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# Natural disasters, domestic violence & the power of bystanders

Friday 15 May 2026

9.00AM - 12.00PM | Pacific Pines Community Centre, 154 Pacific Pines Blvd

Natural disasters don't just disrupt communities, they can increase the risk of domestic and family violence.

In times of crisis, stress, displacement, financial pressure, and isolation can create conditions where violence escalates behind closed doors. Yet this is often the part of disaster response that remains unseen and under-discussed.

This session explores the critical connection between disasters and domestic violence, and what we can do, as professionals, community members, and bystanders, to recognise risk early and respond safely.

## Together we will:

- Unpack the link between disaster events and increased domestic and family violence
- Explore the early warning signs and patterns that often go unnoticed
- Understand the role of community, services, and bystanders in prevention
- Build practical confidence in how to respond, support, and take action safely

This is not about having all the answers. It's about building a community that notices, cares, and acts. Because prevention doesn't start with services, it starts with people.

This will be a face-to-face workshop and morning tea will be provided.

**Places are limited – register today to secure your spot.**

## RSVP

For more information or to register, visit the website -

<https://gcphn.org.au/events/disaster-recovery-and-resilience-natural-disasters-domestic-violence-and-the-power-of-bystanders/>

