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VCCCAR News

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Message from VCCCAR Director Rod Keenan on the Victorian State Budget

Unfortunately, the Victorian Government budget delivered last month did not contain any allocation for adaptation related research. This was disappointing but not unexpected given the strong focus in the budget on infrastructure investment. This means that there will be no immediate funding for adaptation related research or other knowledge development activities through VCCCAR beyond the end of June 2014.



I would like to thank those who participated in activities and contributed ideas over the last 12 months for further research to support adaptation decision making. While the effort has not immediately paid off, the material that we have generated will provide a valuable platform for future discussions about investment in adaptation research.

The VCCCAR Advisory Board will meet over the next month or so to discuss the value of maintaining the partnership and, if so, the types of activities that might be undertaken in the absence of continued funding for research and administration.

I have very much enjoyed leading VCCCAR over the last 5 years. During this time we have witnessed some of the most significant climate related events in Victoria's history. We have also seen a significant increase in awareness of current and future risks and, through your efforts, in our capacity to plan for and manage the impacts of climate risks.

For me, the most satisfying aspect of VCCCAR activity has been the relationships and partnerships that we have built between universities, with different levels of government and with the private sector. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved for their many different and valuable contributions to the overall success of our activities.

VCCCAR BLOG: Adaptation Futures Conference in Brazil

Rod Keenan recently attended the third Adaptation Futures Conference from 12-16 May in Fortaleza, Brazil. This provided a valuable opportunity to assess the extent of international activity in adaptation research. **Follow the link** to read Rod's Blog about the conference.



SEMINAR: Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction

Date: Tuesday 24 June 2014

Time: 1.30pm Registration, 2pm-5pm Seminar

Venue: The Academy, 500 Bourke Street, Melbourne

The United Nations Association of Australia (Victorian Division) is holding a **seminar on Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction**. Bringing together experts and practitioners from across government, business, academia and civil society, the seminar will provide the business case for disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation. It will highlight the challenges and opportunities associated with integrating climate change adaptation and disaster risk management. Follow the link above or contact emeline@unaavictoria.org.au for more information, or [register here](#).



New VCCCAR publications now available online

Policy briefs:

- [Legal tools for adaptation](#)

- [Evaluating investment projects under risk and uncertainty](#)
- [Sustainability appraisals of design-led responses to climate adaptation](#)

Think tanks

- [Climate change adaptations: Fisheries, estuaries and knowledge exchange](#)
- [Toward resilient regional city centres](#)

Technical report:

- [Designing a climate resilient future: A guide to integrating multiple perspectives in spatial planning](#)

Case study:

- [Governance and legislative issues for critical infrastructure adaptation to climate change](#)

Charettes:

- [Bendigo design charette](#)
- [Sea lake design charette](#)

VCCCAR staff contacts in June and July

Please note that during June, Doug Scobie (VCCCAR Executive Officer) will be available on Mondays and Tuesdays. Doug will be moving onto a new role in July once VCCCAR formally ends.

Phoebe Bond (VCCCAR Communications and Marketing Officer) will be on leave from 18 June until the beginning of July. She will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout July.

In Doug and Phoebe's absence, please contact VCCCAR Director **Rod Keenan** with any queries.



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