

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 Cavalieri 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**