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Council takes home 2017 Resilient Australia Award

Melton City Council has taken out the Victorian 2017 Resilient Australia Award (RAA) for the Emergency Ready Communities project.

Council partnered with Wyndham City Council for the initiative which empowered local community groups to become disaster ready.

The RAAs is a national program which promotes local projects helping make communities safer and better prepared for natural disasters, such as bushfires or floods.

More than 185 people directly participated in the project, which engaged community leaders from local groups including emergency services, residents associations, environment groups, and CALD communities.

The project allowed participants to develop 11 emergency ready community project briefs during the leadership program.

City of Melton Mayor, Cr Sophie Ramsey, said she was proud of what Council and the community were able to achieve.

“More than 35 people each played their part to help the program succeed, and I’m so proud both the City of Melton and the City of Wyndham have been recognised for their commitment to keeping the community safe in emergencies,” Cr Ramsey said.

The Emergency Ready Communities project helped develop leadership program, a leadership forum, the development of a Municipal Community Profile & Engagement Framework (MCPEF), and scoring of the TRI Community Disaster Resilience Scorecard.

After being named state winner of the 2017 Resilient Australia Award, Council has now progressed on to the national awards which will be announced by December.

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