

# **RESEARCH WITH IMPACT (?!)**

**A LONG-TERM UNKNOWN JOURNEY**



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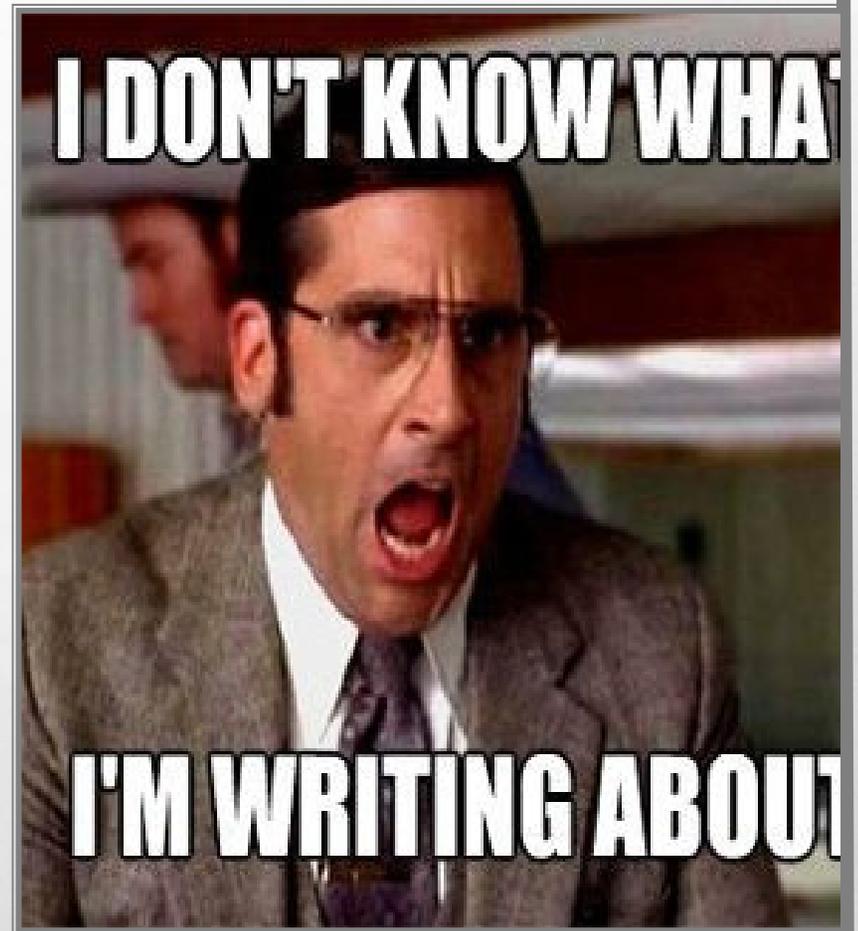
# WHAT IS IMPACT?

- **AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL:**

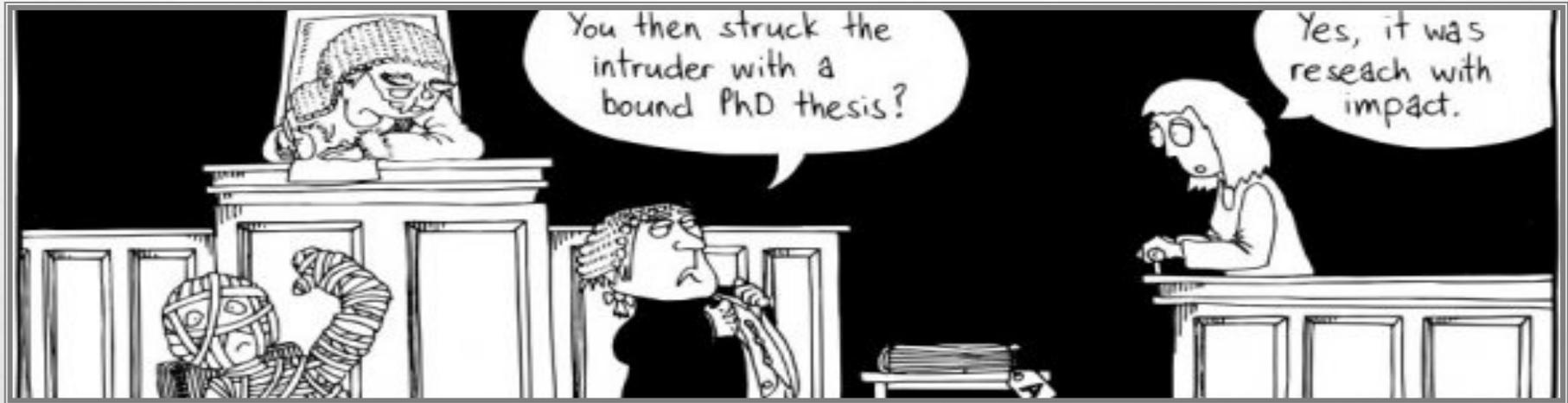
**IMPACT IS THE CONTRIBUTION THAT RESEARCH MAKES TO THE ECONOMY, SOCIETY, ENVIRONMENT OR CULTURE, BEYOND THE CONTRIBUTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH.**

