



Diversity

in Disaster

Communities and emergency management **building resilience**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The National Conference on Diversity in Disaster brings together researchers, policy makers and practitioners to examine how disasters affect people differently and how this impact can be reduced. Presentations will highlight women, men, people of diverse gender and sexual identities, Aboriginal groups, culturally and linguistically diverse groups, faith-based groups, people with disability, young people, the elderly, the homeless, migrant and refugees, rural communities and more!

Designed to enhance resilience and raise awareness of the needs and strengths of all in the community, the conference will engage emergency management practitioners and community services leaders with the latest research on disaster resilience.

Participants will hear from more than 60 researchers, policy makers and people with lived experience from across Australia and New Zealand. Keynote speaker Professor Maureen Fordham from the University College of London and the International Gender and Disaster Network will speak to the importance of building gender awareness to strengthen community resilience. The Day 2 Keynote Speaker is JC Gaillard, Associate Professor at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. His present work focuses on developing participatory tools for DRR and involving minority groups in disaster-related activities with an emphasis on ethnic and gender minorities, prisoners and homeless people. He is further interested in everyday hazards and disasters.

Other topics include:

- increased family violence after disaster,
- the emotional and personal costs for men in emergencies,
- disaster and LGBTI communities, and
- the role of privileged groups in perpetuating environmentally destructive norms and practices.

We are pleased to announce that emcee for the conference is Brett de Hoedt.

Read on for full details!



Day 1– Tuesday 17 April 2018

7.30am	Conference registration and information desk	
8.30am	Welcome by emcee, Brett de Hoedt. Welcome to Country – Aunty Joy Murphy Wandin	
8.45–9am	Conference Opening Helen Riseborough, CEO, Women’s Health In the North	
9.00–9.45am	Keynote – Professor Maureen Fordham, University College London & Gender and Disaster Network	Professor Maureen Fordham BSc PhD is an internationally respected Professor of Gender and Disaster Resilience. She will draw on her research since 1988 to speak on community based disaster risk reduction and vulnerability analysis. A founding member of the Gender and Disaster Network in 1997, Professor Fordham will reflect on the changing nature of gender and disaster policy within the UN system, as well as nationally and internationally.
9.45–10.45am	Introductory Plenary – Diversity in disaster: contemporary directions	‘A disaster resilient community is one where people understand the risks [affecting] them and others’ (National Strategy for Disaster Resilience). Leaders from the emergency management, resilience and community sectors share why diversity and inclusion are so important for effective emergency preparedness, response, relief and recovery. Gain an increased understanding of how embracing diversity and inclusion helps to build resilience right across communities. Chair: Brett de Hoedt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner, Victoria • Susie Reid, CEO, Women’s Health Goulburn North East • Toby Kent, Chief Resilience Officer, Resilient Melbourne • Emma King, CEO, Victorian Council of Social Service • Steve O’Malley, AFSM, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade
10.45-11.15am	Morning tea Making ‘good things’ happen	Networking OR Humanitarian, environmentalist and social activist Ruth Crow AM (1916–1999) believed that when people came together over a cup of tea, they could go on to do great things. Share in a cuppa with artist-researcher Dr Jen Rae and North Melbourne community elder Lorna Hannan. Join in a guided exploration of what makes ‘good things’ happen in the context of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.



