

IRDR ICoE: Community Resilience Wellington

Brief Intro and Summary of Activities
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What is the ICoE : CR, Wellington?



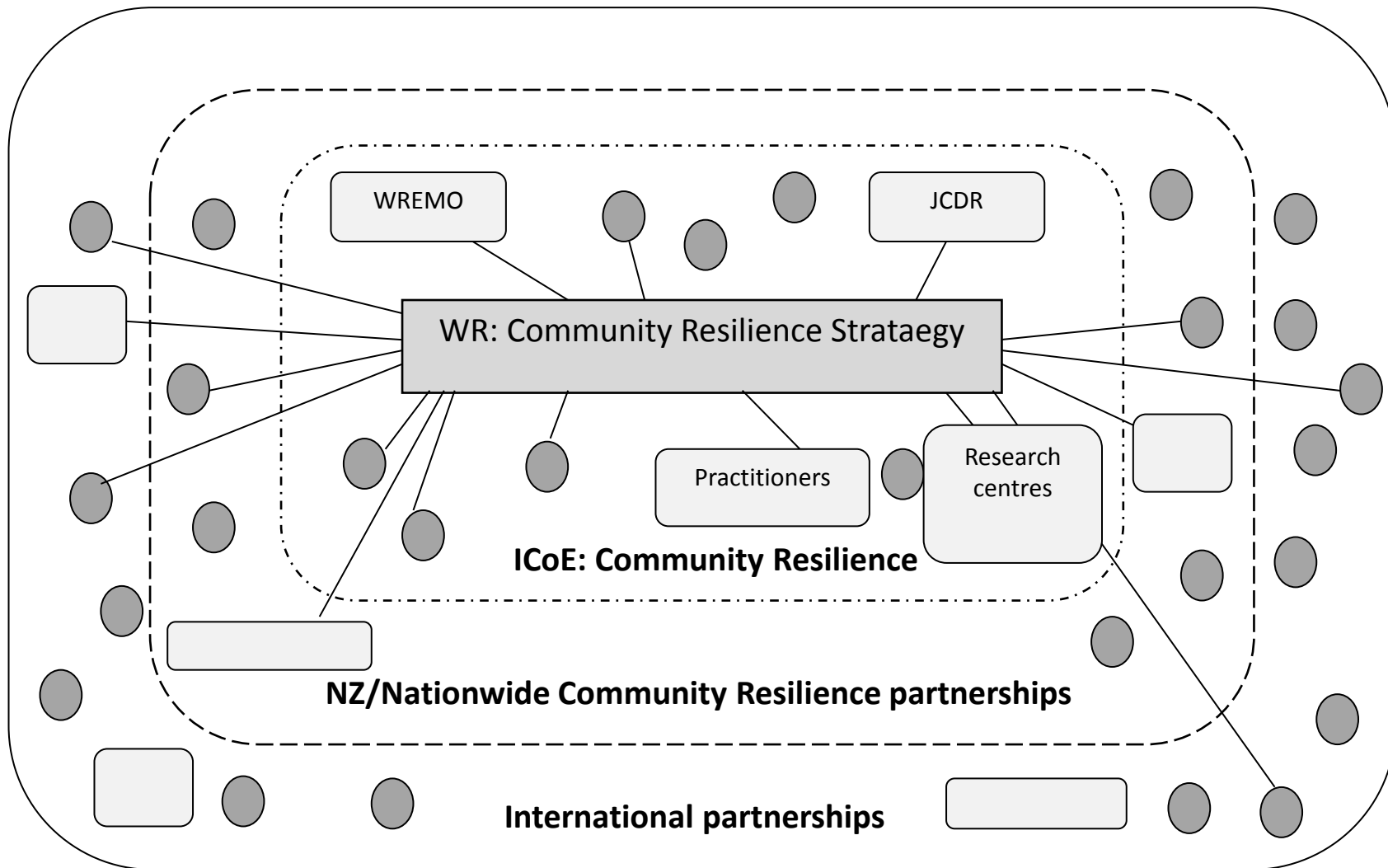
- Joint initiative between
 - Joint Centre for Disaster Research at Massey University/GNS Science
 - Wellington Region Emergency Management Office
- Unique partnership between researchers and practitioners:
 - “How does a community make itself resilient to future disasters?”
- Vision:
 - *Be an internationally recognised centre of excellence to research and enable community resilience to disasters, actively collaborating with individuals, organisations and communities in the Wellington Region*

ICoE : CR - Structure and goals



- Partnerships at local, national and international level
- At the core: WREMO's Community Resilience Strategy
- Members contribute their research to the Strategy, and the needs of the strategy inform research
- Core objectives:
 - Provide an evidence base for the Community Resilience Strategy
 - Act as a vehicle to share international good practice in Community Resilience
 - Promote the Wellington Region as a living laboratory for research and planning

Structure of ICoE : CR



Activities to date



- March 2014: Information evening:
 - researchers, practitioners, local government (and national agencies, Wellington is Capital)
- We have established a mail list:
 - of members and interested parties; quarterly updates
- Two workshops on Building Resilience Amongst Communities
 - Massey University, Wellington 8 April
 - Lincoln University, 16th April
- Collaborative research workshop (Tom Huggins):
 - to explore and identify the key research questions that help inform the WREMO Community Resilience Strategy
- Continued development by WREMO of online knowledge bank, called the Community Resilience Toolbox:
 - to house a database of projects, research and related information on community resilience initiatives in the Wellington Region

Future activities



- Continued development Toolbox:
 - aim to go live by latter quarter of 2014
 - Currently identifying key parameters and ways to enhance searchability and portal links to identify potential collaborations (goal: develop networks)
- Community Resilience: knowledge sharing workshop at the Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference, September 2014, Wellington
 - explore inter- and across- agency knowledge sharing for building community resilience
 - How do we ensure lessons from past disasters are shared across regions? And implemented into future pre-disaster recovery plans in other regions?
 - Aim to identify methods, tools, advantages and challenges to develop **collective knowledge** across practitioners and researchers for future preparedness and ways in which this knowledge can be effectively integrated in WREMO community resilience strategy

Further details



Host Personnel

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