The New Normal: Emergency Management in a Changing Climate

Date: Wednesday, 12 June 2019
Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm (Registration from 8:30am)
Venue: WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville, WA 6007

FORUM OVERVIEW

Please join us to hear about the 'new normal’ of catastrophic weather risks and the implications this has for Local Governments and others engaged in emergency management and planning. The event will take in climate science, past disasters and approaches to embedding climate change considerations into emergency management and building community resilience.

PROGRAM

9:00am  Welcome and Introduction
Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, WALGA

9:10am  Scene setting: climate science and implications for natural hazards
Andrew Sanders, Director Risk, Capability and Analysis, Department of Fire and Emergency Service (DFES)

9:50am  Preparing for the Era of Disasters
Dr Robert Glasser, Visiting Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute and formerly the United Nations Secretary General’s Special Representative for Disaster Risk Reduction.

10:40am  Morning tea

11:00am  Managing bushfire in Western Australia through policy and programs
Tim McNaught, Director Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM), Rural Fire Division, DFES

11:30am  Heatwaves and health
Jonathan Clayson, A/Senior Policy Officer – Disaster Preparedness and Management Unit, Department of Health (WA)

12:00pm  Lightning talks
Ten minutes of power from a range of presenters to give a flavour of the practicalities of climate change and emergency management planning:

- **Building Community Resilience: mitigating risks**
  Joan Cavaleri Fernandes, Risk Consultant – Risk and Governance Services, Local Government Insurance Scheme (LGIS)

- **Communicating with residents during Tropical cyclone Veronica**
  John Newman, Superintendent, Special Operations Response, Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES)

12:30pm  Lunch
1:15pm  Lightning talks (continued)

- **Flood planning in a changing climate**  
  Joanne Woodbridge, Manager Environmental Services, Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council

- **Emergency Planning after the 2016 Yarloop fires**  
  Tania Jackson, President, Shire of Harvey

1:45pm  Coastal and flooding implications of climate change  
Charitha Pattiaratchi, Professor of Coastal Oceanography, Leader, Australian National Facility for Ocean Gliders (ANFOG), UWA

2:15pm  Climate Ready Communities  
Erin Fuery, State Manager Emergency Services, Australian Red Cross

2:45pm  Panel Discussion  
Panel of emergency management and climate change experts, facilitated by Melissa Pexton, Manager Emergency Management, WALGA and Deputy Chair, State Emergency Management Committee:

- Dr Robert Glasser
- Andrew Sanders, DFES
- Joan Cavalieri Fernandes, LGIS
- Tania Jackson, President, Shire of Harvey

3:15pm  Wrap up

3:30pm  Close