

STRENGTHENING **EXTREME HEAT** **RESILIENCE** IN WESTERN SYDNEY

Between 2023 and 2026, Australian Red Cross, together with Zurich Australia and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, strengthened extreme heat resilience in vulnerable communities across Greater Western Sydney.



Strengthening and scaling local resilience action

- ✓ Better prepared communities through locally led action
- ✓ Greater awareness of heat-related risks and practical skills to stay safe
- ✓ Local organisations better equipped to support their staff, clients and communities



Building a shared evidence base for action

- ✓ Applied research on heat impacts across communities, workplaces and systems
- ✓ Strengthened the evidence base for future policy, planning and investment



Shaping policy, practice and investment

- ✓ Strengthened collaboration through the Greater Western Sydney Heat Taskforce
- ✓ Local priorities embedded in the Heat Smart City Plan
- ✓ Shared good practice through webinars, conferences and peer learning



Driving collective action and systems change

- ✓ Launched Australia's first national heatwave preparedness campaign
- ✓ Shifted public understanding of extreme heat and elevated heat resilience within public policy and institutional agendas
- ✓ Built strategic partnerships and cross-sector collaboration for collective action

Extreme heat
impacts more
people than
any other hazard.

to how you can prepare

24,000+

*People positively impacted through
community programming*

100,000+

*Estimated people positively impacted
through partnerships and influencing*

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Heat is a major risk for all of us. Through these local actions, we're learning how to protect ourselves while helping our communities prepare for extreme heat.
Kirsten, Zurich Australia

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Connect with others, generate community and trust to know that you can check up on your neighbour and together get through extreme heat events.
Peter, Alzheimer and Dementia Coach

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Understanding extreme heat helps keep our community safe. Simple precautions can prevent heat stress from escalating quickly.
Ivon, City of Canterbury Bankstown