- **THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION:**

**A CHANGE OR A BENEFIT TO THE ECONOMY, SOCIETY, CULTURE, PUBLIC POLICY OR SERVICES, HEALTH, THE ENVIRONMENT OR QUALITY OF LIFE**



## TYPES OF IMPACT



**ACADEMIC IMPACT VS "REST OF THE WORLD" IMPACT**

# THE IMPACT JOURNEY

## THE FIVE STAGES

**Inputs:** What researchers need

**Activities:** What researchers do

**Outputs:** The products of research

**Outcomes:** People becoming aware of, and using, these products

**Impacts:** Changes in society that result from outputs and outcomes



# MY JOURNEY TOWARD IMPACT

## EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING



- 2008** (June) New life in Australia 😊
- 2009** SBS Interview for the Italian community
- 2011** PhD Bushfire CRC scholarship holder
- 2012** Distinguished talent visa
- 2015** Internship Cardinia council
- 2017** (May) PhD ceremony
- 2017** (June) ECDF SoM – HR&IR department

## .... MY JOURNEY TOWARD IMPACT

### **2 articles from my Phd:**

De Sisto, M. Cavanagh, J. & Bartram, T. 2019, 'Bushfire investigations in Australia: A case for building collective leadership practices for crises events', *Leadership and Organization Development Journal*, 41(2), pp. 177-192 (Q1, ABDC, B).

De Sisto, M. & Handmer, J. 2020, 'Communication: the key for an effective interagency collaboration within the bushfire investigation network', *International Journal of Emergency Services*, 9(3), pp. 299 – 312 (ABDC, C).

### **1 Report; 1 article from the internship**

De Sisto, M, O'Reilly M & Fairbrother, P 2015, '*Cardinia Shire Council: A Framework to enable community resilience and engagement*', Report.

De Sisto, M. Cavanagh, J. McMurray, A. & Bartram, T. 2018, 'Emergency management and HRM in local governments: HR professionals as network managers', *Asia Pacific Journal of Human Resources*, 57(2), pp. 1-14 (Q1, ABDC, B).



2019, AHRI magazine, '*HR in disaster zones*'.

## **.... MY JOURNEY TOWARD IMPACT**

### **2009-2019 – MEDIA**

**SBS radio (Italian division) in 2009, 2018, and 2019 on how to develop a better bushfire investigation system.**

### **2021 (July) – GRANT**

**\$486,930 Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund : *'Achieving resilient towns through community-led disaster recovery, preparedness, mitigation and prevention planning.'***

### **2021 – RESEARCH AWARD**

***RMIT Award for Research Excellence (ECR)***

### **2022 – INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR (SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT)**

# Resilient Towns Initiative

The Resilient Towns Initiative (RTI) is a community-centered project aimed at facilitating disaster resilience, preparedness and mitigation across the Snowy Valleys, in association with the Australian Red Cross, Anglicare Sydney, UNSW, RMIT University and Snowy Valleys Council.



