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Resilience video nets State award

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COOKTOWN

Cook Shire Council has taken out highly commended at the Resilient Australia Awards for our community-led Get Ready disaster preparation music video.

Funded by the Get Ready Queensland program, Cook Shire Council last year brought Chocolate Starfish frontman Adam Thompson to the Shire to write a special song. "We wanted to get the message out to people in a different way," Cook Shire Council Media and Communications Officer Sarah Martin said. "Adam travelled to all the schools in our region, and also to Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale, and wrote lyrics with the students, which we then fine-tuned and filmed to produce the end result."

Hope Vale school's brass band, Cooktown Emergency Services, parents in Coen, the Yuku Baja Muliku Rangers and numerous other groups and residents feature in the four minute long music video. The partnerships boosting resilience across Cook Shire and the neighbouring shires of Wujal Wujal and Hope Vale were one of the stand-out features which judges mentioned when narrowing down the more than 50 entrants in the category.

Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v3oZ1ut46RM> or Council's Facebook page to view the full music video. Visit www.cook.qld.gov.au/services/disaster for more information on disaster preparedness.

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