

Queensland
Neighbourhood
Centres

Strategy for
Monsoon Resilience

December 2020 – 2023



Queensland Neighbourhood Centres Strategy for Monsoon Resilience Launch

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OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

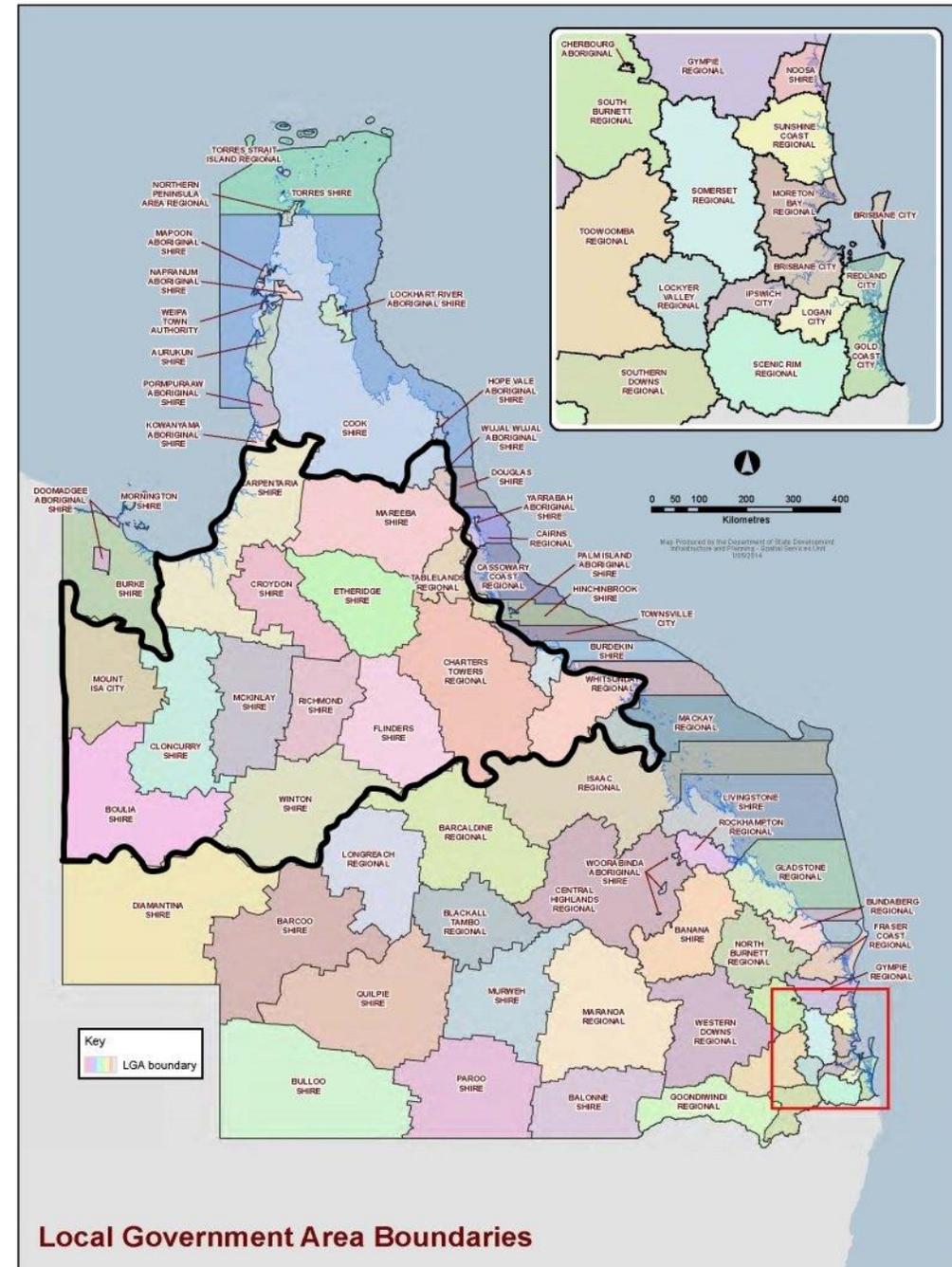
To promote social cohesion and community integration in response to monsoons through the work of Neighbourhood Centres.

