

Rockhampton Region Volunteer Organisations Active in Disasters (VOAD)

Newsletter - December 2020

Community led support
for disaster response
and recovery

Cooperation
Communication
Coordination
Collaboration

2020 has been an important year in the development of the Rockhampton Region Volunteer Organisations Active in Disasters (VOAD) Consortium and 2021 will prove to be exciting for members as the group finds its feet and voice in the local disaster management environment.

VOAD Consortium Meeting - November 2020

The inaugural VOAD Consortium meeting was held in November and provided an opportunity for members to meet and receive disaster briefings from Rockhampton Regional Council and the SES. The second VOAD Consortium meeting is scheduled for late January 2021 and all interested volunteer groups are welcome to attend.

Opportunities for Collaboration

Several of the VOAD members explored opportunities for collaboration during 2020. Next year will be exciting as more opportunities emerge to work together on funding submissions or to receive training together. I'd encourage VOAD members to think about how they could benefit from working together not only during disasters but also in the recovery of the community.

VOAD Logo

The VOAD Consortium needs a logo! I'm calling on all our creative members to provide me with their ideas. Once the Consortium has decided on a logo, Volunteering Queensland will have it professionally designed and ready for use in 2021.

Disaster Volunteering Exercise

Is your organisation ready to respond in a disaster? I will be hosting a desktop disaster volunteering exercise in January 2021 and interested volunteer groups can register their interest by emailing me.

Thanks

I would like to thank all the organisations and volunteers for their commitment and valuable contribution to making the VOAD happen, as well as their ongoing support they provide to their communities.

Have a great and safe Festive season with family and friends and I'll see old and new VOAD members in January 2021. All the best, Pete Munro



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