



VCCCAR UPDATE – Friday 5 April 2013

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VCCCAR blog: Rod Keenan on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan



“Big news for the Victorian adaptation community was the release last week of the first [Climate Change Adaptation Plan](#) by the Victorian Government. The Plan is a welcome recognition of the challenges associated with adapting to climate change and provides a clear signal that the Victorian Government sees a responsibility to manage impacts on its assets and services and to support adaptation in industry and the community.” [Follow the link](#) to read the full blog by our Director Rod Keenan. The blog is a feature of our new website. Viewers are encouraged to join the conversation.

Register now for the 2013 VCCCAR Annual Forum!



The fourth [VCCCAR Annual Forum](#), *Innovations for liveability, resilience and adaptation*, is coming up soon on Monday 13 May 2013 in Geelong. Highlights include; Keynote Addresses from **Professor Roz Hansen**, chairperson of the Ministerial Advisory Committee for the Melbourne Metropolitan Strategy, and **Professor Jonathan Overpeck**, VCCCAR 2013 Visiting Fellow, hosting by **Rob Gell** and a government Q&A panel. The full program will be available on our website soon. Early bird rates apply for the first 70 registrations. [Follow the link to register](#).

Researchers invited to apply for Climate Fellows Program



Run by the [Climate Commission](#) the Climate Fellows Program is a four month science communication fellowship for ten climate change and renewable energy technology researchers. The program comprises four communications workshops, an opportunity to write for the Climate Commission, and opportunities to speak about science through the media. It aims to build capacity of climate change and renewable energy technology researchers to accurately present scientific knowledge to the

Australian public through the media. [Applications due: 9am Monday 8 April.](#)

The Conversation: More angry, more often: March heat wave signals a new normal



Daylight hours are dwindling and our first month of autumn is ending. But in many places, March felt a lot like summer. Get used to it: looking ahead, all indications are that future summers could be just like this one, or more extreme. Melbourne's March record-breaking weather included nine days of temperatures of 32 degrees or above and its hottest overnight March temperature in 110 years of record keeping. To read the full article by [Dr Sophie Lewis](#), ARC Centre of Excellence for Climate System Sciences, and [Dr Sarah Perkins](#), UNSW Climate Change Research Centre, [click here](#).