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Find out more about the Victorian Adaptation Forum afternoon sessions

The Thursday afternoon of this year's forum will feature four concurrent sessions addressing strategic priorities arising from the Victorian Climate Change Adaptation Plan. When registering, delegates will need to nominate a session (details below). These sessions will present results of recent adaptation research projects, assess their utility and promote discussion about future research needs.



Assets and infrastructure

Adaptation responses are needed to ensure the resilience of the State's critical infrastructure. This session has been structured into two sub-sessions, one focusing on infrastructure characterised by inputs from different sectors, the other looking at urban resilience. Presentations and group discussions will highlight key risks and showcase the responses that a range of public and private actors have undertaken to adapt, including the research community's role in supporting these efforts. These sessions will be of interest to State and local Government, practitioners and academics. *Convener: Professor Daryn McEvoy, RMIT University*



Natural assets and natural resource based industries

The aim of this session is to summarise key climate change adaptation challenges for Victoria in the biodiversity and natural resource management sectors. There will be a series of 10 minute talks followed by facilitated discussion of 20 minutes. Each presenter will consider the key strategic questions and they will also be used to guide group discussion afterwards. *Convener: Professor Andy Bennett, Deakin University*



Supporting adaptation in industry

An awareness of how climate change may impact on businesses is growing and the failure to adapt to climate change was listed as a key global risk by the World Economic Forum this year. Although adaptation presents new risks, it is also an area of innovation, offering new opportunities to Victorian industry and businesses. Research has a key role in this process. A panel of experts from industry and research will share their work and observations to give insight as to what needs are emerging in different sectors and how best they can be supported. *Conveners: Professor Nigel Tapper, Monash University, Celeste Young, Victoria University*



Supporting partnerships with local government and the community

The VCCAP states 'Victoria's local governments have an important role to play in climate adaptation' and that 'partnerships between the Victorian Government and the local government sector are a critically important mechanism for adaptation planning across Victoria'. Such partnerships encourage community adaptation and planning at the local and regional scale. This session discusses the current level of knowledge around adaptation at the local government and community scale, and aims to



identify synergies and areas for future research. *Conveners: Professor John Martin, University of Technology, Sydney, Dr Hartmut Fünfgeld, RMIT 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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