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Recovery Exercising Toolkit Webinar

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Welcome

Dr Margaret Moreton
Executive Director, AIDR



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Acknowledgement of Country

AIDR acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which you all join us from today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this event.

We pay our respects to Elders past and present and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters across Australia.

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Housekeeping

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Speaker introductions

Mark Drew

Director, National Capabilities Program,
National Emergency Management Agency

Wendy Graham

Project Lead, Recovery Exercising Program,
National Emergency Management Agency

Current State of Play

The extent and nature of recovery exercising varies across jurisdictions, with many irregularly or inconsistently exercising in an integrated fashion, or not having the capacity to develop specialised recovery exercising.

Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements 2020



Why exercise for recovery??

More frequent and more severe disasters, with compounding impacts are resulting in more complex and protracted recoveries for communities.

Recovery comes at the end of PPRR, but it is not the end of the story...
It's the beginning

Recovery is the emergency management phase that will go on for the longest and have the biggest impact on how a person will go on to live their life into the future.

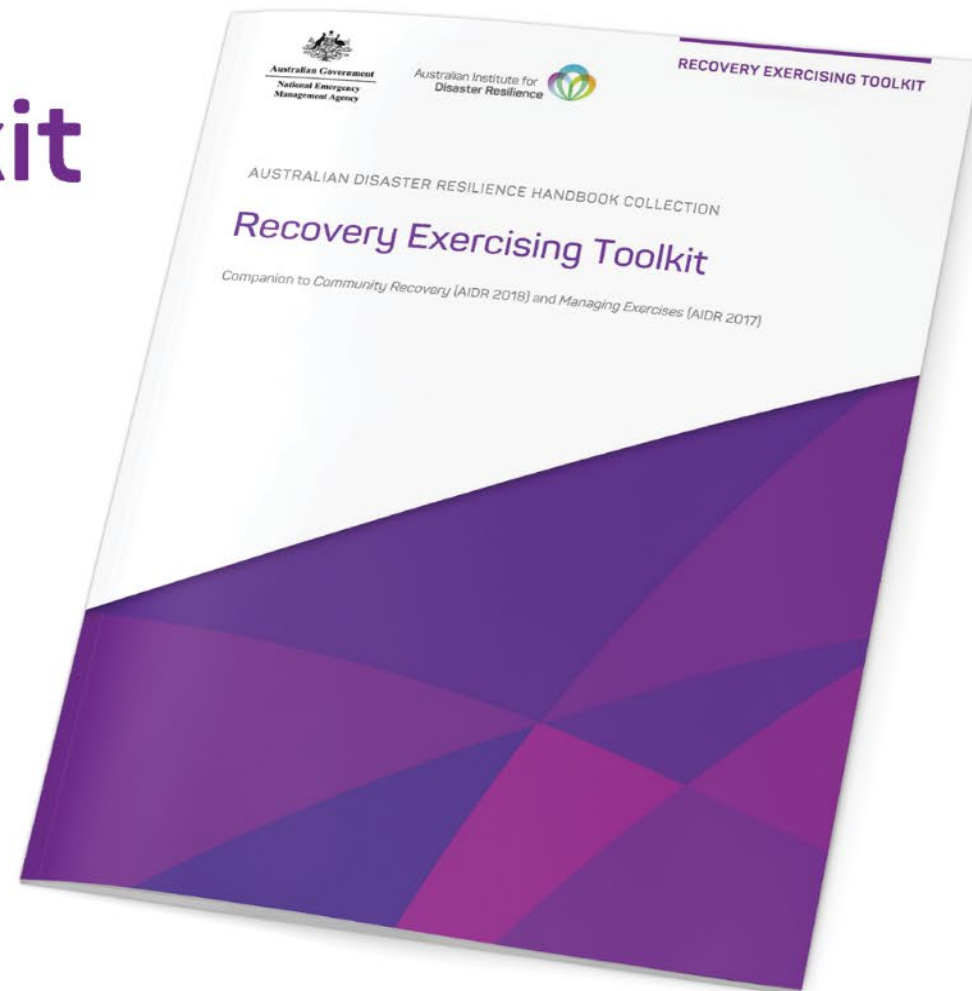
Exercising for recovery is as important as exercising for response



