



Queensland Neighbourhood Centres Strategy for Monsoon Resilience

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- Granite Belt Neighbourhood Centre
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- Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre
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- Northshore Community Centre
- Pomona Community House
- The Neighbourhood Hub (Mackay)
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Overview

PURPOSE:

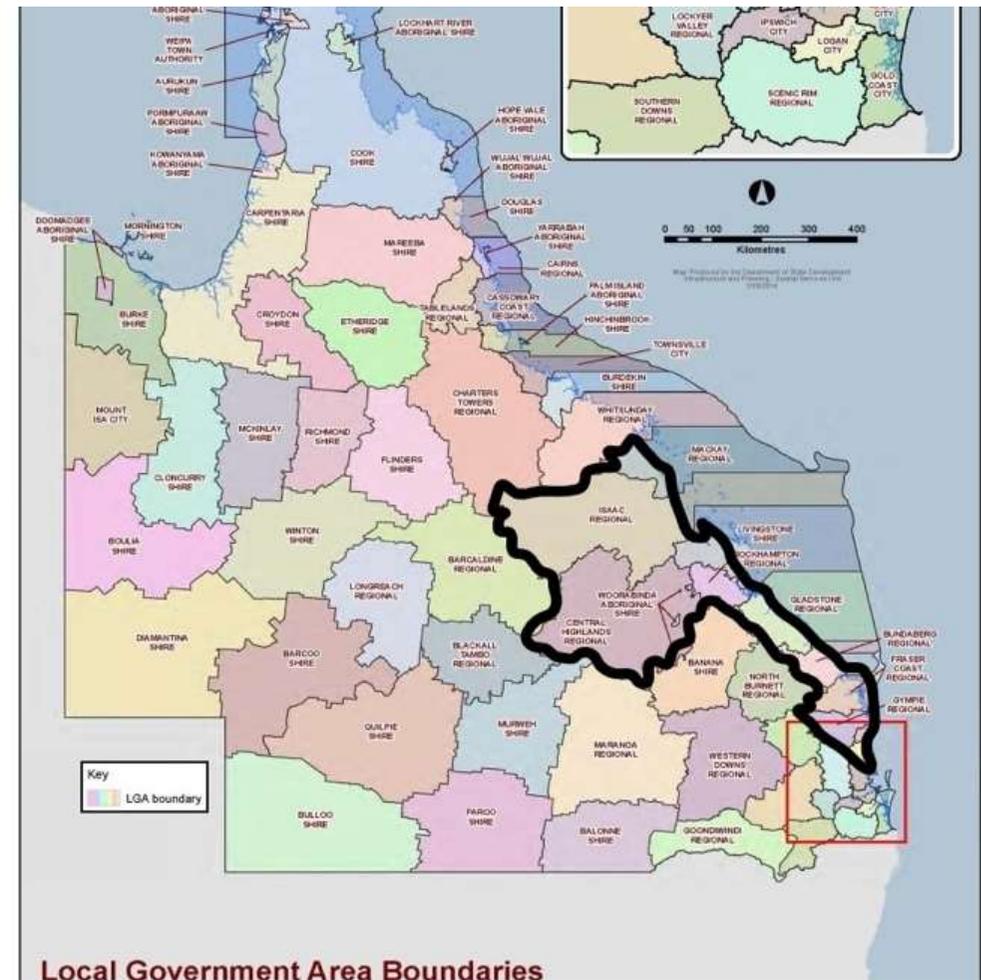
To highlight the value of Neighbourhood Centres' role in building the resilience and social cohesion of community to bushfires.

