



# The Resilience Roundup Northern Tas

Autumn 2024

## Two new opportunities to contribute to the regional plan.

### Community Conversations

We've loved hearing from you via our baseline survey and out-and-about at regional events. Your experiences of the impacts of drought and your ideas on resilience have informed the development of goals to shape the next stage of the development of the Regional Drought Resilience Plans.

Next up is a series of community conversations - productive roundtable discussions on the actions required to achieve these goals and pathways that will be included in the regional plans. These will be taking place across Tasmania and we need your help to ground truth and expand on what we've heard so far.

I will be hosting some of these discussions around the northern region as well as supporting interested individuals or community groups to



host them in their own networks. I can come along to your meetings or help co-ordinate special events to facilitate this process.

At the end of this part of the project the RDR planning team will have a valuable community resource that has captured what's working, identified the gaps and how to address them. These learnings will be incorporated into each region's plan which will then provide the community with a document to support investment into the future.

I hope you are interested in being part of the planning journey, please contact me at [janice.miller@dpac.tas.gov.au](mailto:janice.miller@dpac.tas.gov.au) or register on our [Drought Ready Tasmania website](#).

### Case study call out

We are looking for your good news stories about people, projects or organisations that have taken action to reduce risks and strengthen resilience in these times of increasing climate variability.

- Do you know a local legend with a great yarn to share about resilience?
- Are you part of a community group that has been working to connect community, improve well-being, restore ecosystems or increase people's knowledge and skills?
- Have you noticed a project, big or small, that has been kicking goals?

These stories and experiences will be at the heart of our drought resilience planning. Please get in touch.



## AGFEST 2024

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at Agfest, and talking more with you. We will be sharing space with Rural Business Tasmania, come and find us at site 803 on Eighth Avenue and help us build the picture of drought risk and resilience in Tasmania.

\$250 Mitre 10 Gift Voucher to be won!

## Opportunities and Support

We would like to highlight two opportunities currently open.

### Seasonal Conditions Scheme

Recognising that extended dry conditions are now impacting a large portion of the State, eligible primary production livestock businesses on mainland Tasmania can now apply for support under the *Mainland Tasmania – Livestock Producers – Seasonal Conditions Scheme*.

This scheme provides one-off payments of up to \$5,000 to eligible farm businesses who can demonstrate that:

- *They have a primary production livestock business on mainland Tasmania that has been severely impacted by extended abnormally dry conditions.*
- *Their farm business has experienced, or expects to experience, significant financial impact, causing some hardship, due to the extended dry conditions.*

*Applications for this scheme will close at 3pm on Friday, 10 May 2024 or when program funding is exhausted.*

*To view the program guidelines and to apply, visit the [State Growth website](#)*

### Resilient Farming Tas

*The first participants in the Resilient Farming Tas program are off and running with a good mix of farmers from across the state. Following a quick process of submitting an expression of interest and application, participants joined an introductory webinar (available [here](#)) to learn more about the options that could work for them as part of the program.*

#### WHAT IS RESILIENT FARMING TAS?

*Resilient Farming Tas is the Program that will work with individual farm businesses here in Tasmania to prepare a Farm Business Resilience Plan.*

*The planning process will identify risks and opportunities associated with drought, the effect of*



*other climate extremes and other unexpected events.  
The aim of this Program is to support you to access a  
range of tools to manage the effects of climate change  
and other risks to your farm business.*

*The final 'Plan on a Page' will list priority actions  
that you will implement to control risks to your  
business and make the most of opportunities.*

*More info on the [website](#).*



## **Visit to Flinders Island**

At the end of March I joined a team from NRE, Tas Farm Hub and NRM North visiting Flinders Island to learn how farmers and the broader community were coping with the significant lack of rainfall over spring and summer. With town water supplies still reasonable, Flinders has been supplying a very dry Cape Barren with water for the last few weeks.

The message was clear that if Flinders' farmers did not receive rain before the end of April they would be in serious trouble; they were already feeding stock and there were some challenges around access to feed as farmers across the country feel the pinch. As ever destocking off the Island can be a headache with abattoirs under the pump as the feed-squeeze increases. Some relief came a week after our visit with an inch of rainfall which has helped but a great deal more is needed as there has been no 'autumn break' this year.

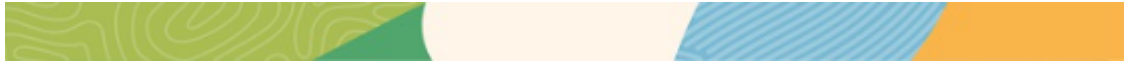
Flying into Whitemark we all looked west to see a significant rain squall a few miles off the coast, wanting to lasso it and drag it to the island; apparently such tantalising sights have been prevalent for some weeks – a cruel twist on challenging times.

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**Be part of the plan. Have your say today.**

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