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Pilot Exercises

**Queensland
Yeppoon, Livingston Shire
November 2021**

**South Australia
Barossa
Emergency Management Zone
May 2022**

**Tasmania
St Helens
Break O'Day Municipal Council
June 2022**

3 Pilot Exercises

14 Councils

- Queensland: 3
- South Australia: 4
- Tasmania: 7

126 participants

**Support and participation from State
Emergency/Recovery Agencies**



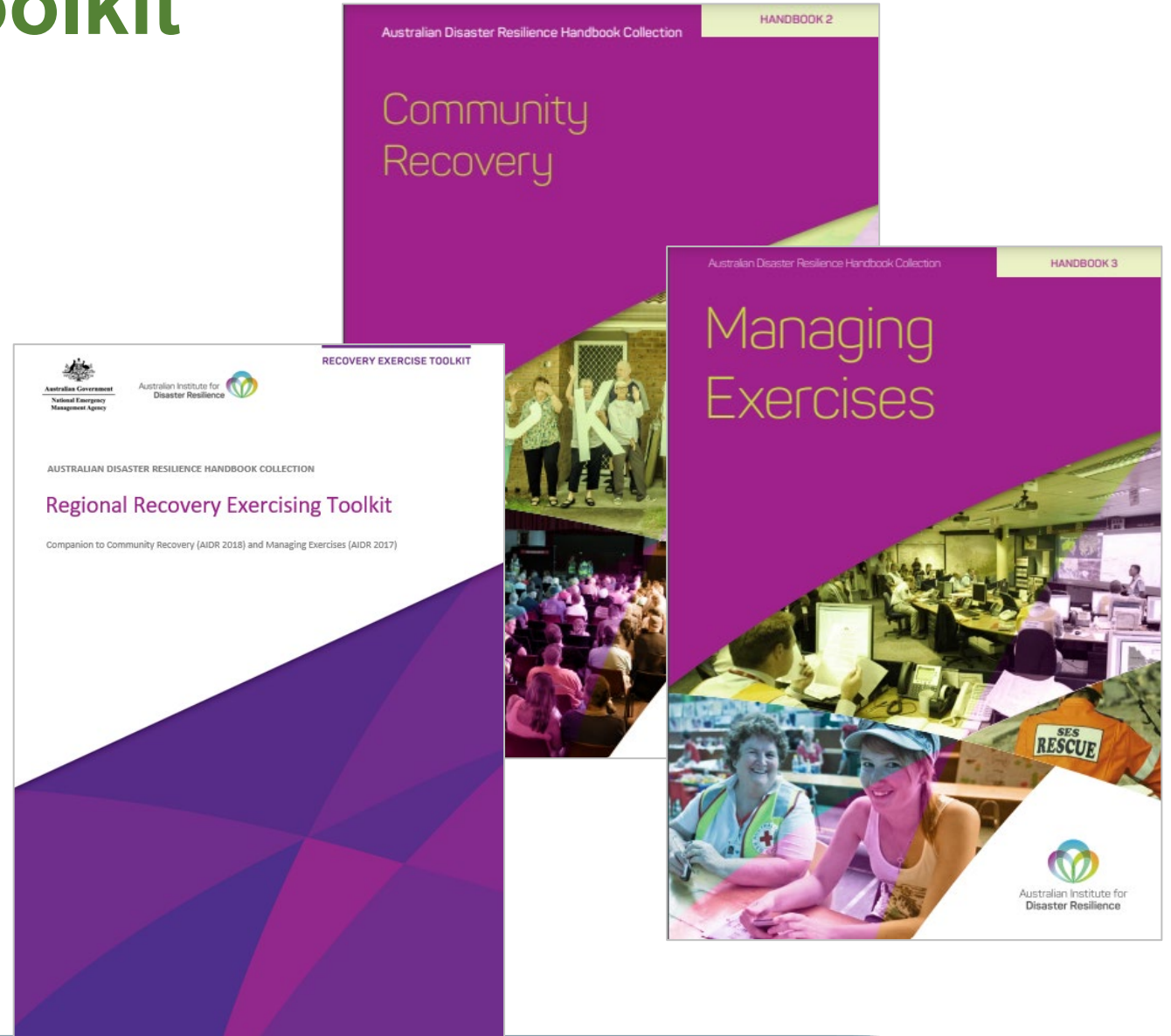
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Stand alone resource developed to guide exercise planners in the design and conduct of a recovery exercise.

Contains evidence-based guidance, specialised resources, templates and slides.

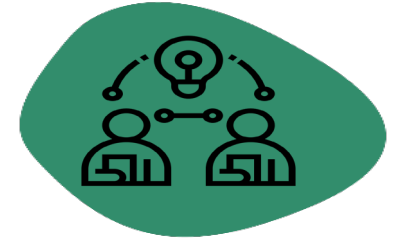
Dedicated focus on recovery that goes beyond immediate relief and early recovery and allows for an in depth exploration of recovery over time.

