

# ORGANISATIONAL CV



## Gender & Disaster Pod

An initiative of WHGNE, WHIN & MIRI

### Formation & Purpose

The Gender & Disaster (GAD) Pod is an initiative of two Victorian Women's Health organisations, [Women's Health Goulburn North East \(WHGNE\)](#) and [Women's Health In the North \(WHIN\)](#), working in partnership with [Monash University Injury Research Institute \(MIRI\)](#).

The GAD Pod was formally established in 2015 to promote an understanding of the role played by gender in survivor responses to natural disaster, and to embed these insights into emergency management practice.

Headed by WHGNE/WHIN Researcher Dr Debra Parkinson (Adjunct Research Fellow, MIRI), the GAD Pod reports to the Executive Officers of WHGNE and WHIN (with accountability to relevant funding bodies), and maintains a mutually influential relationship with MIRI and the Victorian Gender and Disaster (GAD) Taskforce.

With funding from State and Federal governments and agencies, the GAD Pod is working to further initiatives in the area of gender and disaster.

### History

The initiatives of the GAD Pod are grounded in qualitative research undertaken by the Pod partners in the aftermath of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires. These were the most deadly fires since colonial settlement, with 173 people losing their lives, 414 people injured, 2029 houses destroyed and 7000 people displaced.

Wanting to offer support—but aware that recovery organisations were inundated with help from Australia and overseas—WHGNE consulted on-the-ground organisations about the most appropriate way, and time, to assist. Between late 2009 and 2013, researchers conducted in-depth interviews with 30 women, 47 workers, and 32

men affected by the fires – capturing their first-hand accounts of the disaster and its aftermath.

The research was staggered, with initial interviews conducted with women and health/community workers only. In 2012, the findings from this initial research—captured in *The Way He Tells It: Relationships after Black Saturday*—were released at Australia's first conference on natural disasters and family violence *Identifying the Hidden Disaster*. Although worldwide literature suggests that increased violence against women is characteristic of post-disaster recovery, this was the first research conducted in Australia which identified and examined the link between natural disasters and violence against women.

The *Hidden Disaster* conference galvanised interest in gender issues in disaster, and led to an invitation by Monash University's Injury Research Institute, to lead a successful partnership submission to the National Disaster Resilience Grants Scheme. With new project funding, the researchers continued their interviews—this time with men—to consider men's experiences of health and wellbeing during and after Black Saturday. The findings of this research are captured in the research report, *Men on Black Saturday: Risks and opportunities for change*.

Since undertaking the foundational research, the Pod partners have led, or collaborated on, a range of initiatives—with critical input from emergency management leaders and workers, community members and workers, experts in the fields of masculinity, gender and disaster, and federal, state and local government departments—intended to inform responses to women and men in future disasters. In January 2014, Australia's first Gender and Disaster Taskforce was established in Victoria, auspiced by the Victorian Emergency Management Commissioner. Read more about the work of the GAD Taskforce at: [www.genderanddisaster.com.au](http://www.genderanddisaster.com.au)

A comprehensive account of the GAD Pod's work to date is included on the following pages.

## Funding Partners

Date/Year	Funder/Project	Funds
2015	Attorney-General's Department - National Emergency Management Project (NEMP) All on Board: Incorporation of national gender and emergency management guidelines	\$96,030
2015	Department of Environment, Lands, Water & Planning Women in Leadership: Fire and Emergency Management Roles	\$30,000
2015-2016	Department of Justice - National Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme Lessons in Disaster	\$175,000
2015	Emergency Management Commission Victoria	\$50,000
2015	Department of Health & Human Services	\$100,000
2014-2015	Department of Justice - National Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (NDRGS) What about the men? Men's experiences of health and wellbeing during and after Black Saturday and implications for risk management (Year 2)	\$33,887
2012-2013	Department of Justice – National Disaster Resilience Grant Scheme (NDRGS) What about the men? Men's experiences of health and wellbeing during and after Black Saturday and implications for risk management (Year 1)	\$77,000

## Awards Received

Date/Year	Title	Note / Ref.
2014	<b>Resilient Australia Award</b> , sponsored by the Attorney-General's Department, for 'Gender & Disaster: Leading the Change', in the category of 'Projects of National Significance'.	Awarded to WHGNE, WHIN & MIRI
2013	<b>Victorian Health Promotion Foundation Award</b> for 'Family violence after natural disaster research: Breaking new ground', in the category of 'Knowledge and Understanding'.	Awarded to WHGNE

