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Ben Preston - 2013-14 VCCCAR Visiting Fellow



We are pleased to announce that [Dr Benjamin Preston](#) has been selected as the VCCCAR Visiting Fellow for 2013-14. Ben is the Deputy Director of the Climate Change Science Institute at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (USA), where his research focuses on the assessment of climate risk to human systems and the role of adaptation in risk management. His prior appointments have included work with CSIRO's Climate Adaptation Flagship and the Pew Center on Global Change in Washington.

Thanks to all Annual Forum participants and presenters



The [2013 VCCCAR Annual Forum](#) in Geelong last Monday was a big success. Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, **Brad Battin** (pictured) gave an excellent opening address, keynote speakers **Jonathan Overpeck** and **Roz Hansen** delivered thought-provoking speeches and **Jean Palutikof** offered a fascinating insight into the international context to the politics of climate science. The challenge now is to ensure the knowledge shared at the forum doesn't stay in the meeting rooms. Photos and a report from the day will be posted on our website soon.

Disaster Management Conference - Earth: Fire and Rain



When: Wednesday 29 & Thursday 30 May 2013

Where: Brisbane

The Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference comprises a stellar line-up of representatives from emergency services, government, community, education, health, business and research sectors who will share ideas, spark debates and join in the conversations at the second annual conference. [Follow the link](#) to register or for more information.

Symposium: Farm profitability in a food insecure world



When: 9:30am – 5pm, Monday 3 June 2013

Where: University of Melbourne, Parkville Campus

This one-day symposium hosted by [PIARN](#) will explore a more profitable, less emissions-intensive primary industries sector. Speakers will examine the current impacts of climate variability on agricultural industries, strategies to optimise future farm profitability, and how national and international carbon policy could support these responses. Research, industry, government and community stakeholders with

an interest in exploring future research and policy directions are invited to attend. Email piarn-info@unimelb.edu.au to register or [follow the link](#) for more information.

Position available: Centre for Urban Ecology and Climate Change Adaptation



Applications are invited from **post doc or doctoral researchers** for a position at the new Centre for Urban Ecology and Integrated Climate Change Adaptation, at the Technische Universität in Munich, Germany. The post doc will research strategies for climate change adaptation via green infrastructure, and seek to answer questions including; what is the potential of green infrastructure to adapt cities to a changing climate? How should green infrastructure be planned and designed for this? [Follow the link](#) for more information and details on how to apply.

Latest VCCCAR publications available online

Two new think tank reports and two working papers from the [Framing Adaptation in the Victorian Context](#) project. are now available on our website. Click the links below to view. If you would like to request a hard copy of VCCCAR's think tank reports, email pbond@unimelb.edu.au with your name, postal address and the title of the publication you are requesting.

Think tanks:

- [Assessing, Managing and Building Resilience to Climate Emergencies](#)
- [Risk Management and Climate Change: The Role of the Financial Services Sector](#)

Framing Adaptation in the Victorian Context - working papers:

- [Framing Adaptation: Synthesis report](#)
- [Framing Adaptation: Case Study Report: City of Greater Bendigo](#)