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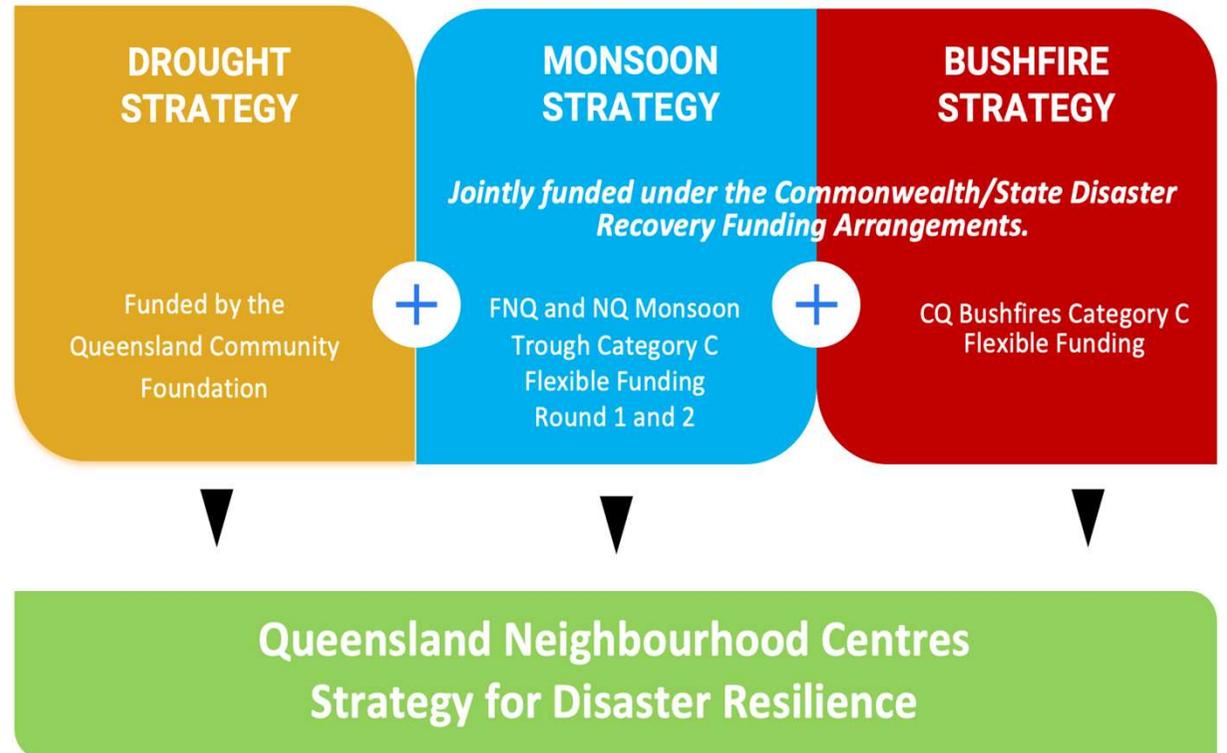
Central Queensland and Sunshine Coast Region

IMPLEMENTATION TIME FRAME:

3 Years | March 2021 to 2023



Strategy Linkages



Strategy Development

A collaborative process grounded in Participatory Action Research and Community Development Principles.





