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## VCCCAR News

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### The Victorian Adaptation Forum: A taste of what's to come:

On Wednesday 19 March, VCCCAR will run four concurrent workshops (details below) showcasing results from recent research projects. The workshops will draw on the experiences of researchers working with state and local government decision-makers and other stakeholders, to discuss the role of climate change adaptation research in supporting decision-making and supporting community resilience.

Participants will come away with an enhanced knowledge of the latest VCCCAR research projects, their relevance to the Victorian Climate Change Adaptation Plan and an appreciation of additional necessary steps to translate research into action. The aim is to promote discussion on the role of research in supporting decision-making in all sectors involved with the projects.

### Implementing tools to increase adaptive capacity in the community and natural resource management sectors.

This workshop pulls together research findings and practical experiences of community sector organisations working with adaptation support tools and products, as part of a VCCCAR-funded project. This workshop focuses on having a play with the two tools found to be most useful by community service organisations, hearing from them about how they used the tools in their organisational contexts, and what they learned in the process. The workshop is open to all interested in adaptation planning tools regardless of the sector they work in. *Convener: Dr Hartmut Fünfgeld, RMIT University*



### Governance models for adaptation and natural disaster risk management: legal, regulatory, institutional and financial

A panel will discuss how to use governance to transition cities into adaptive cities, using an emergency scenario as the starting point. Panelists will consider where we are now and where we need to get to in order to facilitate adaptation, as well as legal tools and models that can aid the transformative process. Participants and attendees will gain new perspectives about the role of governance in facilitating adaptation and learn about the legal tools and mechanisms that can be used to help transform our cities into future adaptive and resilient versions of themselves. *Convener: Annette Wiltshire, University of Melbourne*



### Decision taking under uncertainty: towards an efficient strategy to manage risk and uncertainty in climate change

This session will highlight key lessons from a case study in Gippsland focussed on strategic planning. It will explore alternative approaches that have an impact on the way in which visions are developed and decisions are made through the inclusion of a diversity of voices from a range of backgrounds and industries. The workshop will bring together stakeholder and community representatives to create a space for emerging ideas through an interactive enquiry session. It aims to seek different perspectives on decision making and inform a new vision of decision making in times of change. *Conveners: Assoc. Professor Jens Zinn and Patricia Fitzsimons University of Melbourne*



### Co-producing knowledge in research and policy

Workshop participants will examine the hallmarks of good (and bad) practice in co-producing knowledge for evidence-influenced policy. Policy makers and



practitioners are encouraged to pair with researchers, particularly those who have shared experiences, although anyone with an interest is welcome to attend. Experienced facilitators will ensure that participants come away with practical, hands-on skills in co-production. *Convenors: Dr Liam Smith, Monash University and Dr Eve Merton, La Trobe University*



## Register now for the Victorian Adaptation Forum

Registrants for the **Victorian Adaptation Forum** on Thursday 20 March also gain access to VCCCAR research workshops on Wednesday 19 March. The workshops and the forum will be held at Rydges on Swanston, 701 Swanston St, Carlton.

**Register and pay online** or download a registration form from the **VCCCAR website** and request an invoice from us.

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