NATURAL HAZARDS

RESEARCH FORUM



ADELAIDE, NATIONAL WINE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA, 14-16 MAY 2024

Research with Impact – Provoke, Inspire, Challenge, Be Involved

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Day 1: Tuesday 14 May



Time	Title	
1:00pm	Welcome Iain MacKenzie, Chair (Natural Hazards Research Australia)	
	Welcome to Country	
	Opening South Australian dignitaries Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General (National Emergency Management Agency)	
	Overview Andrew Gissing, CEO (Natural Hazards Research Australia)	
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	Big Thinking – innovation in our sector Dr Sue Keay, Partner and Director (Future Work Group) Dr Justin Fidock, Program Leader National Security, Defence Science Technology Group (Department of Defence) Prof Andy Koronios, CEO and Managing Director (SmartSat CRC) Brett Loughlin, Chief Officer (South Australian Country Fire Service)	
5.30pm	Welcome Drinks (5:30pm-7:00pm)	

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Day 2: Wednesday 15 May

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3	
9.00am	Risk informed decision making	Situational awareness	Resilient communities and Country	
	Bushfire risk at the rural–urban interface Prof David Bowman (UTAS) Dr Stefania Ondei (UTAS) Anna Gjedrem (UTAS)	Translation of observed and modelled extreme bushfire behaviours to improve fire prediction Dr Mika Peace (BoM)	Community-led recovery: evidence, dimensions and supports for Community Recovery Communities Dr Kate Brady (Uni Melb) Dr Colin Gallagher (Uni Melb)	
	Community risk assessment Dr Nader Naderpajouh (USYD) Amir Pakizeh (USYD) Peyman Habibimoshfegh (USYD)	What makes a good fire simulator? Dr Hamish Clarke (Uni Melb) Caitlyn Simon (Uni Melb)	Cultural land management research and governance in south-east Australia A/Prof Tim Neale (Deakin) Oliver Costello (Jagun Alliance) Lachlan Beggs (Deakin)	
	Predictions in public: understanding the design, communication and dissemination of predictive maps to the public TBC	Sector partner engagement to enhance severe weather impact predictions Liza Gelt (Collaborative Consulting) Rosie Tran (Collaborative Consulting) Michael Rumsewicz (Collaborative Consulting)	Awareness, education and communication for compound natural hazards Dr Gabi Mocatta (Deakin) Dr Erin Hawley (Deakin)	
	Operationalising Aboriginal Land and Sea Management Shaun Hooper (DCCEEW) Kate Brown (DCCEEW)	Healing country through Wolgalu/ Wiradjuri-led land management Megan Considine (Buugang Bila) A/Prof Lisa Slater (UOW) Jarrah Bousfield (Buugang Bila)	Foundations in Indigenous disaster resilience Bhiamie Williamson (National Indigenous Disaster Resilience, Fire to Flourish) Nell Reidy (National Indigenous Disaster Resilience, Fire to Flourish)	
	Capturing uncertainty in bushfire spread prediction Dr Michael Storey (UOW) A/Prof Owen Price (UOW)	PhD Remote sensing of fuel to improve fire behaviour predictions Simeon Telfer (RMIT)		
	Why Fly? How do we know that aerial firefighting operations are effective and efficient? A/Prof Owen Price (UOW)	PhD Machine learning for humanitarian disaster relief efforts through employing rule-based verification on drone aerial imagery Hafiz Suliman Munawar (UNSW)		
10:30am	Morning tea			
11:00am	Risk informed decision making	Situational awareness	Resilient communities and Country	
	Utilisation panel + workshop	Utilisation panel + workshop	Utilisation panel + workshop	
12:30pm	Lunch			

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2	Stream 3
1:30pm	Early Career Researchers	Situational awareness	Resilient communities and Country
	Early Career Researchers Launch of Early and Mid-Career Academic and Practitioner Network Prof Deborah Bunker (NHRA) Dr Hamish Clarke (Uni Melb)	Flash flood case studies to improve predictions and communication of uncertainty Dr Carla Mooney (BoM)	Post Flood – Research utilisation workshop A/Prof Melanie Taylor (MQ) Dr Darryl Stellmach (UTas) Dr Erica Kuligowski (RMIT) - Dr Michael Carroll (QFES) Bhiamie Williamson (National Indigenous Disaster Resilience, Fire to Flourish)
	HDR and ECR Research Presentations with Q&A Session	Long-range flood outlook for strategic preparedness Dr Navid Ghajarnia (BoM) Dr Christopher Picket-Heaps (BoM)	
	Publishing in the Australian Journal of Emergency Management Christine Belcher (AJEM) Margaret Moreton (AIDR)	Developing an integrated predictive capability for extreme rainfall and inundation Dr Carlos Velasco (BoM)	
		Detecting fire plumes with mobile radar Dr Mika Peace (BoM)	
		Fire Case Studies Dr Mika Peace (BoM) Dr Jeff Kepert (BoM) Sam Sauvage (BoM)	
3:30pm	Afternoon tea		
4:00pm	Keynote Dr Sally Potter, Senior Social Scientist, GNS Science New Zealand		
5:00pm	Networking function (5:00pm - 7:30pm)		

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Day 3: Thursday 16 May

Time	Stream 1	Stream 2	
9:00am	Workforce	Infrastructure – Planning for a resilient built environment	
	Enhanced decision-making in emergency management	Panel – How best we innovate inform by the science	
	Dr Peter Hayes (CQU) Dr Greg Penney (CSU)	Evaluating the Resilient Homes Fund Prof Paula Jarzabkowski (UQ)	
	PhD Smoke exposure profiles of bushfire fighters in the south-west ecoregion of Western Australia	Modelling impacts of natural hazards on interconnected infrastructure networks Dr Matt Mason (UQ)	
	Kiam Padamsey (ECU)	Creating resilient and sustainable critical infrastructure using evidence informed policy Cameron Atkinson (UTAS)	
	PhD Impact of bushfire smoke on the ocular surface Suki Jaiswal (UNSW)	Understanding the resilience of lifelines for regional and remote communities Prof Lauren Rickards (Latrobe)	
		Safety of Alternative and Renewable Energy Technologies Research Program Jamie Vistnes (FRNSW)	
10:30am	Morning tea		
11:00am	Workforce	Infrastructure – Planning for a resilient built environment	
	Workforce (cont)	Panel – How best we invest in resilience and risk reduction	
	Best practice for tracking and responding to potentially traumatic event exposure Alexandra Howard (Phoenix Australia)	Steve Crowley (Optus) Bridie Fennessy (Yarra Valley Water) Rob Considine (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action) Zahra Jabiri (Western Power)	
	Reimagining emergency management volunteering: more than just words Celeste Young (VU) Prof Roger Jones (VU)	Stream closing remarks Dr Adriana Keating (Monash)	
12:30pm	Lunch		
1:30pm	Future urban planning policy in a natural hazards context Prof Barbara Norman, Emeritus Professor, University of Canberra, Chair of Urban Policy Forum advising Australian Government.		
	Panel Prof Barbara Norman Julia Waddington-Powell (SAFECOM) Brenton Grear (DEW)		
2:30pm	Closing Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson, Governor of South Australia		
3:00pm	End of Forum		

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