## Major Achievements/Outcomes

Date/Year	Outcome
07/07/2015	Launch of the Gender and Disaster Pod website ( <a href="http://www.genderanddisaster.com.au">www.genderanddisaster.com.au</a> ) at the 2015 Emergency Management Conference, Albert Park, Melbourne
2015	Formation of the Gender and Disaster Pod, an initiative of WHGNE, WHIN and MIRI, headed by WHGNE/WHIN Researcher Dr Deb Parkinson (Adjunct Research Fellow, MIRI).
2014	Special presentation to the Gender and Disaster Taskforce, by Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick and Chief of Army, Lt. Gen. David Morrison AO.
2014	The partners' foundational research and initiatives are referenced in the 2014 <i>Gender and Emergency Management: Strategic issues and directions</i> paper.
2014	Upon invitation, lead researchers present a paper ( <i>The link between disaster and violence against women</i> ) at the 2014 ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan, as part of ISA XV111 Conference, 'Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology.
2014	Development and endorsement by the Gender and Disaster Taskforce of three (3) governing

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	documents, including: (1) Foundational document, (2) Terms of Reference, and (3) Workplan.
2014	Formation of the Gender and Disaster Taskforce, auspiced by the Emergency Management Commissioner Victoria, with representation from all major Victorian ESOs, and the community, government, academic and women's health sectors.
2013	The Department of Human Services contracts WHGNE to adapt its newly developed training package on 'Family Violence after Natural Disaster' for online download. (DHS workers are now using the Training Package to train workers in recognising/responding to family violence after disaster).
2013	Victoria Police utilising the Family Violence after Natural Disaster resources to train police recruits in post-disaster risk management.
2013	The Department of Human Services Emergency Branch altered the design of its quarterly reporting form by case managers to include reporting on Family Violence – a key recommendation in the first research report.
2013	Monash Injury Research Institute included a referral to the <i>WHGNE Family Violence &amp; Disaster</i> webpage as a key resource in their unit on 'Principles of good research practice in the emergency and disaster setting', which is a core subject for their Masters degree.
2012	The International Gender and Disaster Network included <i>The Way He Tells It</i> and <i>Beating the Flames</i> on the front page of their website ( <a href="http://www.gdnonline.org/">http://www.gdnonline.org/</a> ), and on their 'Women and girls on the map' website ( <a href="https://womenandgirlsonthemap.crowdmap.com/reports/view/47">https://womenandgirlsonthemap.crowdmap.com/reports/view/47</a> ) which highlights the disaster risk reduction work of women and girls across the world.
2012	'The Way He Tells It: Relationships after Black Saturday' is one of six key texts (and the only Australian research paper) used by the Australian Domestic and Family Violence Clearinghouse, to produce a thematic review on 'Domestic Violence and Natural Disasters' (Sety, 2012).

## Conferences/Events Convened

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07/07/2015	<b>The Claire Zara Memorial Oration</b> on gender and disaster, presented at the 15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Conference. Presented by the Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Liz Broderick and Sir Angus Houston as a plenary session to 500 delegates.	Presented by the MFB, with the support of WHGNE & WHIN
02/07/2014	<b>Diversity in Emergency Services (Gender Stream), Melbourne</b> Day 2 of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Conference: NEW REALITIES	Presented by the MFB, with the support of WHGNE & WHIN
26/11/2013	<b>Just Ask: Experiences of men after disaster, Melbourne</b>	Presented by WHGNE & MIRI
09/03/2012	<b>Identifying the Hidden Disaster, Melbourne</b> The first Australian conference on natural disasters and family violence	Presented by WHGNE, WHIN & the ADFVC

## Research, Journal Articles & Book Chapters

### Foundational Research & Reports

Date/Year	Author / Title
2013	Zara, C., & Parkinson, D. (2013). Men on Black Saturday: Risks and opportunities for change. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.
2012	Parkinson, D. (2012). The Way He Tells It - Vol. 1 Relationships After Black Saturday. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.
2012	Parkinson, D. (2012). The Way He Tells It - Vol. 2 Women and Disasters: Literature Review. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.
2012	Parkinson, D. (2012). The Way He Tells It - Vol. 3 The Landscape of My Soul: Women's Accounts. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.
2012	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2012). The Way He Tells It - Vol. 4 A Gut Feeling: The Workers' Accounts. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.
2011	Bush to Beach Evaluation
2011	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (Eds.). (2011). Beating the Flames. Wangaratta: Women's Health Goulburn North East.