FOCUS AREA

Far North and North Queensland

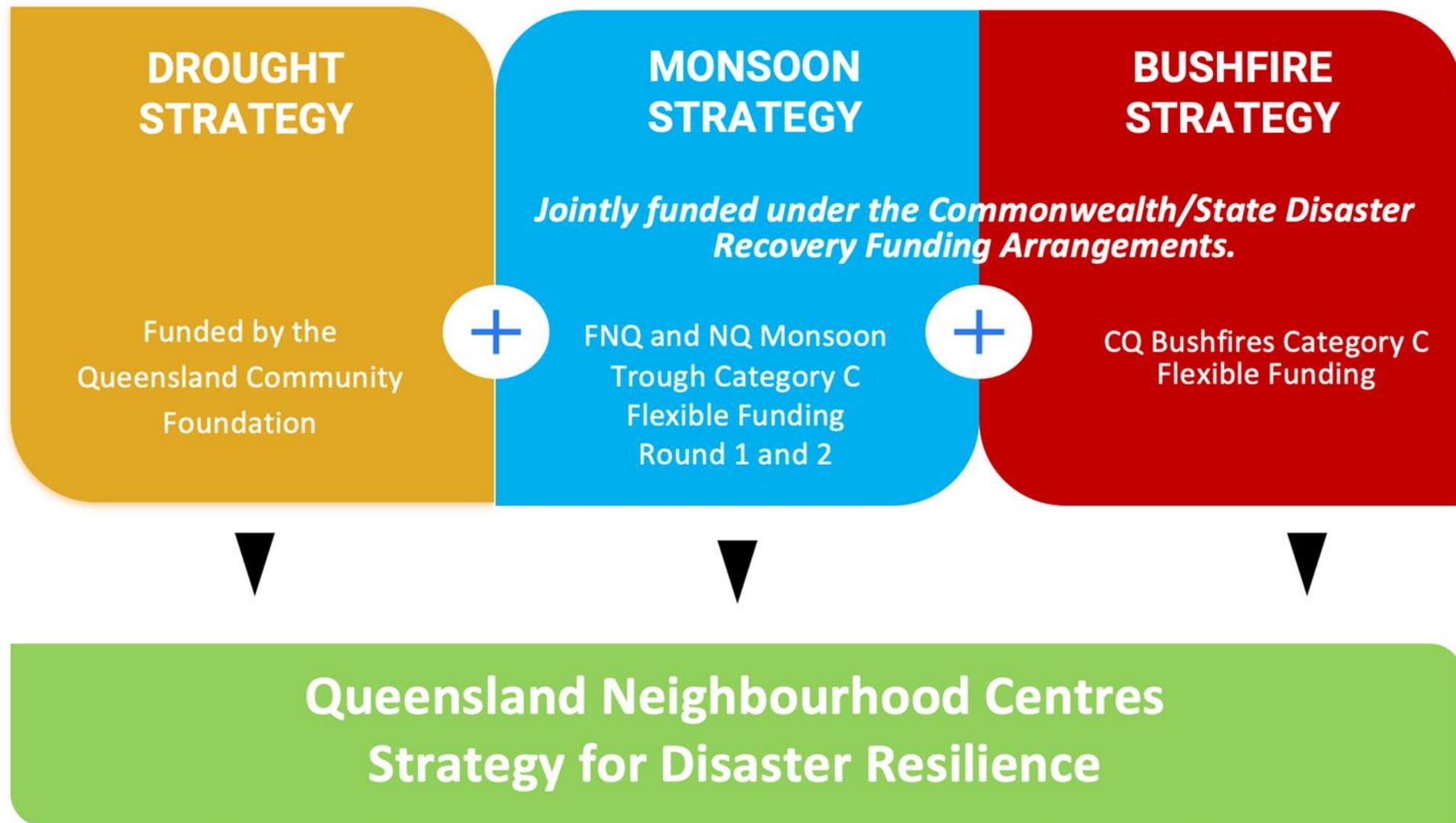
IMPLEMENTATION TIMEFRAME

3 years | December 2020 – 2023

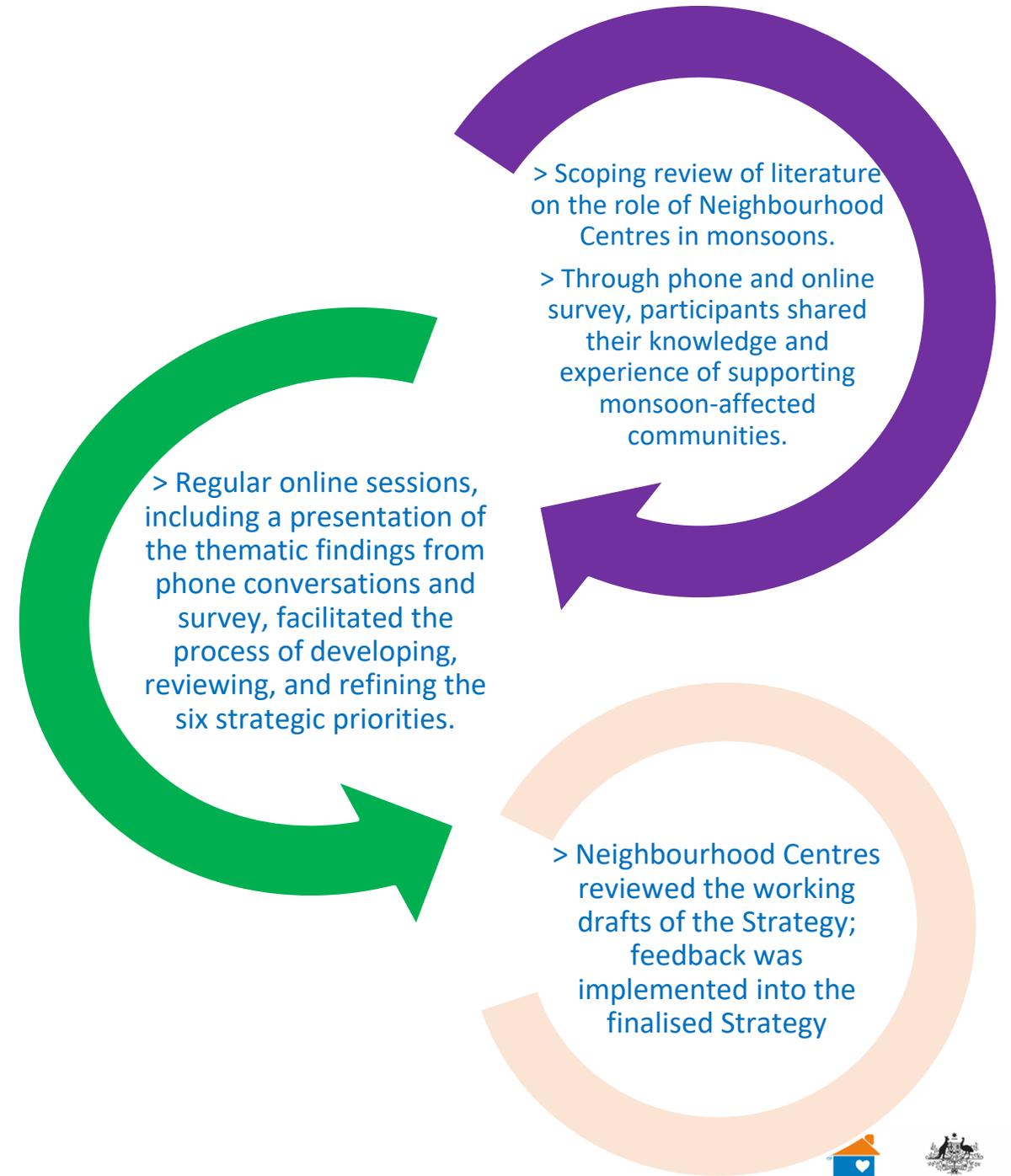


Local Government Area Boundaries

STRATEGY LINKAGES



A Collaborative Process of Strategy Development



Key Findings

Neighbourhood Centres

- Are often the first and last point of contact for individuals affected by monsoons.
- Can adapt quickly to the needs of their local community; by tapping into the local resources through collaborations, and rearranging internal roles where staff resources are available.
- See that empowering individuals to prepare for monsoon and build a strong support network as a key step to enhancing their community's resilience.



