



**Drought
Ready
Tasmania**



The Resilience Roundup Southern 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. We need your help to ground truth and expand on what we've heard so far.

The regional co-ordinator will be hosting some of these discussions around the region as well as supporting interested individuals or community

groups to host them in their own networks. We 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 we will have a valuable community resource that has captured what's working, identified the gaps and how to address them and can be used to access support and investment into the future.

Interested?

- Contact Lissa by emailing lissa.villeneuve@dpac.tas.gov.au or phone 0461 414 686
- Register to stay informed about community conversation events

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 on Eighth Avenue and help us build the picture of drought risk and resilience in Tasmania.

\$250 Mitre 10 Gift Voucher to be won!

[AGFEST 2024 Website](#)

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](#).

Flourishing Communities	Prosperous Local Economies	Resilient Landscapes	Climate-Conscious Built Environment
Range of active and diverse community groups, networks and social activities	Producers and small businesses in the region have the information, knowledge and adaptive management skills to adapt and thrive	Natural landscapes, waterways and ecosystems are actively managed for health and diversity	Climate resilience, social and environmental outcomes are incorporated into land use planning and development decisions
Residents support one another and feel they belong	Long-term planning and projects are supported and managed locally	Farm systems can cope with dry conditions and climate variabilities for long-term sustainability and productivity	Community infrastructure (spaces to meet, play, connect & access services) is diverse and fit-for-purpose
Health, education and training services that meet community needs	Proactive systems in place to support most vulnerable groups when times are tough	palawa/pakana management of waterways, land and sea for cultural & ecological values is recognised and supported	Essential services (water, communications, energy) are planned, managed and used efficiently and sustainably
Shared priorities and collaboration across community	Next generation of producers are ready to lead and are confident about navigating climatic variations and farming pressures	Hazards are identified and proactively managed to reduce disaster risks associated with drought	Locals understand how they can make their homes and gardens more climate resilient
Strong, trusted leadership and governance			

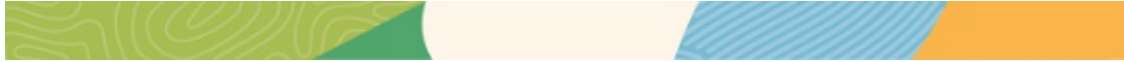
What are YOUR priorities?

Our focus is on agricultural communities, the supply chains, organisations and businesses that serve and are served by them, as well as the crucial natural values and ecosystem services of our regional landscapes. Initial consultation has resulted in the following goals being identified. I would love to know what your top priorities are from the 17 goals below and what would need to happen in order to achieve those goals. What regulations or policies need to change? Is there a new support service or initiative that needs to be created? Is there a behaviour that needs to shift or specific research that is required?

Do the goals above create a full picture of what is needed or is there something missing? I would love to hear your thoughts! Email lissa.villeneuve@dpac.tas.gov.au

Be part of the plan. Have your say today.

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