### Journal Articles, Book Chapters & Literature Reviews

Date/Year	Author / Title
Submitted	Zara, C., & Parkinson, D. (2015) Men and Disaster: Men's experiences of the Black Saturday bushfires and the aftermath. <i>The Australian Journal of Emergency Management</i> .
Submitted	Parkinson, D., Zara, C., & Davie, S. (submitted). Victoria's Gender and Disaster Taskforce. <i>Australian Journal of Emergency Management</i> . Vol. 30. No. 4. (pp. forthcoming)
Submitted	Parkinson, D. 'Men Reveal the Emotional and Personal Costs of the Black Saturday Bushfires in Victoria, Australia' as part of a new book by Elaine Enarson and Bob Pease.
2015	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2015). Women-led sustained efforts give birth to key Gender & Disaster body, many Australian "firsts". In M. Cocchiglia (Ed.), <i>Women's Leadership in Risk-Resilient Development</i> . Bangkok, Thailand: UNISDR.
2015	Parkinson, D. (2014) <i>Women's experience of violence in the aftermath of the Black Saturday bushfires</i> . A Thesis Submitted in Fulfilment of the Requirements for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Clayton: School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, Monash University. <a href="http://arrow.monash.edu.au/hdl/1959.1/1162205">http://arrow.monash.edu.au/hdl/1959.1/1162205</a>
2015	Parkinson, D., Tarrant, B. & Duncan, A. (2015). Women and Children. In R. Walker & W. Mason (Eds.), <i>Climate change adaptation by community based health and social service organisations</i> Collingwood: CSIRO Publishing. <a href="http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/21/pid/7323.htm">http://www.publish.csiro.au/nid/21/pid/7323.htm</a>
2014	Parkinson, D., Duncan, A., & Weiss, C. (2014). The impact on women's health of climatic and economic disaster position paper In Australian Women's Health Network (Ed.). Drysdale, Vic.: AWHN. <a href="http://awhn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/174_ImpactonWomensHealthofClimaticandEconomicDisaster2014.pdf">http://awhn.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/174_ImpactonWomensHealthofClimaticandEconomicDisaster2014.pdf</a>
2013	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (April 2013). The hidden disaster: Violence in the aftermath of natural disaster. <i>The Australian Journal of Emergency Management</i> , 28(2).
2012	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2012). 'Under Fire: violence in the aftermath of Black Saturday', <i>DVIRC Quarterly Edition 2 – Winter 2012</i> (13-15) <a href="http://search.informit.com.au/documentSummary;dn=977736142570877;res=IELFSC">http://search.informit.com.au/documentSummary;dn=977736142570877;res=IELFSC</a>

Date/Year	Author / Title
	<i>(Requires university log on or payment.)</i>
2011	Parkinson, D., Lancaster, C. & Stewart, A. (2011), A numbers game: lack of gendered data impedes prevention of disaster-related family violence, <i>Health Promotion Journal of Australia</i> 2011; 22: S42-S45.