11.15–12.30pm Parallel sessions	1.A Same emergency, different plans: preparedness in and for diverse communities	<p>Just as not all emergencies are the same, not all plans for emergencies should be the same. Different people have different needs when planning or preparing for emergencies. Gain an insight into the planning needs of older people, people with a mental illness and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, as well as the needs of households with animals and pets.</p> <p>Chair: Kate Siebert, Australian Red Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Cornell, University of Adelaide, <i>Disaster preparedness in an ageing population</i> • Dr Danielle Every, <i>Different but also the same: Mental illness and bushfire planning, preparation and response</i> • Dr Melanie Taylor, Macquarie University, <i>Planning for pets and animals in emergencies</i> • Dr Michaela Spencer, Charles Darwin University, <i>Aboriginal engagement and inclusion: Experiences of natural disasters</i> • Dr Denise Blake, Joint Centre for Disaster Research, School of Psychology, GNS Massey University, <i>Opioid substitution treatment and disasters: Perspectives from Aotearoa/New Zealand</i>
	1.B Arts, culture and creativity – how are the arts uniquely placed to respond to and prepare for disasters?	<p>Through case studies, presentations and group interaction, the session will demonstrate ways practitioners can be more confident in applying art as a mechanism for building community and healing trauma. Drawing on contemporary art theory in socially-engaged arts, First Nations cultural practice and experimental participatory projects, this panel looks closely at the diverse approaches from participating artists, involving practical stories and project examples where socially-engaged arts contributes to disaster preparedness and recovery.</p> <p>Chair: : Maree Grenfell Networks and Learning Manager, Resilient Melbourne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotia Monkivitch, Executive Officer, Creative Recovery Network (confirmed) • Jen Rae, Artist Arts House, Refuge Melbourne • Associate Professor Evonne Miller, Queensland University of Technology, Poetic inquiry older people and disasters • Barbara Joyce, Arts Therapist, Melbourne
	1.C One less disaster – LGBTI–inclusive management services	<p>It's a common misunderstanding to think that 'good service' is 'equal service'. Leading LGBTI and emergency management researchers have investigated how people of diverse gender and sexual identities experience disasters, how their experiences are sometimes different from heterosexual people and that subtle forms of discrimination may occur in times of disaster. Research in NSW, Queensland, Victoria and in New Zealand mirrors other world-wide research in pointing out how emergency management can be improved to ensure positive experiences and outcomes for people of diverse gender and sexual identities in disaster.</p> <p>Chair: Janine Taylor, Queensland Police and Fire</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leroy Maronian, Community Education Coordinator, CFA (SW Region) • Alyssa Duncan, Gender and Disaster Pod, <i>LGBTI and emergency management</i> • Liam Leonard, Director, GLHV@ARCSHS, Latrobe University, <i>LGBTI people in emergencies in Victoria</i> • Emily Dwyer, Managing Director of Edge Effect, <i>Insights on inclusion of gender and sexual minorities in international disaster risk reduction</i> • Professor Dale Dominey–Howes, Professor of Hazard and Disaster Risk Sciences, Sydney University, <i>LGBTI people in disasters in NSW, Queensland and New Zealand</i>
	1.D Health, disability and disaster	<p>In Australia, one in five people has a disability, and can be at greater risk during an emergency. Gain insights into the experiences and needs of people with a disability or with chronic or challenging health conditions. By better understanding both their unique strengths as well as their vulnerabilities, and through inclusive planning and preparedness, you will learn how to build the resilience of people with health issues or a disability.</p> <p>Chair: Mariela Diaz, Director Emergency Management Branch, DHHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zel Iscel, Inclusive World, <i>User testing in emergency preparation</i> • Dr Gretchen Good, Massey University New Zealand, <i>Experiences of people with visual impairments in the Canterbury earthquakes</i> • Dr Michelle Villeneuve, University of Sydney, <i>Disability–inclusive disaster preparedness</i> • Lesley Gray, University of Otago & Joint Centre for Disaster Research, New Zealand, <i>Morbid obesity and disasters</i>
12.30pm	Lunch	
1.30–2.45pm	Plenary: Walking together as one	<p>‘Walking together as one’ Elder and Pastor Uncle Doug Nicholls said, ‘You can play a tune on black keys, you can play a tune on white keys, but both are needed for perfect harmony. We want to walk with you, we don’t want to walk alone’.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Kanoa, Director, Aboriginal Inclusion Support Branch, Dept. of Environment, Land, Water & Planning • Scott Falconer, Asst. Chief Fire Officer, Loddon Mallee Forest, Fire and Regions, Dept. of Environment, Land, Water & Planning
2.45– 4pm Parallel sessions	2.A Get connected! Interactive and online disaster resilience tools and resources	<p>Our increasingly on-line world offers us opportunities for working differently, from accessing information to managing spontaneous volunteers and material donations. Experience some of the latest online tools and resources designed to build resilience, help communities plan and prepare, and provide effective and practical support following an emergency or disaster.</p> <p>Chair: Mary Sayers, VCOSS</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Laird, Life Saving Victoria (LSV), <i>Water Safety and Disaster Resilience Education – Virtual Excursions (A Pilot)</i> • Dr Caroline Spencer, Monash University Disaster Resilience Initiative, Victorian Compendium of Community-based Resilience Building Initiatives • Amanda Lamont, Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience – Disaster Resilience Knowledge Hub • Sarah Tennant, GIVIT, <i>Disaster and Emergency Recovery Service</i> • Kate Clayton, <i>Gather My Crew: Online rostering tool for people who are facing a crisis</i>
	<p>2.B The community sector: A powerful force in building community resilience</p>	<p>Former Victorian Police and Emergency Services Leader Neil Comrie stated that ‘if appropriately engaged, [community service organisations] would be a powerful force in building community resilience’. By leveraging the resources, skills and knowledge of community organisations, and by building on the sector’s networks, strengths-based approaches and deep understanding of local communities, the emergency management sector can help to build even greater resilience to emergencies. Learn how collaborating with community organisations can build community resilience for everyday challenges and stressors, as well as for emergencies and disasters.</p> <p>Chair: Beth Davidson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon Torstonson, Executive Officer Social Equity and Wellbeing Network, Christchurch, <i>Community organisations in the Christchurch earthquakes</i> • Mary Farrow, Emerald Community House's Centre of Resilience, <i>Building resilience in local communities</i> • Kris Newton, Mountains Community Resource Network, <i>How can the community and emergency sectors better partner to promote resilience?</i> • Emma King, CEO VCOSS, <i>Community organisations: the missing link between disasters resilience and diversity</i>
	<p>2.C Inclusive and effective response and relief: meeting the needs of all communities</p>	<p>Ensuring our emergency management systems and frameworks are inclusive ensures that we can meet the needs of everybody during an emergency or disaster. Hear about the latest research and practice in inclusive emergency management, from ensuring that the needs of people who are sleeping through in an emergency are met, to new state-wide frameworks that have been designed to meet the needs of people who may be additionally at risk during an emergency.</p> <p>Chair: Steve O’Malley, MFB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Danielle Every, Central Queensland University, <i>Homelessness and natural disaster</i> • Dr Sandra Astill, University of Tasmania, <i>Older people and disasters</i> • Stuart Stuart, Victorian Council of Churches, <i>How worldview influences decision making in disasters</i> • Michael Arman, Australian Red Cross, <i>Disaster resilience framework for people most at risk</i>
	<p>2.D “It felt really good to know that I can help people with</p>	<p>Children and young people are not just small adults, but are uniquely vulnerable and require targeted and specialised interventions before, during and after an emergency or disaster. They can also make meaningful contributions to</p>