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Community Forum, Batlow RSL, 22 February 2022

# HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER?

Resilient Towns Initiative



# AN ACTION PLANNING APPROACH TO SUPPORT

- **PROBLEM BASED, OPPORTUNITY DRIVEN**
- **STARTING POINTS**
- **ACHIEVABLE ACTIONS**
- **LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**
- **COMMUNITY BASED**
- **SERENDIPITY**



**RESILIENT TOWNS INITIATIVE**  
SNOWY VALLEYS, NSW

**Newsletter**  
November 2022

Priority Funded by the NSW Government

The Resilient Towns Initiative supports community-led disaster resilience, preparation, and mitigation across the Snowy Valley region, in association with Snowy Valleys Council, National Recovery and Resilience Agency, Red Cross, Anglicare, UNSW and RMIT.

We have had a busy few months working alongside communities in Khancoban, Talbingo, Elliott Way, Batlow, Brungle, Courabyra and Tumbarumba, including:

- Community Planning Meetings with Khancoban, The Elliott Way - Tooma, Talbingo and Batlow communities
- Batlow Preparedness Plan Presentation
- Courabyra post-meeting follow-up
- Pre-community meetings with Brungle
- Meeting with the Timber Industry Group
- Addressing the "Local Emergency Management Committee"
- Attending the Resilience NSW conference Goulburn

**TRAINING**  
Contribute to building local capacity within your communities. Resilient Towns Initiative are rolling out a series of FREE accredited training courses, facilitated by the Riverina Community College. For more info, check out our Facebook site.

**SURVEY: TELL US ABOUT WHAT COMMUNITY-LED RECOVERY MEANS TO YOU**

More info (don't miss out!) go to [www.resilienttowns.org.au](#) or [www.facebook.com/resilienttowns](#)

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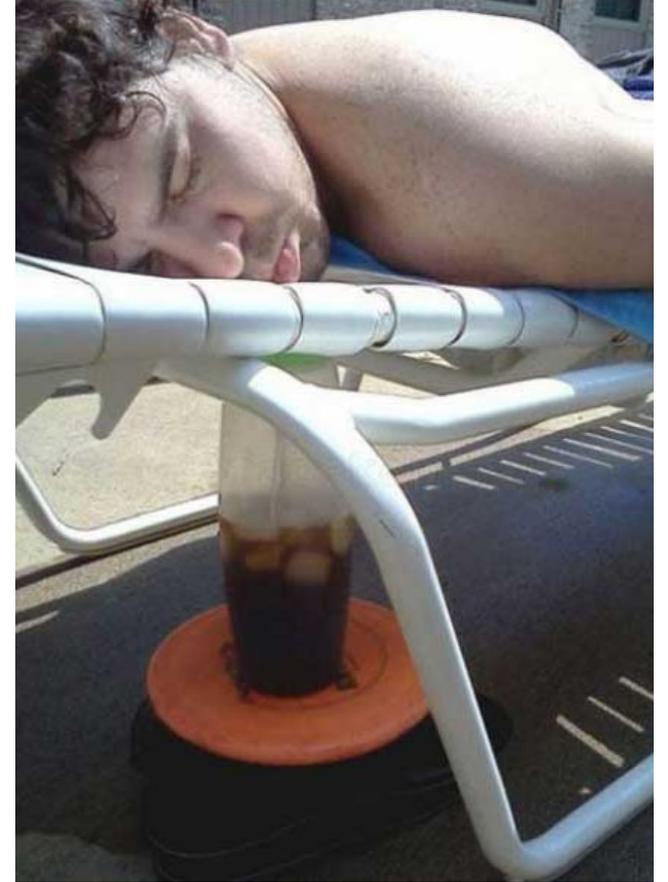
# Where to from Here



- **PROJECT ENDS AT THE END OF JUNE**
- **PRODUCING SHORT ANIMATION ON LESSONS AND OTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**
- **3 ARTICLES READY TO BE SUBMIT (AND ANOTHER 3 ON THE WAY)**
  
- **ADD TO THE SNV WEBSITE?**
- **A NEW ADVENTURE?**

# WHAT IS YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD IMPACT?

WHY DID I NEVER THINK OF THIS



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR LISTENING**

**Q/A ?**

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