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Queensland Government



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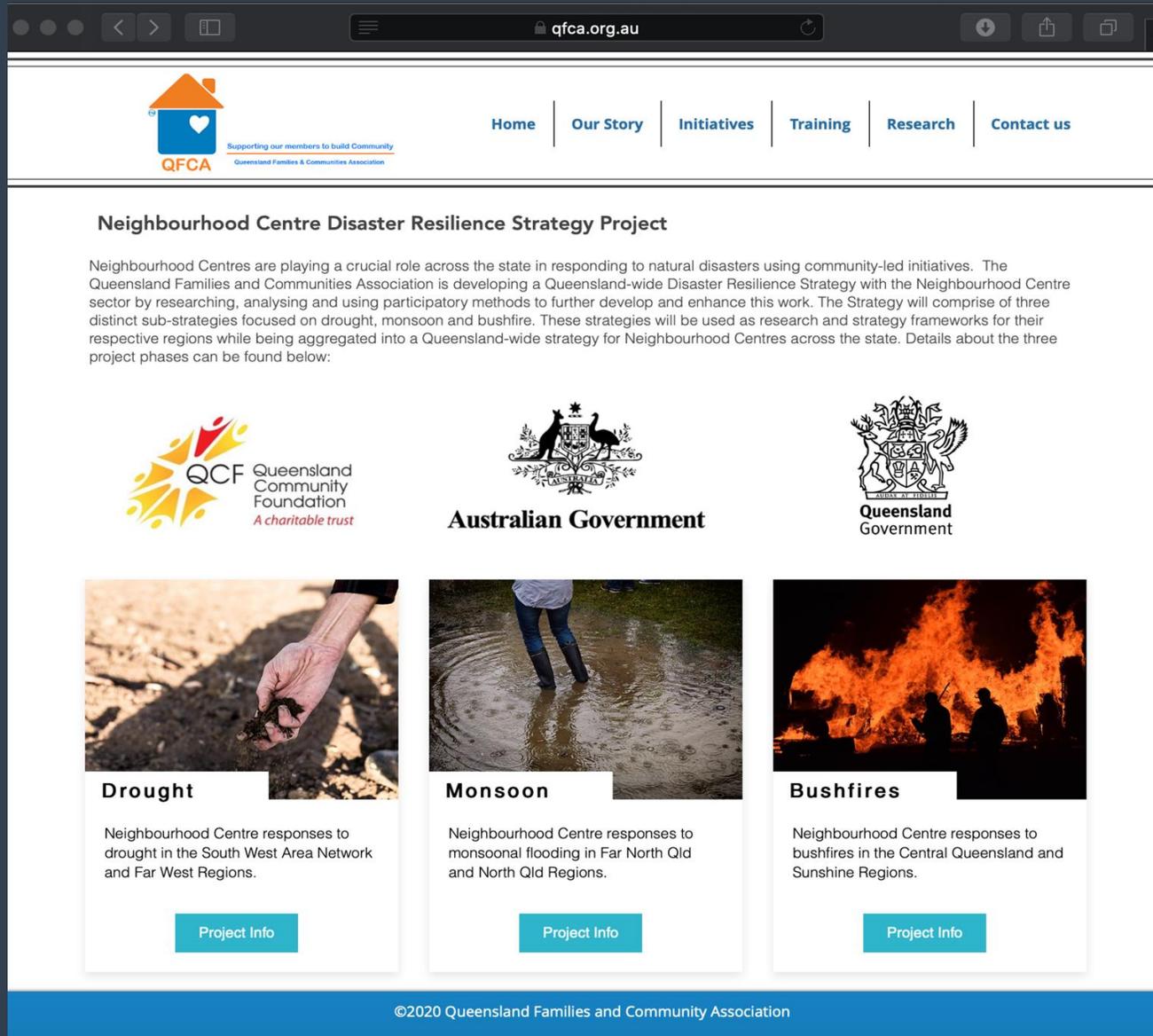
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VISIT www.qfca.org/monsoon-project



The screenshot shows a web browser at the URL www.qfca.org.au. The page features the QFCA logo (a house with a heart) and a navigation menu with links for 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: to develop a Queensland-wide Disaster Resilience Strategy with Neighbourhood Centres, focusing on drought, monsoon, and bushfire. Logos for QCF (Queensland Community Foundation), the Australian Government, and the Queensland Government are displayed. Three project cards are shown: "Drought" (with an image of a hand holding soil), "Monsoon" (with an image of a person wading in floodwaters), and "Bushfires" (with an image of a large fire). Each card includes a brief description of the project's focus and a "Project Info" button. The footer contains the copyright notice: ©2020 Queensland Families and Community Association.

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