## Presentations (Conferences/Training/Other)

Date/Year	Presenter / Title
Forthcoming 6/9/2015	National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility: Developing Climate Change adaptation with vulnerable communities. D. Parkinson and H. Riseborough presenting on Women and Climate Change. Pre-conference workshop, Population Health Congress, Hobart, Tasmania.
Forthcoming 7-9/9/15	Abstract accepted for oral presentation on gender and disaster at the Population Health Congress, Hobart, Tasmania
26/5/2015	Mackay, R. and Wilson-Annan, A. Piloting of Men and disaster training. Myrtleford, 22 participants (capacity).
8/10/2014	Mackay, R. (2014). Presentation at Bendigo Conference - Violence Prevention: It's everybody's business.
13/10/2014	Parkinson, D. (2014) RMIT Disaster Resilience Conference (Older Men), October 2014, Keynote presentations at the RMIT Researchers' Forum on men's vulnerability and risk in disaster.
17/07/2014	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2014). <i>The link between disaster and violence against women</i> . Paper presented at the ISA World Congress of Sociology in Yokohama, Japan, as part of ISA XV111 Conference, 'Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology. July 17, 2014.
20/07/2014	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2014). Gender and disaster forum. Sponsored by the Science Council Japan, Tokyo, 20 July, 2014.
02/07/2014	'Diversity in Emergency Services (Gender Stream)' - Day 2 of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Conference: NEW REALITIES Presentations by Susie Reid and Rachael Mackay (WHGNE), Helen Riseborough (WHIN) and Frank Archer (MIRI), and by GAD Taskforce members: Daryl Taylor, Steve O'Malley, and Stephen Fontana. Keynote by Dr Christine Erikson, Prof. Bob Pease and Annette Gillespie.
27/03/2014	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2014). <i>Gender in Disasters: Risky Research - Creating opportunities for change</i> . Paper presented at the Black Saturday Five Years On conference, Monash University Council Chambers.
27/11/2013	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2013). <i>6th Professor Frederick 'Skip' Burkle Jnr Keynote Lecture, 2013</i> . Paper presented at the MUDRI Research Symposium, Monash University.
26/11/2013	Zara, C., & Parkinson, D. (2013). <i>Men on Black Saturday</i> . Paper presented at the Just Ask: A conference on the experiences of men after disaster William Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne.
23/07/2013	Jakob-Hobb, Maggie (and Parkinson, D. & Zara C. on film) Conference presentation on evaluation of the Identifying the Hidden Disaster Conference presented by Maggie at the ANZEA Conference in New Zealand in July 2013.
9-10/07/2013	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. & Hazeleger, T. co-presented on 'Australian research on domestic violence after natural disaster: Implications for emergency management policy & practice'. Emergency Management Conference, July 9-10 2013 – Preparing Victoria, Pulham, Albert Park (40 minute presentation).
07/05/2013	Parkinson, D., Zara, C. & Cartwright, T. (2013). Australian research on domestic violence after natural disaster: Influencing emergency management policy and practice. Paper presented at the 7th Australian Women's Health Conference, Sydney. <i>Presented immediately following the keynote speakers on Day 1 (40 minute panel with 10 minute question-time)</i> .

Date/Year	Presenter / Title
8/3/2012	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2012) 'The Way He Tells It'. Women and Emergencies Forum at Treasury Theatre, with the Hon. Andrea Coote, Dr Elaine Enarson, Craig Lapsely and others. ( <a href="http://womenandemergencies.doattend.com">http://womenandemergencies.doattend.com</a> )
20/11/2012	Zara, C. (2012) MUDRI Research Symposium at Monash University
25/10/2012	Parkinson, D. (2012) MUDRI Emergency Management forum (approx. 50 people) and Monash University Political and Social Inquiry presentation (approx. 40 people).
24/08/2012	Zara, C. (2012) MUDRI presentation by Skype to 12 MIRI PhD students and lecturers.
31/05/2012	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2012) The Managing Internally Displaced People Forum (approx. 60 people), hosted by the Monash Injury Research Institute (MIRI).
09/03/2012	Parkinson, D., & Zara, C. (2012). <i>The Way He Tells It</i> . Paper presented at the Identifying the Hidden Disaster: The First Australian Conference on Natural Disasters and Family Violence William Angliss Conference Centre, Melbourne.
08/03/12	Parkinson, D & Zara, C. Presented at 'Women and Emergencies' Forum in Melbourne on 08.03.12 hosted by DHS Health & Human Services Emergency Management and the Office of Women's Policy in March 2012 (approx. 200 people)
06/03/2012	Parkinson, D & Zara, C. (2012), Presentation on women and disaster to emergency services workers, government employees, health professionals and community members in Hume region, 06/03/2012 (Yea, approx. 40 people)
05/03/2012	Parkinson, D & Zara, C. (2012), Presentation on women and disaster to emergency services workers, government employees, health professionals and community members in Hume region, 05/03/2012 (Benalla, approx. 40 people)