Key findings

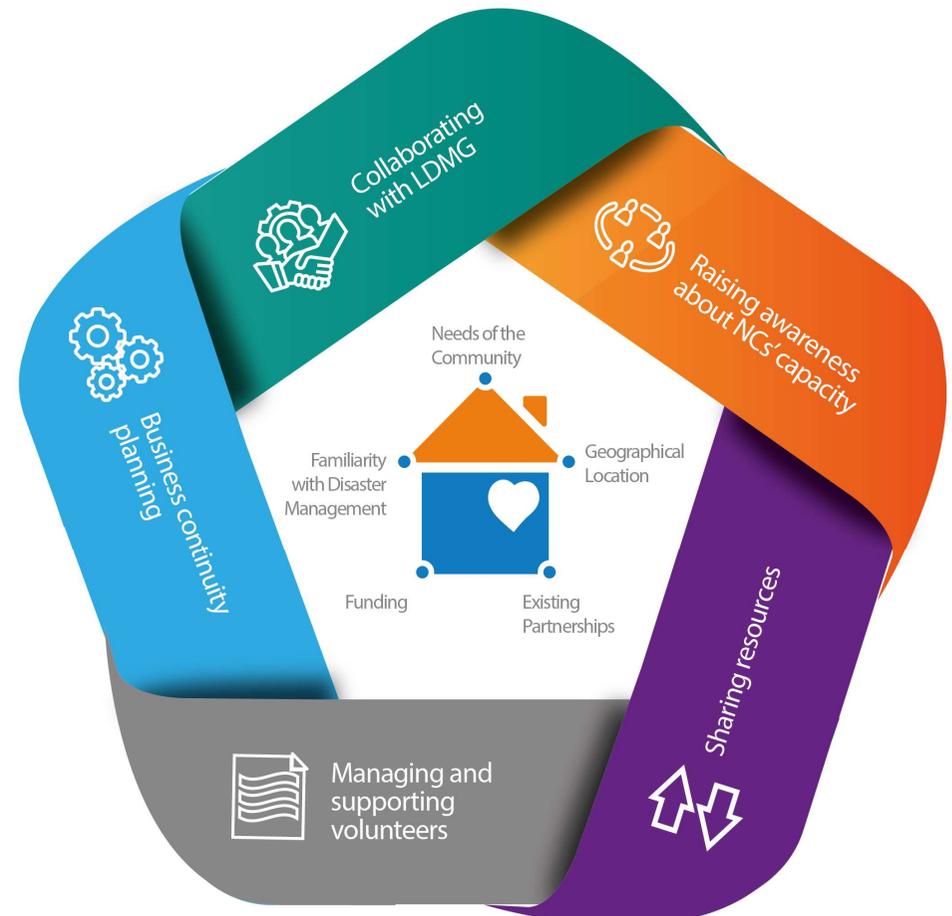
Neighbourhood Centres are well-placed to support their community to plan and prepare for bushfires.

The key role that Neighbourhood Centres can play in the response phase is to provide information and referral for affected individuals.

