

COMMUNITY-LED DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

From co-design to action





What we have heard through APEP co-design

Key findings from APEP co-design with Aboriginal communities

The strongest message is simple:

Community is best placed to and mobilises first.



Visibility + relationships before emergencies

Communities want to know who SES is before an event: familiar people, trusted contacts and consistent blue-sky engagement.

Rangers are experts on Country and community

Rangers and local community leaders know Country, local access, people at risk, safe places and barriers that can be missed by external systems.

Warnings + trusted distribution networks

Communities want clear flood warnings, practical training and trusted local distribution networks that can move information quickly to the right people.

Key message: Weave the relationships before an emergency so community, Rangers and SES know who to call, how warnings move and how to work together.

In preparedness

A practical gap between community knowledge and emergency systems



The opportunity is to make the middle connection clear before the next emergency event.



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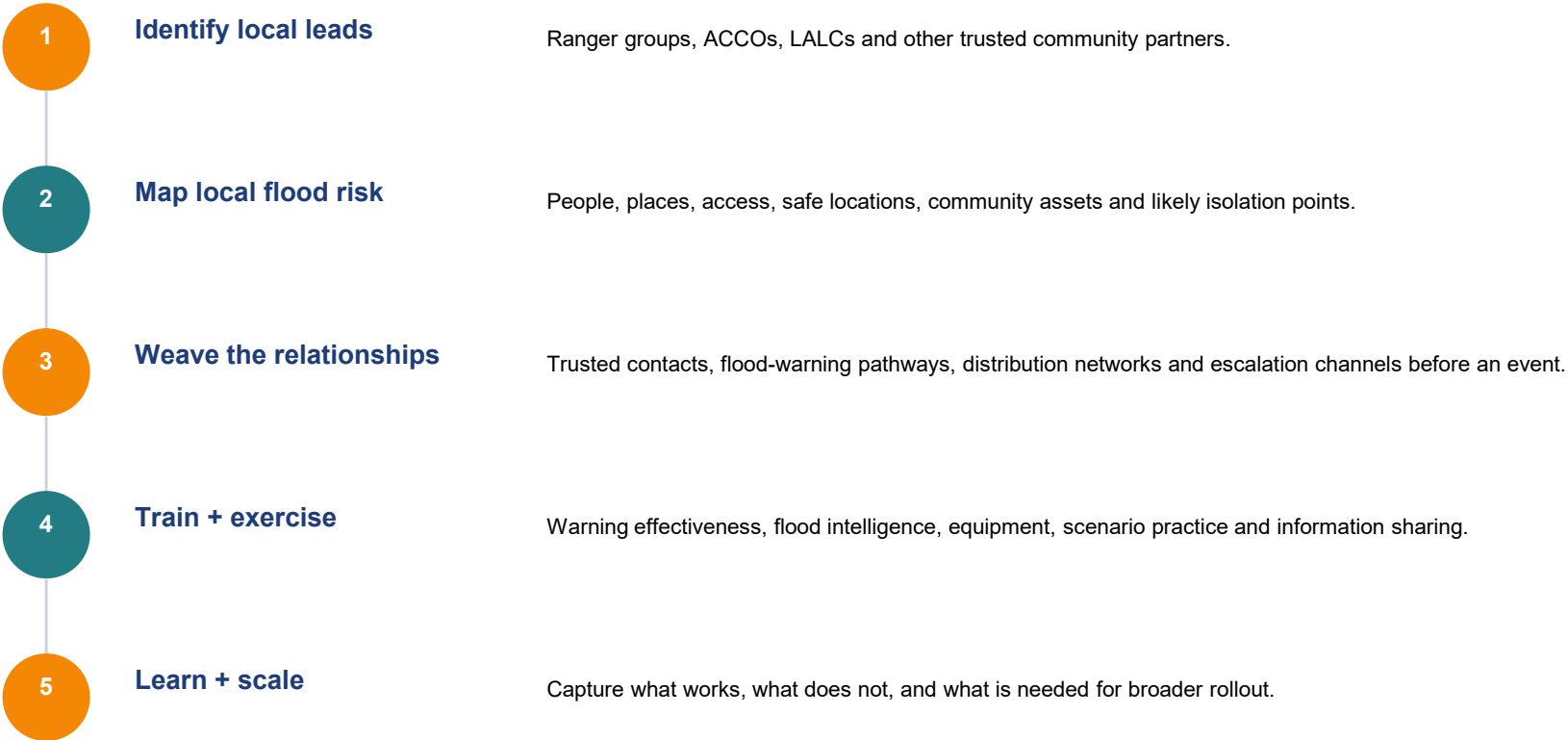
APEP co-design has reinforced that Rangers are trusted local experts and a critical connection into community.





A practical pilot model

Test the connection between community capability and operational systems



Pilot small. Learn fast. Keep community ownership at the centre.



Walk alongside

The model must be useful even before new funding is secured



Start with what exists

Recognise current community capability, existing relationships and established emergency management structures as the base.

Build capability together

Focus on relationships, information, contact pathways and activity that leave something useful behind.

Make opportunities visible

Clearly identify flood risk, preparedness together and issues and escalation pathways

The aim is not to create another action sitting beside community. It is to strengthen the connection between community and the systems for preparedness together.



What we would value from Ranger Teams

A national perspective on how this could connect, scale and endure



VALIDATE

Does this reflect what Ranger groups are hearing from communities and networks nationally?

CONNECT

Where are the strongest opportunities to connect with Ranger groups, ACCOs and place-based leadership?

ALIGN

How can this complement existing national priorities, programs and investment rather than duplicate them?

ADVISE

What would make a partnership credible, scalable and practical from a community perspective?



SLIDO — we want to hear from you



- 1 What do you want SES to know about your community, organisation or program?

OPEN TEXT
- 2 How can SES communicate better with you before, during and after emergencies?

OPEN TEXT
- 3 Would your program or organisation like to be directly contacted when warnings are issued or local risk increases?

POLL: YES / MAYBE / NOT AT THIS STAGE
- 4 Would people in your program like to learn more about SES and ways SES could work with you?

POLL: YES / MAYBE / NOT AT THIS STAGE
- 5 How could the SES work alongside your community be better prepared for floods, storms and other emergencies?

WORD CLOUD • WARNINGS • TRAINING • LOCAL CONTACTS • EQUIPMENT • PLANS • EXERCISES • OTHER

Your responses help us move from engagement to practical, community-led action.

The conversation we want to have

What would make this work in practice?

- What should a local flood warden / community liaison model look like?
- How should flood warning and trusted distribution networks work in your community?
- What information and resources need to sit locally before an event?
- Where should the connection into SES operations sit?



Walk alongside community. Weave the relationships before they are needed.