## Podsocs, Webinars & Interviews

Date/Year	Presenter / Title
27/11/2014	Parkinson, D., Mackay, R. & Zara, C. (2014) The Hidden Disaster Webinar 27.11.2014 to Soroptimist International.
19/01/2013	Parkinson, D. (2013). Podsocs: Podcasts for social workers. Podsoc #40 Family violence post disaster: In conversation with Deb Parkinson - interview by Patricia Fronck.
02/07/2014	Gender and Disaster interviews by Claire Zara on film
08/03/2012	Parkinson, D. & Enarson, E. (2012). Natural disasters increase violence against women, ABC Radio's Bush Telegraph (30 minutes)

## Media Coverage

Date/Year	Coverage
19/05/2012	Johnson, C. (2012). Ashes to ashes: forgotten fire town mourns again, The Age, May 19, 2012. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&amp;v=B010bg4ADZo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&amp;v=B010bg4ADZo</a>
08/03/2012	McLeonard, K. (2012). Natural disasters increase violence against women, ABC Radio's Bush Telegraph, Thursday, March 8 2012 <i>Recipient of a 2012 EVAs Media Award</i>
07/03/2012	Wilson, R. (2012). Special Report: Silent scars of bushfire women, Diamond Valley Leader, March 7 2012 The Diamond Valley Leader produced a seven-minute film on the research, made available on the Leader website. The film was played to an emergency management seminar in Washington State in March 2012. <i>Recipient of a 2012 EVAs Media Award</i>





## Meetings of the Victorian Gender & Disaster (GAD) Taskforce

### Meeting Dates

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

### Resources

Please visit the Gender & Disaster Pod website (<http://www.genderanddisaster.com.au/info-hub/research-resources/>) to access these and other resources.

### Name / Type

#### Snapshots:

Women and Disaster Snapshot 1: Women and Disaster

Women and Disaster Snapshot 2: The relevance of gender in disaster risk

Women and Disaster Snapshot 3: The Hidden Disaster – Family Violence following Natural Disasters

Women and Disaster Snapshot 4: Checklists to keep Women and Children safe after Natural Disasters

Women and Disaster Snapshot 5: Men on Black Saturday

#### Postcards:

'The way he tells it'...Relationships after Black Saturday

Family Violence and Disaster: Disaster is no excuse for family violence (You can help in just 4 steps)

Men on Black Saturday: Disaster impacts can be long-lasting

Gender and Disaster Pod Postcard

#### Training Resources:

Training Package on 'Family Violence after Natural Disaster', including facilitator's manual, participant workbook, powerpoint, and evaluation sheet.

Training Package on 'Men and Disasters', including facilitator's manual, participant workbook, DVD, powerpoint, and evaluation sheet.

#### Videos/Films, Podsocs and Webinars:

6 short films on gender and disaster and 60 minutes of themed interviews with leaders in the emergency management field, 2015:

- Patriarchy (2:11)
- Dispelling The Hero Myth (4:06)
- Actions and Support (1:53)
- Changing Culture (2:27)
- Defying Stereotypes (3:02)
- Vox Pops (2:36)



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- Turning Negatives into Successes (2:19)
- Actions for Gender Equity in the Emergency Services (10:29)
- What actions can we take to help men and women survive disaster in a more effect way? (5:52)

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Hidden Disasters – Violence against women and girls after disasters (27/11/2014) Webinar presented by Debra Parkinson, Rachel Mackay & Claire Zara, to Soroptimist International.

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Family violence post disaster: In conversation with Deb Parkinson (19/01/2013) [Episode 40] *Podsocs*. Podcasts for social workers. Interview by Patricia Fronck.

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WHIN Talks about the Link between Disasters and Family Violence

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WHIN Talks about the Impacts of Climate Change on Women Launch of Environmental Justice Website – Melbourne, March 2012

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WHIN at the Sustainability Living Festival – Melbourne, 2012

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Launch of the E-book, *Beating the Flames*, including an account of the Black Saturday fires by Sharon Bourke, Marysville resident.

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Presentation of findings from *'The Way He Tells It: Relationships after Black Saturday'*

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Special presentation by Sex Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Broderick and Chief of Army, Lt. Gen. David Morrison AO

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**Other (please visit the Gender & Disaster Pod website):**

Filmed presentations / interviews / papers from the Emergency Management Conference (2014), the 'Just Ask: Experiences of Men after Disaster' conference (2013) and the 'Identifying the Hidden Disaster' conference (2012).

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Guides, checklists and practice resources

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Articles, literature reviews and case studies

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