# RESILIENCE COMMITTEE Expression of Interest: Community Member

## Information Kit

### introduction

Thank you for your interest in being a community member of Penrith City Council’s Resilience Committee. We are seeking nominations from local residents or people who study or work in the Penrith Local Government Area (LGA).

The Resilience Committee is a formal committee, which provides advice to Council on opportunities to improve the resilience of Penrith City and how to integrate resilience within the activities and decision making of Council.

Please find attached the following information that will assist you with your application:

* Information about resilience
* How to Apply
* Application Coversheet
* Terms of Reference for the Resilience Committee

### What is resilience

Resilience is defined as the capacity of individuals, communities, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt, and grow no matter what kinds of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.

Shocks are sudden events or short-term disruptions that threaten or disrupt our day to day life and include things like bushfires and severe storms. Stresses are long term systemic disruptions that grow over time and impact a city on a daily or regular basis and include increasing demand for health services and a lack of public transport options. Shocks and stresses are not experienced in isolation and when they interact they often amplify the impacts on a city and its communities.

A comprehensive study and Strategy was completed for Greater Sydney to identify the key shocks and stresses the City is likely to face into the future, and actions required to respond to these shocks and stresses. The regional based Resilient Sydney Strategy 2018 forms the foundation of Council’s Resilient Penrith Action Plan 2021-2030, which identifies localised short to longer-term actions to build the resilience of Penrith City and its community.

# How to apply

There are up to four positions available on the Resilience Committee for community members. Each position will be appointed to the Resilience Committee for the Council term (to August 2024), with possibility for extension of appointment if required.

You will need to address the following criteria in your expression of interest:

* Are a resident, or work or study in the Penrith LGA
* Have an understanding of resilience and sustainability principles
* Demonstrate your interest and experience in building the resilience of Penrith
* A willingness to participate actively in meetings, and in any additional sub-committees/project groups that may arise.

Please also include any other information you think will be relevant in assessing your suitability as a community member.

Applications must be submitted by **Friday 11 March, 2022** and should be marked to the attention of Sustainability and Resilience Lead, Penrith City Council, PO Box 60, Penrith 2751, or emailed directly to [belinda.atkins@penrith.city](mailto:belinda.atkins@penrith.city)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the Resilience Committee please contact Belinda Atkins, Council’s Sustainability and Resilience Lead on 02 4732 7969 or email [belinda.atkins@penrith.city](mailto:belinda.atkins@penrith.city)

APPLICATION Form

**Please submit this form as your application.**

## Personal Details

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| Title |  |
| Surname |  |
| Given Name |  |
| Address |  |
| Suburb |  |
| Postcode |  |
| Daytime Phone |  |
| Email |  |

## Selection Criteria

Please respond to the selection criteria in the table below.

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| 1. Are a resident, or work or study in the Penrith LGA |
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| 1. What is your understanding of resilience and sustainability principles |
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| 1. What is your area(s) of interest in building the resilience of Penrith (based on the 5 directions within the [Resilient Penrith Action Plan](https://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/images/building-development/infrastructure/resilient_penrith_action_plan__access.pdf)) |
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| 1. Share one or more experiences you have had in building resilience (personal or professional) |
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| 1. Willingness to participate in Committee meetings, any sub committees/groups, and provide advice/assistance out of session on an as needs basis. |
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# RESILIENCE COMMITTEE

## Terms of Reference

### Background

Resilience is the capacity of individuals, communities, businesses and systems within a city to survive, adapt and grow as they experience a range of shocks and stresses. Shocks are sudden events that threaten or disrupt our day to day life and include things like bushfires and severe storms, as well as terrorism and disease pandemics. Stresses are longer term issues that impact on a city on a daily or regular basis and include increasing demand for health services, loss of housing affordability and a lack of transport options.

The Resilience Committee will allow Council to be active participants in translating resilience issues to our local context, and will build on our existing commitment as an organisation to safeguard the future of our City. The Committee will focus on helping to adopt and integrate resilience within the activities and decision making of Council, and will play an integral advisory role in Council’s implementation of the Resilient Penrith Action Plan 2021-2030.

### Purpose

The Committee provides advice to Council on opportunities to improve the resilience of Penrith City and its community, and how to integrate resilience within the activities and decision making of Council.

### Term

The Committee will operate for the current term of the Council, until August 2024.

The Committee period of operation may be extended if for any reason the term of Council is extended beyond August 2024.

### Elected Members

There will be four (4) elected members of Council appointed to the Resilience Committee for the Council term. This appointment is to be determined at the first ordinary meeting of the new Council.

### community members

There will be up to four (4) community representatives selected through an expression of interest process.

Members will be appointed to the Committee for the Council term, and may be reappointed.

Community members will be residents of Penrith City or persons who work or study in Penrith City.

### Professional members

There will be up to six (6) professional members selected from a range of community, business, academic and government organisations to provide specialist knowledge and advice.

Members will be appointed to the Committee for the Council term, and may be reappointed.

### Role/Responsibilities

Committee members will:

* Actively participate in Committee Meetings
* Share information, knowledge and experiences to support Council in building resilience of Penrith City and its community
* Advise on relevant Council policy, strategy, plans and procedures to ensure they embed the principles of resilience and sustainability
* Support and advise on the implementation of the Resilient Penrith Action Plan 2021-2030
* Assist Council identify strategies and programs to improve the resilience of the City into the future.
* Support Council in providing leadership and advocacy on key resilience issues for the City and the Western Sydney region.
* Support Council in reporting on our resilience activities and growth as a resilient City.

### Administration

* The Committee will be chaired by an elected member of Council.
* If the elected chairperson cannot be present at a meeting of the Committee, the chairperson will nominate another elected member of Council to chair the meeting. If no elected members are present at a meeting the Manager City Resilience or their nominee shall chair the meeting.
* A meeting quorum will be met with ½ plus 1 members in attendance
* The Committee will be serviced and administered by the Sustainability and Resilience Team of Council.
* Committee Minutes, including any recommendations, will be reported to Council at the nearest ordinary meeting.
* The Committee will meet at least four (4) times per year
* The Committee may, if required, nominate to establish sub-groups for specific programs or provide advisory support out of session