	<p>what I know'': Planning for and learning from children and young people</p>	<p>emergency preparedness and recovery. Develop a greater understanding of the impacts of emergencies and disasters on children and young people, and come away with skills in how to better prepare and protect them.</p> <p>Chair: Susan Davie, Victoria SES and Monash University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Film screening. Strathewen Primary School: <i>If you care, stay aware, be prepared - a message from Gem Gem</i> (7 minutes approx.) • Assoc. Professor Lisa Gibbs, Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program and Centre for Disaster Management & Public Safety, <i>Children's experiences of emergencies and disasters</i> • Professor Kevin Ronan, CQU, Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, <i>Child-centred disaster risk reduction</i> • Michelle Roberts, Student Incident Recovery Unit, EM Division. Department of Education and Training, <i>Partnering with children to build resistance in emergencies: Why are children a noted vulnerable group?</i>
<p>4pm</p>	<p>Afternoon Tea</p>	
<p>4.30–6pm</p>	<p>Plenary: Adaptation in a time of chaos – complex approaches to wicked problems: Arts House REFUGE</p>	<p>Resilience is a process. It takes continual practice and rehearsal. Much like our capacity for empathy, it needs to be exercised and consistently developed in order to have the desirable characteristics of flexibility, readiness and preparedness. Bringing together an artist, a systems scientist, a community activist and an emergency planner this panel will look at the ways in which extreme situations both necessitate and foster creativity & innovation; and expand the way in which change and adaptation can happen. Bringing stories from the frontline, ecological systems, gaming and emergency response, this plenary session will be a facilitated discussion that will ask you to bring your innovation, your empathy and your best adaptive strategies to the table. Because, in times like these what is our most precious resource? The kindness of strangers? Each other? A plan? What skills do we have?</p> <p>Chair: Matt Wicking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Walker, Fellow, Australian Academy of Science, CSIRO • Yoko Akama, Associate Professor, School of Design, RMIT University • Tara Prowse, Producer Arts House, City of Melbourne • Lee Shang Lun, Designer and gamemaker • Dr Faye Bendrups, Director, National SES Volunteers Assoc., Chair, Victoria SES Volunteers Assoc., Controller, VICSES Footscray <p>Hosted by: Arts House, City of Melbourne, with guest Professor Brian Walker (Ecologist, CSIRO)</p>
<p>6.00 – 7.30pm</p>	<p>Conference Networking Reception: "Taste of the G"</p>	



