



## Visions of Sharing Responsibility for Disaster Resilience

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2012 @RMIT University

### Workshop Overview

This one-day workshop will examine the idea and practice of sharing responsibility for disaster resilience.

This Workshop will address two general questions:

- First, the idea: what does the idea of ‘shared responsibility’ mean, and what are its implications?
- Second, the practice: is it a useful policy concept, and if yes what needs to be done to implement it, and what could undermine it?

It has been organised by RMIT’s Centre for Risk and Community Safety in the School of Mathematical and Geospatial Sciences on behalf of the Bushfire CRC and the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility’s (NCCARF) Emergency Management network.

### Location

Emily McPherson Building (RMIT Building 13), Multi-purpose Room (13.03.7)  
Cnr Russell and Victoria Streets, Melbourne City Campus  
(J-18 on RMIT’s city campus map –attached)

### Blog

Participants are invited to share material - including documents, web links and commentary - related to the topic of this workshop at <http://sharingresponsibility.wordpress.com/>.

Carbon credits have been purchased to offset the greenhouse gas emissions associated with this event.



## **Workshop Program**

**Note:** *The workshop will prioritize time for group discussion. In all but the final session, panelists will speak for 5-10 minutes each, allowing time for open discussion. In the final session there will be 45 minutes open discussion, after which panelists will have 5 minutes each to make final comments.*

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### **8.00am-9:00am**

Coffee and registration

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### **9am-9.10am**

#### **Welcome**

- John Handmer (Director - Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)
- Daine Alcorn (DVC Research & Innovation & Vice-President, RMIT University)
- Richard Thornton (Deputy CEO & Research Director, Bushfire CRC)

### **9.10am-9:30am**

#### **Expectations and perspectives**

(Chair: John Handmer, Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)

- Richard Thornton (Deputy CEO & Research Director, Bushfire CRC)
- Craig Lapsley (Fire Services Commissioner, Victoria)
- Anne Leadbeater (Kinglake community & Murrindindi Shire Council)

### **9:30-10.30am**

#### **Perspectives from current research**

(Chair: Mick Ayre, Assistant Director - Northern Territory Fire and Rescue Service)

- John Handmer/ Blythe McLennan (Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)
- Stephen Dovers/ Michael Eburn (Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU)
- Barbara Norman (Urban and Regional Planning, University of Canberra)
- Leo Dobes (Crawford School of Economics and Government, ANU)

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### **10:30am-11:00am**

Morning tea

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### **11.00pm-12.30pm**

#### **Panel 1 - Community/local perspectives**

(Chair: Ian Mannix, ABC)

- Julie Molloy (Director of Social Engagement Initiatives, Volunteering Queensland)
- Vanessa Fabre (Manager - Inclusive Communities, Brisbane City Council)
- Sam Johnson (Founder of the Student Volunteer Army, Christchurch)
- Kate Lawrence (Macedon community & National Rural Women's Coalition)
- John Richardson (National Coordinator of Strategic Development - Emergency Services, Australian Red Cross)
- Briony Towers (Research Fellow, Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)
- Malcolm and Jane Calder (Steels Creek community)

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**12.30pm-1.30pm**

Lunch

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**1.30pm-3.00pm**

**Panel 2 - Government perspectives**

(Chair: Blythe McLennan, Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)

- Chris Collett (Assistant Secretary of the Emergency Management Policy Branch, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department)
- Mark Duckworth (Executive Director of Citizenship and Resilience, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria)
- Terry Hayes (Executive Manager Community Capability, Country Fire Authority, Victoria)
- Jeanette Pope (Manager of Strategic Research and Coordination, Department of Planning and Community Development, Victoria)
- Steve Opper (Director of Community Safety, NSW SES)
- Russell Rees (Risk Advisor, Municipal Association of Victoria)

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**3.00pm-3.30pm**

Afternoon tea

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**3.30pm-5.00pm**

**Open discussion and panel - reflecting on shared responsibility**

(Chair: John Handmer, Centre for Risk and Community Safety, RMIT University)

*Open discussion*

Questions/comments/statements from the floor

*Panel 3 – key issues for the future*

- Chris Collett (Assistant Secretary of the Emergency Management Policy Branch, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department)
- Stephen Dovers (Director of the Fenner School of Environment and Society, ANU)
- Noreen Krusel (Research Utilisation Manager, Bushfire CRC)
- Kate Lawrence (Macedon community & National Rural Women's Coalition and Network)
- Anne Leadbeater (Kingslake community & Murrindindi Shire Council)
- Barbara Norman (Head of Discipline - Urban and Regional Planning, University of Canberra)
- John Schauble (Manager Policy & Planning, Office of the Fire Services Commissioner)
- Peter Stanley (Head - Centre for Historical Research, National Museum of Australia)

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**5pm-6.30pm**

Informal discussion over drinks

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**7pm-9.30pm**

Dinner (Stalactites Restaurant)

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