Neighbourhood Centres have the greatest capacity in the recovery phase and are invested in helping communities recover from bushfires.

Strategy A

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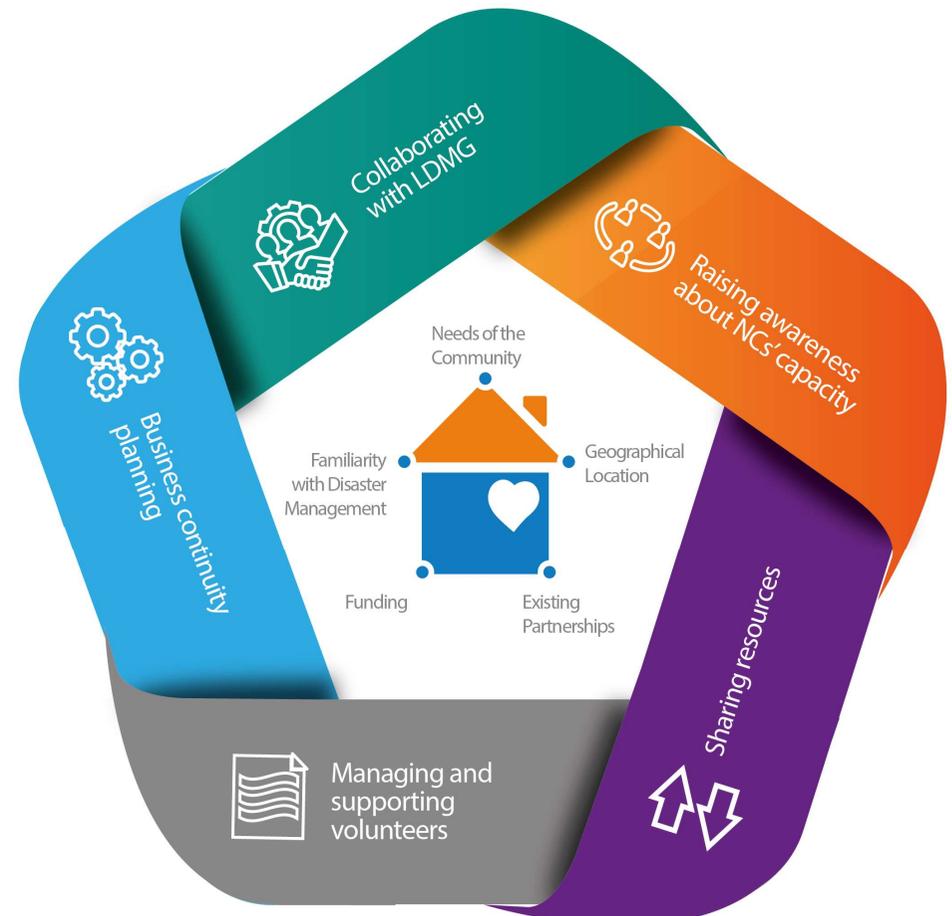