Day 2 – Wednesday 18 April 2018

Conference Registration and Information Desk		
8.30–8.40am	Emcee: Brett de Hoedt Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners - Helen Riseborough, Women's Health In the North	
8.40–9.40am	Plenary Panel – Using words wisely: The media in emergencies and disasters	Chair: Brett de Hoedt <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Denis Muller, Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for Advancing Journalism, University of Melbourne, <i>Media Ethics and Disasters</i> • Nick McKenzie, 7-times <i>Walkley</i> award winner, Fairfax Media and ABC journalist • Dr Tom Doig, Monash University, Journalist, teacher and author of <i>The Coal Face</i> (2015) and <i>Hazelwood</i> (forthcoming 2019) • Sascha Rundle, Manager of Diversity, Emergency & Collaboration, ABC • Anna Parle, Chief Resilience Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet
9.40–10.30am	Keynote Associate Professor JC Gaillard, School of Environment, University of Auckland, N.Z.	JC Gaillard is Associate Professor at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. He trained as a geographer with particular interest in disaster studies. JC will focus on the contemporary momentum towards inclusiveness in disaster risk reduction. He will question whether the concern of many stakeholders for minority groups in disasters is a genuine commitment to address unequal power relations in disaster risk reduction or pure rhetoric.
10.30–11.00am	Morning tea Making 'good things' happen	Networking OR Humanitarian, environmentalist and social activist Ruth Crow AM (1916–1999) believed that when people came together over a cup of tea, they could go on to do great things. Share in a cuppa with artist-researcher Dr Jen Rae and North Melbourne community elder Lorna Hannan. Join in a guided exploration of what makes 'good things' happen in the context of disaster preparedness, response and recovery.
11.00–11.10am	Plenary – Launch of the National Gender and Emergency Guidelines	Professor Maureen Fordham, Susie Reid (WHGNE), Helen Riseborough (WHIN) & Frank Archer (MUDRI) will launch the new National Gender and Emergency Management Guidelines. Led by the GAD Pod, the GEM Guidelines were informed by over 350 emergency management personnel, and funded by National Emergency Management Projects. The GEM Guidelines were developed to increase gender and disaster knowledge and subsequently improve emergency planning and response.



