



An Australian Government Initiative



Disaster Recovery and Resilience

Communities in Recovery:

Understanding Social Change after Disaster

Thursday 12 November 2026 | 9am - 12pm

Palm Beach Community Centre, Thrower Drive, Palm Beach

A disaster recovery and resilience event for health professionals and those who work in the recovery space.

Dr Rob Gordon OAM will explore how threat, disruption and emergency can alter social bonds and community structures.

In the aftermath of an emergency, communities rapidly adapt roles, relationships and ways of working together. While necessary in the short term, these changes can reshape the social fabric and create stresses and tensions that complicate recovery.

Drawing on patterns observed across a wide range of disasters, Rob will examine the predictable social processes that emerge during recovery and how they intersect with the experiences of affected people. Through practical strategies and real-world case studies, this workshop will demonstrate how anticipating and understanding these processes can help manage community tensions, strengthen support and assist communities through the complex and often lengthy recovery journey.

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 -

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