Perspectives from The Neighbourhood Hub Mackay

Strategy B

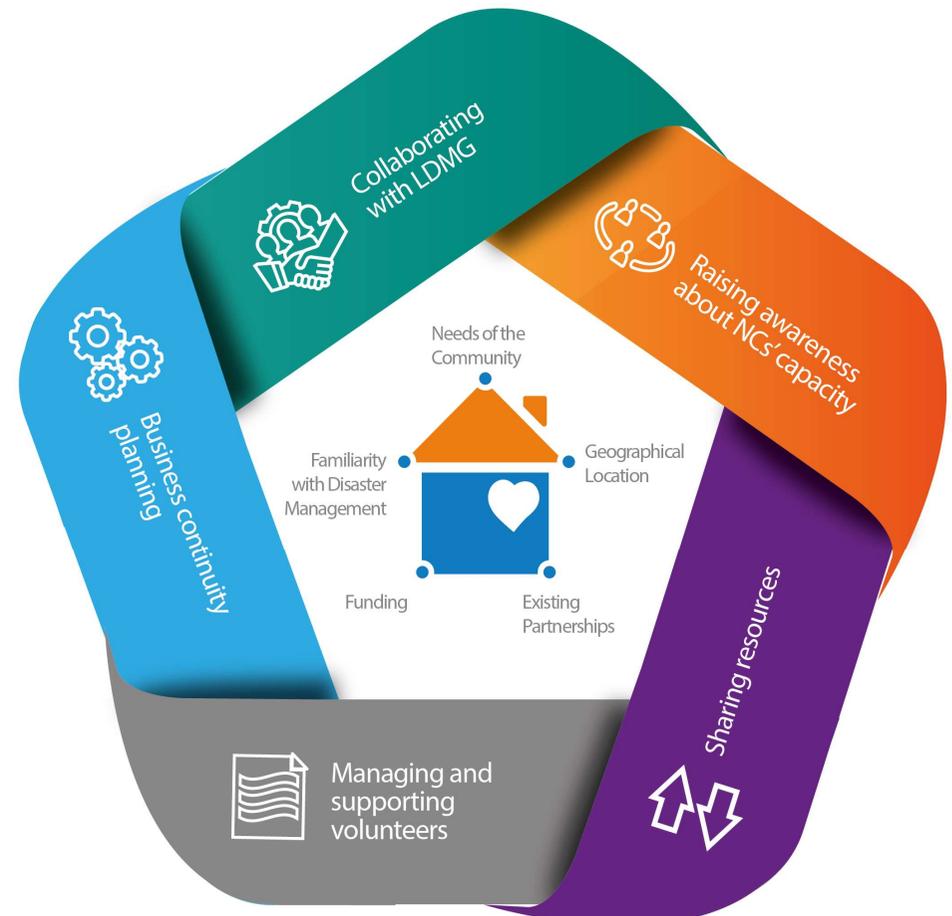
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Perspectives from Pomona Community House