11.10-11.30am	Professor Bob Pease, Deakin University and the University of Tasmania	Privileged irresponsibility and global warming: In addition to focusing on vulnerabilities to disasters and the exclusion of disadvantaged groups from emergency management responses, we need also to consider the role of privileged groups in perpetuating environmentally destructive norms and practices which cause most disasters. This presentation will outline how privileged groups reproduce their privilege without concern for the wider problems of environmental justice and how they distance themselves from the costs of their ecological footprints.
11.30am–12.45pm Parallel Sessions	3.A Lessons from the past to inform the future	<p>Disasters can shake foundations and disrupt certainties once held by communities, families and individuals. At times, this manifests in conflict or violence between couples and between community members. Researchers convey the physical and mental effects of disaster in catastrophes like Black Saturday and in the relentless anguish of drought.</p> <p>Chair: Susie Reid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Margaret Alston, OAM, Monash University, <i>Emergency responses to slow onset versus catastrophic disasters</i> • Assoc. Professor Lisa Gibbs, Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program and Centre for Disaster Management & Public Safety – <i>Beyond Bushfires: impacts of resilience and recovery</i> • Robyn Molyneaux, Research Fellow, Jack Brockhoff Child Health & Wellbeing Program), <i>Interpersonal violence post-disaster</i> • Dr Colin Gallagher, Swinburne University of Technology, <i>Couples in a post-disaster context</i>
	3.B Embracing diversity in emergency management volunteering	<p>Volunteers are an integral part of the social capital of strong and resilient communities, providing vital services across all sectors including aged care, disability services, sport and recreation, and of course emergency services. This session will showcase the increasing diversity of our volunteer workforce. Learn how inclusive volunteering can lead to more stronger and more effective emergency services and helps to build resilient communities.</p> <p>Chair: Kate Siebert, Australian Red Cross</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Wood, Captain, Barwon Heads Fire Brigade • Amanda Lamont, Director Engagement & Projects, Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience, <i>Communities Responding to Disasters: Planning for Spontaneous Volunteers – new national handbook and guidelines for supporting spontaneous volunteers</i> • Mike Wassing, Deputy Commissioner, CO RFS, CO SES, Qld Fire and Emergency Services, <i>Valuing EM volunteers – and the link to community resilience</i> • Tim Rogers, CFA, <i>Peer support for volunteers</i>
	3.C Gendered expectations and consequences in disaster	<p>Gain insights into the very real consequences that gendered expectations have on experiences of disaster. First-hand experience, along with research with women and men, illustrate gender dynamics in disaster. And for light relief, hear how humour can play a part in resisting, refusing and coping with adversity in a context of fire-fighting and gender.</p> <p>Chair: Brett de Hoedt</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Bob Pease, Deakin University and the University of Tasmania, <i>Men, Masculinities and Disaster</i> • Dr Debra Parkinson, Gender and Disaster Pod, <i>Women and Men in Disasters</i> • Dr Christine Eriksen, University of Wollongong, <i>Negotiating Adversity with Humour</i> • Andrew Wilson–Annan: CFA volunteer with lived experience
	3.D Enabling contributions from unexpected places	<p>Join a conversation to learn first-hand from the unique experiences of some determined and inspiring community members, see new possibilities, and gain practical guidance on how to harness the strengths and contributions, that could easily be missed, from people identified with marginalised or under-represented groups.</p> <p>Chair: Lisa Jones and Steve Cameron, EMV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Olivier, Volunteer lifesaver • Ross de Vent, Volunteer contributor to Mornington Peninsula Shire Council's emergency management planning • Charmaine Sellings, Volunteer Firefighter, Lake Tyers Fire Bridgade
12.45–1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30–2.30pm	Plenary Panel – Intimate partner, family and community violence in disaster	<p>Beginning with a first-hand experience over a decade since Black Saturday, speakers will present research on the evidence of increased violence after disaster, and practitioners and CFA volunteers will speak on effective prevention and response. Gain a greater understanding of the dynamics of violence in a disaster context and learn about strategies of referral and collaboration to prevent violence against women in the different context that a disaster's aftermath presents.</p> <p>Co-chairs: Donna Wheatley and Steve O'Malley, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, with Brett de Hoedt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharon, <i>Dimensions of consequences</i> • Rachael Mackay, Women's Health Goulburn North East, <i>Family violence and disasters in Australia</i> • Beth Taylor, CFA, <i>Prevention of Family Violence Action Group</i> • Connie Kellett, Dept. of Justice and Regulation & University of Melbourne Beyond Bushfires research team, <i>Experiences of anger following disaster and the intersection with family violence</i> • Alison Birchall, Policy Adviser, Domestic Violence Victoria, <i>Family Violence – more than an aftermath</i>
2.30–3.45pm Parallel sessions	4.A Poverty and privilege: entitlement in emergencies	<p>Poverty and disadvantage have direct implications on people's ability to prepare for, cope with and recover from emergencies and disasters. World health agencies have named climate change - and accompanying extreme weather events - as the greatest threat to global health in the 21st Century. Presenters will discuss the effect of climate change on disadvantaged communities and on farmers and those living in rural areas. The spotlight will equally focus on the role privileged groups play in perpetuating disasters while reproducing their own privilege without concern for wider problems of environmental justice.</p>

