

Resilience event for Braidwood businesses a success

More than 30 Braidwood business owners learned how to prepare for future disasters while building their community networks at a free event in Braidwood recently [September 14].

corporate2community (now Resilient Ready) director Renae Harvin spoke about the innovative Business Community Resilience (BCR) Toolkit program, while several other community groups outlined initiatives they had established to help build resilience in the Braidwood community.

“It was a good opportunity to get together to learn, share stories and build our networks as we accept living and doing business in this new era of compound disasters,” she said.

Ms Harvin congratulated the more than 30 business owners and community members who attended the event: “They made the brave decision to accept that the worst is possible and the best way to prepare for it is by coming together and sharing their knowledge.” Participants followed the example of Braidwood Servicemen’s Club, Braidwood FM radio station and Braidwood Old Sunday School Hall, who chose to collaborate on a grant application after the 2019-20 bushfires to build the people and places in Braidwood in preparation for future disaster impacts.

Representatives from each outlined the projects they are implementing as part of the grant.

Representatives from Braidwood Chamber of Commerce, Braidwood Community Bank and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council also spoke about their own initiatives to build resilience in Braidwood and surrounds.

Ms Harvin introduced some of the themes from the Business Community Resilience (BCR) Toolkit program, available to all businesses in Braidwood (and throughout Southern NSW) until this Friday [September 30].

A free online program to help businesses prepare for future disasters and disruptions, the BCR Toolkit is delivered through 26 online learning modules to empower them to prepare, connect and build resilience.

The Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund (BCRRF) project is funded through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangement. Businesses can register for the free BCR Toolkit program at

<https://toolkit.corporate2community.com/> until Friday, September 30.

The event was considered a huge success not just for the speaker presentations, but also for the discussion and networking that happened afterwards to try and solve some of the problems raised. Hopefully it will be the first of many such events held in Braidwood.



corporate2community (now Resilient Ready) director Renae Harvin



Braidwood business people at the Club to hear about the Business Community Resilience (BCR) Toolkit program.

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