Encourages a community inclusive approach to planning and exercising for recovery.



Purpose

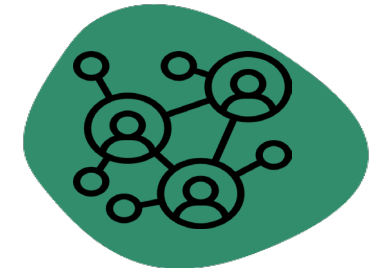
- Designed to support recovery planning, rather than stress test existing structures
- Encourage collaborative and explorative discussion
- Support agency personnel to understand their role in recovery
- Strengthen collaboration and coordination at the local level



Sharing knowledge
and experience

A practical tool containing:

- guidance on developing a recovery discussion exercise
- a suite of elective modules that focus on recovery considerations at the community level.



Networking



Components of a recovery exercise

Disaster Event Scenario

Relevant State or Territory Recovery Arrangements and history of disasters in the local government area

Core modules

Foundations of Community Recovery

Recovery Considerations over time:

- **3 weeks to 3 months**
- **6 to 12 months and**
- **12 months and beyond**

Elective Modules (select one module to support local context and planning priorities)

**Supporting people with disability
in recovery**

**Working with Indigenous
communities in recovery**

**Foundations of Economic
Recovery**



Who is the target audience?

- Emergency Management Committees, Councils and Recovery Committees responsible for the development of recovery plans.
- Other organisations who would normally be members on a recovery committee
- Designed for use by regional and local emergency management levels, to embed the recovery phase in emergency management exercise programs.





Recovery Exercising Toolkit

The Recovery Exercise Toolkit was developed by the National Emergency Management Agency and the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience (AIDR). The Toolkit complements the **Managing Exercises** (AIDR Under Review) and **Community Recovery** (AIDR 2018) Handbooks.

Toolkit Companion document

The Toolkit Companion introduces the Toolkit and provides a guided pathway for exercise planners to follow in the development and facilitation of a recovery exercise. The document includes an overview of the recovery modules and also an Exercise Facilitator Guide and accompanying slide deck.

[Download the Toolkit Companion \(PDF 791KB\)](#)

[Download the Facilitator Guide \(PDF DOC 105KB\)](#)

[Download the Facilitator Slide Deck \(1.57MB\)](#)



Explore national principles for managing exercises

[Community Recovery Handbook](#)

The Recovery Exercise Toolkit includes the following modules:

The Toolkit contains a suite of Modules that focus on a range of recovery considerations that have been identified as important recovery issues through lessons from recent disasters and evidence-based research. The Modules contain foundational concepts and links to helpful resources to provide a base level of understanding that will equip participants to undertake further recovery planning and action. Each module has been developed with the guidance of a subject matter expert and informed by evidence-based research and practice.

Modules:

- Fundamentals of Community Recovery
- Recovery Considerations Over Time
- Coordinating Recovery Support for People with Disability
- Working with Indigenous communities in Recovery
- Foundations of Economic Recovery



Explore national principles for community recovery

Each module contains:

- Module Overview
- Slide Deck presentation
- Video by a subject matter expert

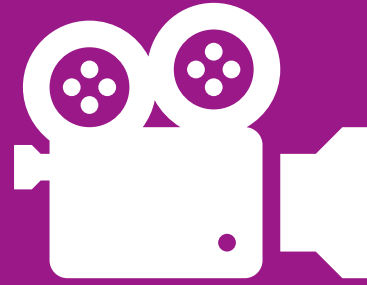
Working with Indigenous communities in Recovery

Working With Indigenous Communities in Recovery is designed to give participants a shared understanding of the intrinsic strengths of Indigenous peoples and the unique impacts on Indigenous communities affected by disasters.

[Download Module Overview \(PDF 641KB\)](#)

[Download Module Slide Deck \(PDF 961KB\)](#)

[View video: Working with Indigenous communities in Recovery](#)



An Indigenous Perspective of Disaster Recovery

Bhiamie Williamson

There are many ways to use the Toolkit

A standalone recovery exercise, or ideally as a component of a broader emergency management exercise:

- Day One Response
- Day Two Recovery

Other ways to use the modules:

- Workshops
- Recovery awareness sessions
- ‘Just In Time’ training resource



What will success look like?

Remember when.....



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Panel introductions

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Manager Community Programs and Accessible City Coordinator
City of Hobart Council

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Project Coordinator,
Disability Voices Tasmania

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Q & A

Don't forget to enter you questions into the Q&A box.

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Event concludes

Thank you for attending today's webinar.



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