



Resilient Uki (RUKI) is a not-for-profit incorporated association, focused on supporting the Greater Uki area to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters and crises.

RUKI was born from the flood events of 2022, but it is built on the foundations of the Uki Flood Group, which was established in 2014 and has done extensive groundwork in keeping our community informed of flooding risks and response.

RUKI works to support a grassroots base of neighbourhood groups to assist Uki and surrounding areas in being a connected, kind, responsive, robust, resilient, regenerative and healthy community.

We are a diverse group of community volunteers working collaboratively and compassionately to strengthen Uki to become more connected and resilient in this changing world. We are here to support the community to help themselves and each other. RUKI is a completely independent association with no economic, political or religious affiliations.

What we are working on:

- Securing hardware for and establishing a community-owned UHF radio network, connecting the Greater Uki area when traditional communications systems are down.
- Improving the community's resources and capacity by building a cache of well-positioned community owned assets for immediate, local response to flood or fire.
- Establishing a network with neighbouring communities along the Koonyum Range to support each other when we become isolated.
- Assisting the Uki School of the Arts Hall to have off-grid capacity for use as an emergency hub
- A Neighbourhoods Project for Greater Uki, supporting the connection and mental health resilience of our neighbourhoods (see over for more).
- We organised an online recovery event for more than 600 parents and carers called After the Floods, featuring three national parenting experts.
- Working with emergency services, Council, State Government and other Community Resilience Network stakeholders to better coordinate our response to the next disaster.
- Partnering with Plan C to deliver the Community Carers and Responders program in Uki, training more than 25 local leaders and giving Greater Uki increased capacity for on-the-ground community support in times of disaster and crisis.
- Establishing key relationships with leading disaster response agencies, researchers and not-for-profits to learn from and ensure a community voice in preparedness for, response to and recovery from disasters.

Our People

The RUKI committee office bearers include Melanie Bloor (president), Carmen Myler (vice president), Geoffrey Colwill (treasurer) and Brendan Esposito (secretary).

Getting Involved

There's a lot going on in this space and as a grassroots community association, RUKI hopes to involve the whole community. If you would like to know more, please don't hesitate to contact us at secretary@resilientuki.org.au

“You don't have to be best friends, But, are you good neighbours?”

THE NEIGHBOURHOODS PROJECT

RUKI's *Neighbourhoods Project* slogan recognises that, when disaster strikes it is frequently our neighbours who provide us with the urgent support we need. Often well before emergency services can reach us and then, well after they have gone.

RUKI's (Resilient Uki) 'Neighbourhoods Project' supports 12 neighbourhood groups across the Uki district. Each one has a team who supports their neighbourhood's involvement.

The Neighbourhoods

1. Doon Doon, Midginbil, Commissioners Creek
2. Mt Burrell
3. Kunghur, Kunghur Creek, Terragon
4. Byrill Creek
5. Uki to Terragon
6. Uki Village
7. Rowlands and Chowan Creek Rds
8. Smith's Creek Rd
9. Braeside, Bonnydoon, Toon Pl, Kyogle Rd
10. Meadow Pl
11. Dum Dum
12. Mt Warning Rd

It is community led, so which activities each neighbourhood chooses to participate in is up to the neighbourhood and how much involvement each household has, is up to the household.

Possible neighbourhood activities include:

- Surveying residents
- 'Get prepared' - developing a flood & storm or fire plan for your property
- Skill Share Sessions - neighbours sharing skills with neighbours
- Radio handling training
- Social meet ups
- Head check - neighbours working out how to check on each other during disasters.
- Let's share - neighbours sharing skills and equipment with each other especially during a crisis.
- Resilience First Aid training
- First aid skills training

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

The first and most important reason is that a community formed through kindness is a wonderful place to live.

We believe, this will help to further strengthen our neighbourhoods so we can become more connected in good times and bad, and be better prepared and confident to look after ourselves in times of need.

- Be better prepared for when disaster strikes
 - Help each other during disasters
- Find out what our needs are afterwards

Basically, we hope to become a better prepared and resilient community, well equipped and confident to look after ourselves.

The Neighbourhoods project provides: support for the neighbourhood leaders; facilitators for activities; 'how to' guides; information; free training; and equipment on loan for your community gatherings e.g. gazebo, lighting, an urn.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Marlena on 0404486712

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