



VCCCAR UPDATE – Wednesday 27 February 2013

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NEWS

New look VCCCAR website



The [VCCCAR website](#) has been restructured and improved to enhance our ability to communicate with members, stakeholders and other interested parties, and to ensure that people browsing our website can easily find what they are looking for. New features of the website include a regular blog from VCCCAR director Professor Rod Keenan and guest bloggers, social media links and an events calendar.

VCCCAR Annual Forum 2013



The fourth VCCCAR Annual Forum, *Innovations for liveability, resilience and adaptation*, will take place on Monday 13 May 2013 in Geelong. Highlights include a Keynote Address from VCCCAR 2013 Visiting Fellow, Professor Jonathan Overpeck, Hosting by Rob Gell and a government Q&A panel session. More program details and information on how to register are available now on the [VCCCAR website](#).

Free seminar: Dr Linda Joyce: Climate change and US forests



When: 3.30pm Friday 1 March 2013

Where: Burnley Campus, 500 Yarra Boulevard, Richmond

Linda Joyce, from the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service, will present on: *Climate change and US forests. How the USFS is addressing climate impacts and adaptation options, institutionally and in land management.* Linda's area of expertise is quantitative ecology. Her recent research focused on quantifying the impacts of climate change on ecosystem productivity and the socio-economic implications of this change in the forest sector. As the Climate Change Specialist for the Assessment (RPA) process in the Forest Service, she identifies and coordinates analysis of potential effects of global climate change on the condition of renewable resources on the forests and rangelands of the United States. For more information, click [here](#).

Call for abstracts: Climate Adaptation Engineering for cities and coasts symposium 2013



This event aims to showcase research progress in Climate Adaptation Engineering and demonstrate the significance of this research for human settlement in urban and coastal areas. Climate Adaptation Engineering takes into account the risks of changing climate and develops technological and engineering solutions to reduce vulnerability and build resilience and adaptive capacity in our cities and coasts. Key research areas are: water & electricity; transport infrastructure; building & construction; and cross-cutting. Deadline for abstracts: **31 May 2013**.

For more information [visit our website](#).

Call for papers: Disaster Management Conference - Earth: Fire and Rain



Call for contributions to the [Indigenous Insights on Disaster and Emergency Management](#) session as part of the Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference. This session takes a first step in bringing this knowledge to the attention of disaster managers, first responders, researchers, policy makers and community leaders. It aims to highlight reasons behind actual and perceived vulnerability of Indigenous communities and work towards improving their inherent resilience to recurring disasters. Session

organiser: Dr. Simon Lambert (Lincoln University, New Zealand) simon.lambert@lincoln.ac.nz
For more information about the conference click [here](#).

VCCCAR visiting fellow 2013



[Professor Jonathan Overpeck](#), or 'Peck' as he prefers to be called, commenced a three month fellowship with VCCCAR in January. Founding co-director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of Arizona, professor of geosciences and of atmospheric sciences, his work focuses on terrestrial systems. He has published over 130 papers in climate and the environmental sciences and served as a Coordinating Lead Author for the Nobel Prize winning UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Fourth Assessment (2007). Peck was the founding director of the NOAA Paleo-climatology Program and also the World Data Center for Paleo-climatology. He has active research programs in North America, South America, Africa and monsoon Asia, commonly focused on providing paleo-environmental insights on how key aspects of the Earth's climate system may change in the future. Peck is the director of the University of Arizona Program in Translational Environmental Research, and commits significant time as principal investigator of the Climate Assessment for the Southwest Project (CLIMAS).

PUBLICATIONS

Latest VCCCAR publications available online

Our latest publications are now available on our website. Click the links below to view. If you would like to request a hard copy of a publication email pbond@unimelb.edu.au with your name, postal address and the title of the publication you are requesting.

- [Local climate change adaptation planning guide](#) from the project 'Framing multi-level and multi-actor adaptation responses in the Victorian context'
- [A literature review of green infrastructure](#) from the project 'Responding to the urban heat island: optimising the implementation of green infrastructure'
- A report on [Developing draft base maps of the Barmah-Millewa](#) from the project 'Learning from Indigenous Natural Resources Management in the Barmah-Millewa'