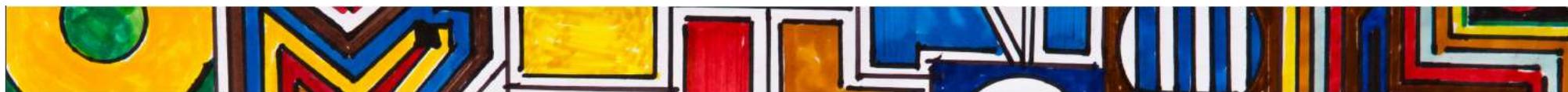


		<p>Chair: Mary Sayers, VCOSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jason Russell, Proud Aboriginal man, former firefighter and Peer Educator with the Victorian Council to Homeless Persons • Tanay Amirapu, Researcher and PhD Candidate, University of Auckland, N.Z. <i>Power relations in people's participation in disaster risk reduction</i> • Associate Professor Helen Boon, James Cook University, <i>Poverty and disasters</i> • Fiona Armstrong, Climate and Health Alliance, <i>Climate change and disadvantaged communities</i> • Tracie Lund, Morwell Neighbourhood House, <i>Resilience in a disadvantaged community</i>
	<p>4.B The language of resilience: emergency management for newly arrived communities</p>	<p>Migrants, asylum seekers and refugees are often unaware of the risks they may face in arriving in Australia. In addition they may not have access to or understand emergency preparedness communications. Gain insights into the barriers that people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds face in an emergency or disaster, and learn how to communicate effectively with people who are new to Australia or whose first language is not English.</p> <p>Chair: Maha Sukkar, Victoria Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Scott Hanson–Easey, University of Adelaide, <i>Bushfire and heatwave information for culturally and linguistically diverse communities and/or Beyond Translations: Engaging culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities about fire: A community–based participatory approach</i> • Dr Penny Egan–Vine, Murray Valley Sanctuary Refugee Group • Dr Isabelle Bartkowiak–Theron, University of Tasmania, <i>Refugees and policing</i> • Shefali Juneja Lakhina, University of Wollongong, <i>Working with refugees to build disaster resilience</i> (Pre-recorded video presentation)
	<p>4.C Resilience in diversity: Local councils supporting communities</p>	<p>Demographic changes, globalisation and climate change are bringing with them increasing complexity and uncertainty. Heatwaves, bushfires, cyclones and other disasters threaten injury, death, destruction and trauma. How can we draw on the strengths of our diverse communities and geographies to pursue our shared interests, embrace our differences and be stronger together? How can we help communities prepare for change and whatever the future may hold? Learn how local governments collaborate to ensure everybody is better prepared and more resilient to our chronic stressors and acute shocks.</p> <p>Chair: Toby Kent, Resilient Melbourne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerry Haby, Macedon Ranges Shire Council, Local Government Action Planning on Gender, Family Violence and Children (Resilient Australia Award – Highly Commended) • Ruth McGowan OAM, Drouin West CFA, former Mayor of Baw Baw Council during 2009 Black Saturday relief and recovery, <i>Defensive pessimism underpins effective community engagement</i> • Sioux Campbell, Disaster Management Resilience Officer, Cairns Regional Council, <i>Are you deaf, or what? Effectively engaging Cairns' highly diverse communities.</i>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Barton, Policy Advisor - Housing and Homelessness, Yarra City Council, <i>Partnerships for reaching vulnerable people in an inner city council</i>
	4.D Shared understanding for shared responsibility: Lessons from those who have demonstrated leadership	<p>Local leaders play critical roles in building the resilience of their communities. Hear directly from people who are leaders in their communities and learn about the challenges they faced and lessons they learned as the result of an emergency or disaster. What works best for communities during response, relief and recovery. How can we better partner with local leaders to build resilience?</p> <p>Chair: Helen Riseborough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daryl Taylor and Helen Goodman, <i>Community-led disaster preparedness and community resilience</i> Fiona Jennings, Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC Louise Scott, Forest and Fire Strategic Planner, Forest Fire Management Victoria, <i>Lessons in resilience, recovery, leadership (and life!) learnt from disaster impacted communities</i> Fiona Sewell, Ready2Go Project Coordinator, Echo Youth & Family Services, <i>Leading from within – approaches and mechanisms by community based emergency planning groups</i>
3.45-4pm	Afternoon Tea	
4-5.15pm	Plenary: Committing to diversity and inclusivity: Australian Emergency Services Organisations and Community Organisations	<p>Chair: Brett de Hoedt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mike Wassing, Deputy Commissioner, CO RFS, CO SES, Qld Fire and Emergency Services Dr Stephanie Rotarangi, Deputy Chief Officer, CFA, Vic. Craig Lapsley, Emergency Management Commissioner, Vic. Andrew Coghlan, National Manager Emergency Services, Australian Red Cross Michael Morgan, AFSM, MBA (HRM), AIFireE, Deputy Chief Officer, S.A. Metropolitan Fire Service Virginia Nelson, Superintendent Patrols – Asst. District Officer, Queensland Police <p>Closing comments from Professor Maureen Fordham and Associate Professor JC Gaillard.</p>
5.15pm	Conference Close	

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