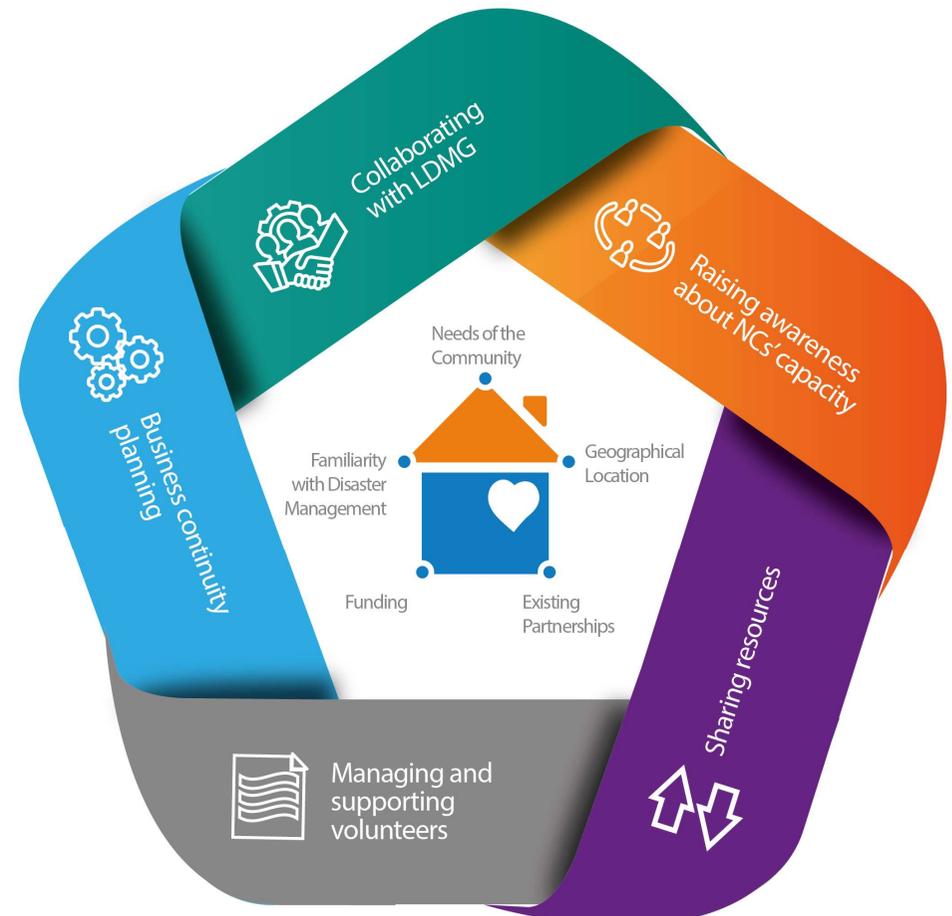
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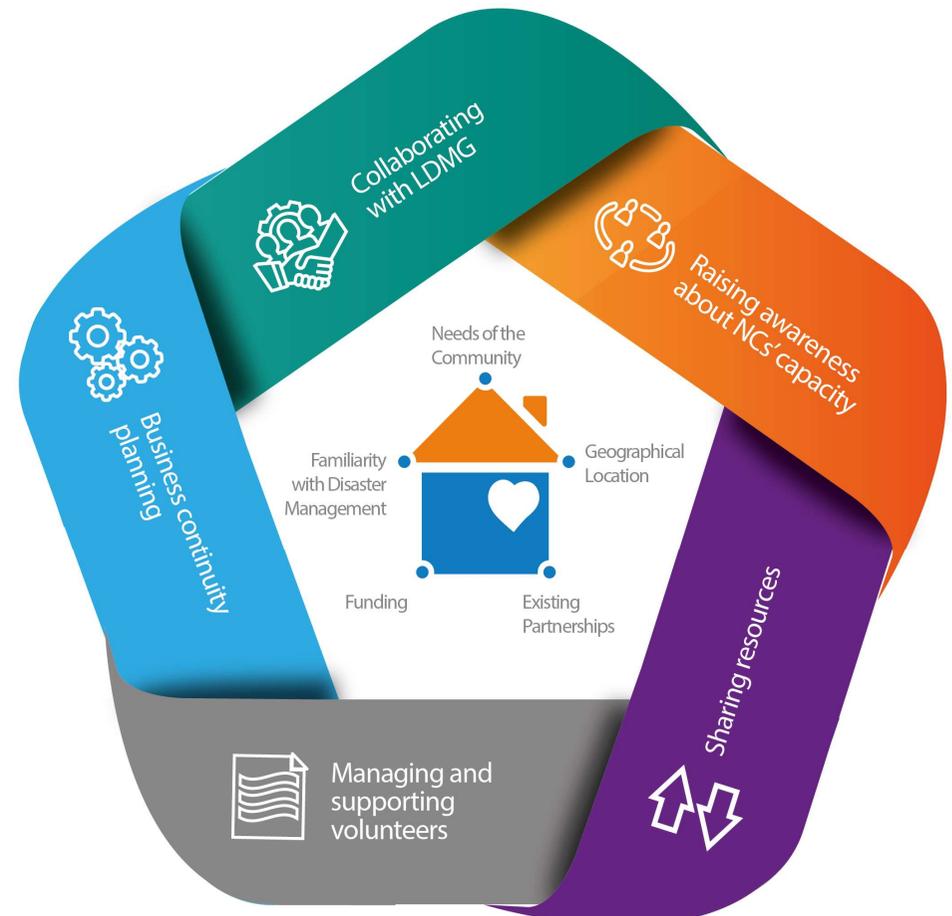
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Strategy E

