyone interested in community resilience, climate and disaster risk reduction will use the *Compendium*, particularly communities looking to start their own community-based initiatives.

The audience also includes MUDRI students, researchers, and the broader resilience community.

Governance

MUDRI oversees the *Compendium* governance with Ethics approval from the Monash University Human Ethics Committee Number 6948.

Funding

MUDRI funds the *Compendium*. Initially, EMV provided seed funding to start the *Compendium*.

Publications

The online *Compendium* avoids hard copy 'glossy' and costly publications. MUDRI will synthesise a summary report of case studies for publication in an appropriate journal, e.g. the *Australian Journal of Emergency Management*.

Guidelines

- **Who can submit?**

Community leaders of resilience initiatives in the resilience/disaster/emergency setting, including those that are hosted/supported/co-designed with Local Government Authorities or Emergency Service Organisations.

- **How to submit**

Use the document [template](#).

- The document template includes cues to help you structure your story.
- Word limits help you summarise 'your story'.
- You can use dot points.
- You need one high quality resolution photo that promotes the heart of your project.
- The MUDRI team can provide assistance in preparing your submission.
- Email your completed submission to caroline.spencer@monash.edu
- The MUDRI team reviews submission, provides feedback and suggests modifications to ensure consistency from an editorial perspective.
- Once MUDRI accepts your submission, we ask for your approval to include your case study in the *Compendium*. This means you agree to allow people to connect with your listed contact person. Likewise, you understand that your case study is in the public domain and that MUDRI can use your case study in research, and publish papers in relevant journals based on an analysis of the case studies. The intellectual property for each case study remains with the case study authors.

Exemplars

A compendium exemplar that shares similar intentions to the MUDRI Compendium is the *Compendium of Case Studies on Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific 2015*.⁽⁴⁾

Overview: The *Compendium of Case Studies on Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific* showcases programmes and projects that address climate and disaster risks, through climate change adaptation, disaster risk management and/or greenhouse gas emissions reduction. The compendium highlights lessons learnt at the programme and project level and people can use it as a resource for future initiatives moving forward under the *Strategy for Climate and Disaster Resilient Development in the Pacific* (SRDP).

A second exemplar that informed the development of the MUDRI *Compendium* is that of the UK Resilience *Civil Protection and Resilience Case Studies* ⁽⁵⁾ that features an on-line, publically available compendium of case studies. The Guidelines include headings used in their Template for submitting Case Studies. ⁽⁶⁾

The 2018 *UN Sustainable Development Goals Good Practice and Success Stories on SDG Implementation* informed and guided our review of the submission template for the MUDRI *Compendium*. ⁽⁷⁾

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