

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2024

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**Tuesday 16 - Wednesday 17 July 2024**  
**The Pullman Melbourne, Albert Park**



## DAY 1 - TUESDAY 16 JULY 2024

07:30 - 17:30	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN		
	STREAM 1		
	Chair: Mark Swiney, Fire Rescue Victoria		
09:00 - 09:05	Welcome from Conference Chair <b>Mark Swiney</b> , Fire Rescue Victoria		
09:05 - 09:10	Welcome to Country by <b>Aunty Janet Galpin</b>		
09:10 - 09:40	Welcome from <b>Rick Nugent APM</b> , Emergency Management Commissioner		
09:40 - 10:30	<b>KEYNOTE: Cindi Preller</b> , Pacific Tsunami Museum, Hawaii - Living without fear		
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA - EXHIBITION AREA		
	STREAM 1	STREAM 2	STREAM 3
	Chair: Ian Hunt, Ambulance Victoria	Chair: Deb Martindale, SentientCo	Chair: Heather Lakin, IGEN
10:55 - 11:30	Understanding and improving machine translations for emergency communications <b>Professor John Hajek</b> , University of Melbourne and <b>Jess Mathew</b> , Dept of Families, Fairness & Housing	<b>PANEL: ESF Residential Wellbeing Program - a vision comes to life</b> <b>Snr Sgt Greg Dean</b> , Victoria Police <b>Emma Atkins</b> , Life Saving Victoria	Enhancing disaster resilience in Australia <b>Bhiamie Williamson</b> , National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR), Monash University
11:40 - 12:15	International conflict and terrorism <b>Assoc. Professor Josh Roose</b> , Deakin University	Impacts of family breakdown on the emergency services workforce - ESF study <b>Angela Harbinson</b> , The Separation Guide	<b>PANEL: Self determination, reconciliation and resilience</b> Treaty for Victoria - <b>Dr Anya Thomas</b> , University of Melbourne Aboriginal community-led recovery - <b>Suzanne Coats</b> and <b>Peter Nathan</b> , ERV Reconciliation at Fire Rescue Victoria- <b>Jessie Fraser</b> and <b>Craig Chivers</b> , FRV
12:15 - 12:50	Cyber Security: Plans for the management of a cyber security emergency in Victoria <b>Dovid Clarke</b> , Dept of Government Services	Vicarious Trauma <b>Siusan MacKenzie</b> , Emergency Services Foundation	Connecting to country and each other <b>Suzanne Coats</b> , Emergency Recovery Victoria
12:50 - 13:50	LUNCH - EXHIBITION AREA		
	STREAM 1	STREAM 2	STREAM 3
	Chair: Joe Lasco, IGEN	Chair: Mark Duckworth, Deakin University	Chair: Emma Lake, MAV
13:50 - 14:25	Women Rising: Empowering flood recovery <b>Dr Nicole Johnson</b> and <b>Dr Karen Anderson</b> , Women's Health, Loddon Mallee	<b>PANEL: Human stories of disasters</b> Australian Red Cross A powerful way to describe and discuss the intricate interplay between vulnerability and resilience <b>Fyowna Norton</b> , State Manager Emergency Services, <b>Adrian Prouse</b> , Head of International Programs, <b>Bridget Tehan</b> , Manager Emergency Services Convenor, <b>Jai Edwards</b> , Community recovery specialist / volunteer and <b>Megan Lee</b> , Lived Experience	13:50 - The need to build a community before building resilience <b>Cherie Graham</b> , Moorabool Shire Council
14:25 - 15:00	Communities at the centre: Learnings from the Multicultural Resilience Project <b>Meg Brodie</b> , VCOSS, <b>Richard Ogetii</b> , AWECC, and <b>Emmie Dowling</b> , SMECC	Instead of focusing on resilience, we should emphasise leveraging community strengths <b>Liz Mackinlay</b> , Australian Business Volunteers	14:40 - Community led emergency relief centre training <b>Kath Smith</b> and <b>Blanche Evans</b> , East Gippsland Shire Council, and <b>Ronda Manhire</b> , Omeo Community Hall & Hub CoM Inc
15:00 - 15:40	AFTERNOON TEA - EXHIBITION AREA		
	STREAM 1		
	Chair: Steve O'Malley		
15:40 - 16:15	<b>The Claire Zara Memorial Oration</b> <b>Dr Margaret Moreton</b> , Executive Director, Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience		
16:15 - 16:50	The threat environment for critical infrastructure <b>ASIO Outreach</b>		
17:00 - 19:00	CONFERENCE COCKTAILS - EXHIBITION AREA		
19:00 - 22:00	CONFERENCE DINNER		

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## DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024

08:00 - 16:30	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION OPEN			
	STREAM 1			
09:00 - 09:10	Message from the Emergency Services Foundation Susan MacKenzie, CEO, Emergency Services Foundation			
09:10 - 09:50	Emergency Management and state of the environment reporting Dr Scott Rawlings, Director, Science and Reporting, Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability Victoria			
09:50 - 10:20	MORNING TEA - EXHIBITION AREA			
	STREAM 1	WORKSHOP 1	WORKSHOP 2	WORKSHOP 3
	Chair: Sarah Henshaw, DOT	Facilitated by: Centre for Resilient and Inclusive Societies, Deakin University	Facilitated by: Country Fire Authority	Facilitated by: EMC Diversity Working Group
10:20-10:55	Strengthening emergency animal disease preparedness in Victoria Dr Julie Simons, Agriculture Victoria	How emergency management agencies can build greater trust with communities	Breaking barriers - Enhancing disability inclusive Emergency Preparedness through multi-agency collaboration	Undersanding engagement from diverse perspectives
10:55-12:00	PANEL: Drones in the EM sector Craig Thompson, Victoria Police Alistair Nisbet, Victoria Police Wayne Rigg, Fire Rescue Victoria Liam O'Callaghan, Life Saving Victoria Nehuen Salina, EPA			
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH - EXHIBITION AREA			
	STREAM 1	WORKSHOP 1	WORKSHOP 2	WORKSHOP 3
	Chair: Luke Heagerty, CFA	Facilitated by: Centre for Resilient and Inclusive Societies, Deakin University	Facilitated by: Country Fire Authority	Facilitated by: EMC Diversity Working Group
13:00 - 13:40	Facilitator: Peter Brick, DEECA  PANEL: 2023 Canadian Wildfires Deployment- Experiences of an Aussie IMT Andy Gillham, DEECA Nicole Conway, CFA Elisa Bourne, CFA Dr Nick McCarthy, CFA	How emergency management agencies can build greater trust with communities	Breaking barriers - Enhancing disability inclusive emergency preparedness through multi-agency collaboration	Undersanding engagement from diverse perspectives
13:40 - 14:15	Schools in Fire Country Neil Munro, Country Fire Authority / Safer Together			
14:15 - 14:50	Snakes, storms, bombs and bushfires Simon Milligan, Department of Education Victoria			
14:50 - 15:20	AFTERNOON TEA - EXHIBITION AREA			
	STREAM 1			
15:20 - 15:55	Facilitator: Rick Nugent APM, Emergency Management Commissioner  PANEL - A reflection on the personal impact of emergency service work on staff and their families Libby Murphy, Victoria Police, Allyson Lardner, Emergency Management Victoria, Jason Heffernan, Country Fire Authority, and Tim Wiebusch, Victoria State Emergency Service			
15:55 - 16:00	Closing address Tony Pearce, Emergency Services Foundation			
16:00	CONFERENCE CLOSE			

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