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Perspectives from Sarina Neighbourhood Centre



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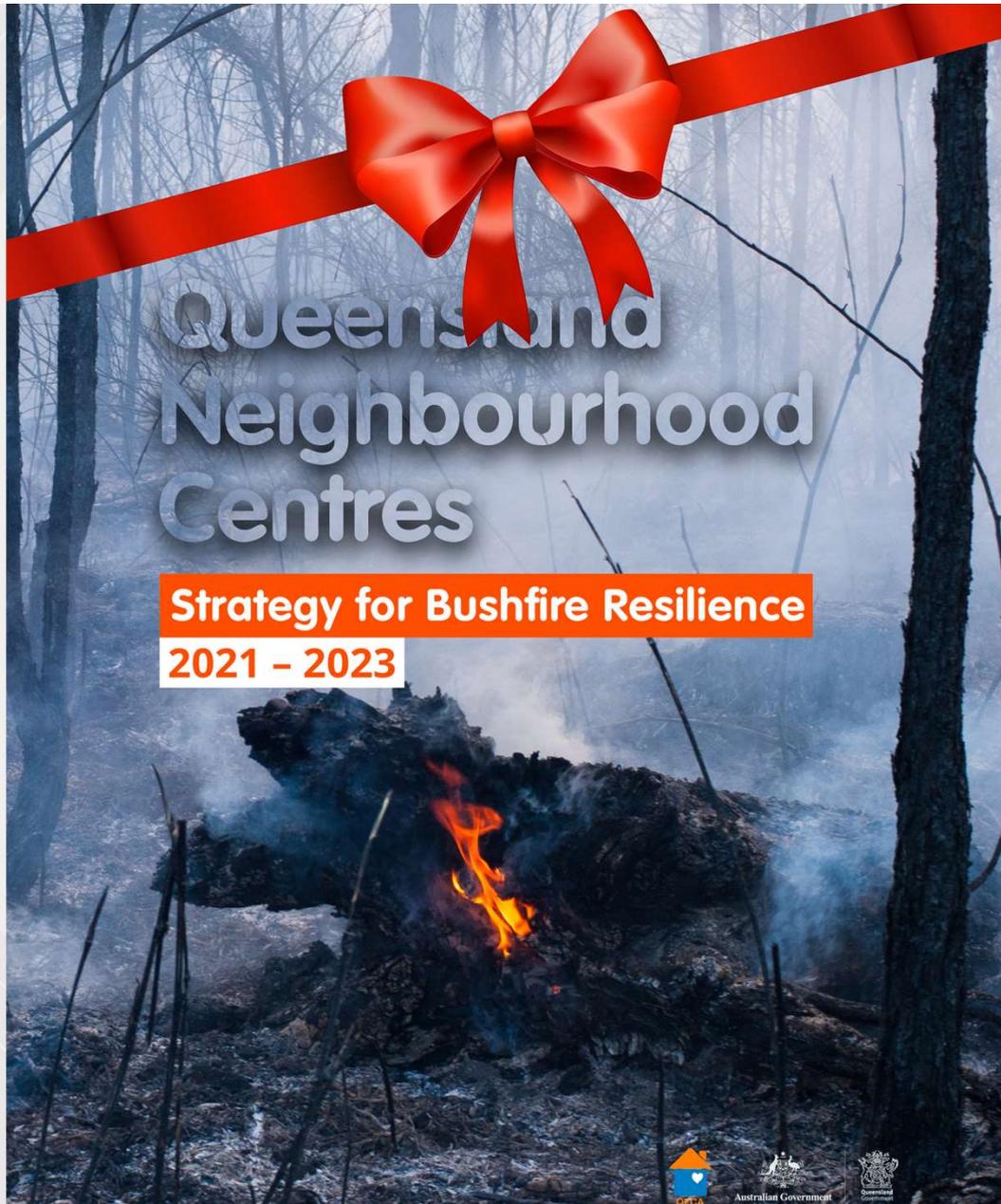
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Thank you to all the participating Neighbourhood Centres for your contribution of time and insights!

VISIT www.qfca.org/bushfire-project

The screenshot shows the website header with the QFCA logo (a house with a heart) and the tagline "Supporting our members to build Community". The navigation menu includes "Home", "Our Story", "Initiatives", "Training", "Research", and "Contact us". The main heading is "Neighbourhood Centre Disaster Resilience Strategy Project". Below this is a paragraph explaining the project's goal: "Neighbourhood Centres are playing a crucial role across the state in responding to natural disasters using community-led initiatives. The Queensland Families and Communities Association is developing a Queensland-wide Disaster Resilience Strategy with the Neighbourhood Centre sector by researching, analysing and using participatory methods to further develop and enhance this work. The Strategy will comprise of three distinct sub-strategies focused on drought, monsoon and bushfire. These strategies will be used as research and strategy frameworks for their respective regions while being aggregated into a Queensland-wide strategy for Neighbourhood Centres across the state. Details about the three project phases can be found below:". Three logos are displayed: QCF (Queensland Community Foundation, A charitable trust), Australian Government, and Queensland Government. Below the logos are three project cards. Each card features a representative image, a title, a brief description, and a "Project Info" button. The "Drought" card shows a hand holding soil, with text: "Neighbourhood Centre responses to drought in the South West Area Network and Far West Regions." The "Monsoon" card shows a person wading through floodwaters, with text: "Neighbourhood Centre responses to monsoonal flooding in Far North Qld and North Qld Regions." The "Bushfires" card shows a large fire, with text: "Neighbourhood Centre responses to bushfires in the Central Queensland and Sunshine Regions."

Neighbourhood Centre Disaster Resilience Strategy Project

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QCF Queensland Community Foundation
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Neighbourhood Centre responses to drought in the South West Area Network and Far West Regions.

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Bushfires

Neighbourhood Centre responses to bushfires in the Central Queensland and Sunshine Regions.

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