

Simtables for Community Empowerment



The Simtables for Community Empowerment project will provide a state-of-the-art tool to engage communities in localised disaster risk reduction workshops. The project aims to improve the capacity of communities across the Hunter to plan and respond to disasters, particularly vulnerable populations.

What are the Simtables?

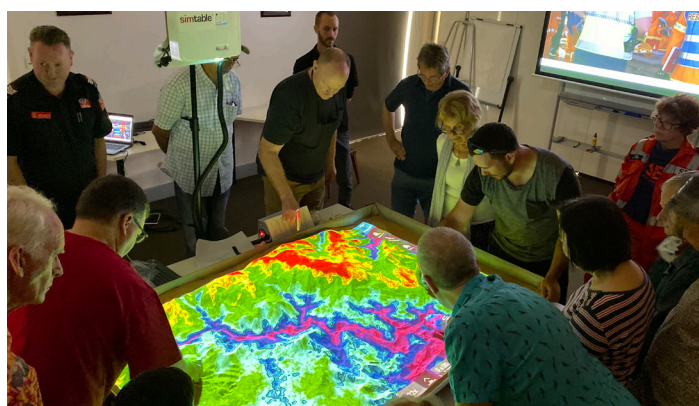
Simtables are sophisticated digital sand tables that display high quality models of natural hazards such as bushfires and floods. The Simtables work by showing a simulation of how a hazard moves across and impacts a landscape. Because they use local

maps and data, the Simtables will be able to provide Hunter residents with a highly realistic demonstration of how their properties and communities may be affected. The Hunter Joint Organisation has **two Simtables available**.

How will the Simtables be used?

The Simtables will be available for use in place-based community engagement sessions across the Hunter. The workshops will provide attendees with a deep understanding of their risks, strengthen community connections and enable the development of tailored and detailed response plans.

The Hunter Joint Organisation's Simtable Project Officer is available to assist Council staff with the coordination and delivery of workshops. Additionally, a Simtable will be available for our participating Councils to borrow as required.



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Who can be involved?

- Council staff
- Resilience NSW
- Aid agencies, e.g. Red Cross, Salvation Army
- Emergency responses agencies, e.g. RFS, NSW SES, Police, Fire, Ambulance
- Community organisations and neighbourhood groups who would like to participate in a workshop.

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