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Institute for Resilient Regions





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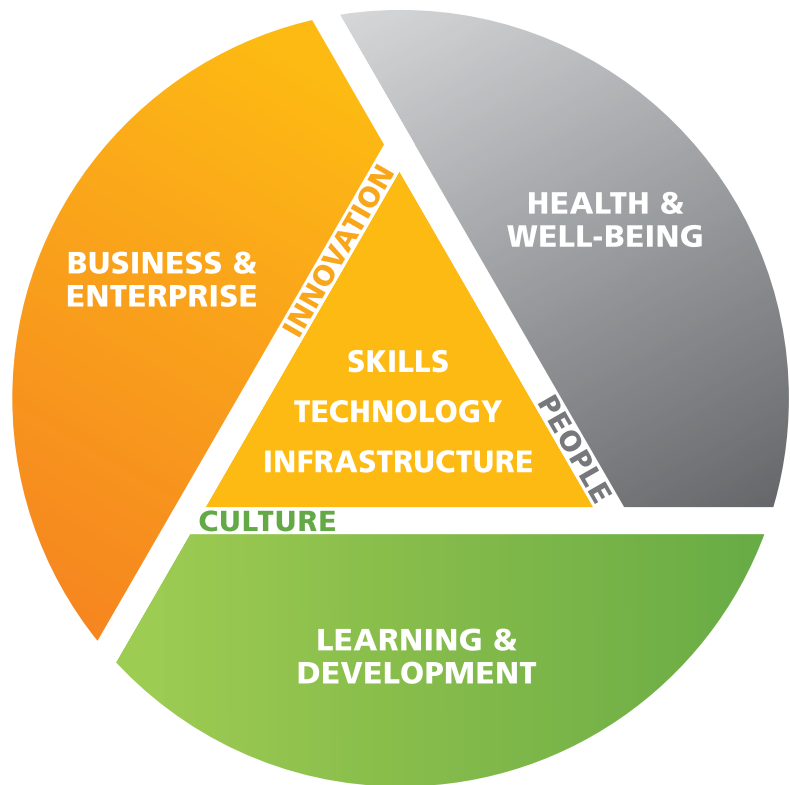
Research at The Institute for Resilient Regions (IRR) within the University of Southern Queensland helps regional communities build resilience and adapt successfully to change.

Regional resilience refers to the capacity of regional communities to deal with risk and adapt to change so as to preserve the core values and attributes of their region while exploiting new opportunities.

With an emphasis on people, culture, and innovation, our research is helping communities build their social and economic capital and well-being.

The Institute is home to multi-disciplinary research groups in social sciences, humanities, business, law, economics and regional development. We work with government, industry, business and communities and other research organisations.

IRR is one of three USQ research Institutes that focus the University's strengths to tackle national and global challenges in regional development, agriculture and natural resource management.



Our Vision

A regional Australia better able to innovate, collaborate, prosper and define positive futures for itself in the context of broader national progress.



Executive Director

Professor John Cole is the Executive Director of the Institute for Resilient Regions. With more than 30 years of leadership experience in government, industry and academia, he leads research that is leading edge, relevant and regionally grounded. A recipient of the Premier's Award for Leadership in Sustainability, Professor Cole is recognised for promoting innovation and sustainable development at the regional, community and enterprise level in Australia and overseas. His recent appointment to *The Queensland Plan* Ambassadors Council highlights his on-going contribution.

Strategic Research Programs

Our research helps communities to innovate, successfully navigate change, exploit new skills, technology and infrastructure and build community health and well-being.

Research at IRR seeks to positively influence policy and practice from global to local levels.

Our research seeks to generate high quality advice to policy makers; new knowledge and technologies in health and education services; innovation for small business; formation of regional industry and business clusters, and stronger community adaptation and resilience.

USQ is investing \$3 million to position the Institute for Resilient Regions as a national leader of research in resilient regional systems.

RESILIENT REGIONS PROGRAM THEMES

Regional Business & Enterprise

- Value chain systems
- Organisation
- Enterprise
- Infrastructure
- Innovation

Regional Health & Well-being

- Health systems
- Science & Technology
- Access & Care
- Infrastructure
- Innovation

Regional Learning & Development

- Social systems
- Culture
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Innovation

RESEARCH PROGRAM:

Building resilience in regional business and enterprise

RESEARCH FOCUS: Strengthening organisational resilience through new business models

- Strategies for stronger organisations through resilience
- Developing resilience for people and systems in business environments
- Improving long term resilience, business continuity, profitability and efficiency.

RESEARCH PROGRAM:

Innovating for resilience in health and well-being

RESEARCH FOCUS: Innovative mental health solutions for regional well-being and resilience

- Supporting quality health and mental health care services to those living outside major metropolitan areas
- Developing more resilient and robust 'whole of health' services and tools for the professional workforce, business and clients
- Identifying the unique needs of regional community's mental health services and overcoming regional disadvantages
- Establishing excellence in outcomes for clinical mental ehealth solutions.

RESEARCH PROGRAM:

Facilitating learning and development for resilient communities

RESEARCH FOCUS: Culture, resilience and community

- Engaging with regional communities to strengthen social capital
- Contributing to community knowledge: shared history as a framework for greater community understanding, cohesiveness and resilience
- Collaborating to develop strategy and to invigorate community connections: health, learning, culture and diversity
- How communities understand themselves, how they learn, and how they maintain effective networks of social and cultural support.



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