



Victorian Centre for Climate Change Adaptation Research newsletter.

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NEWS

1. VCCCAR Annual Forum

VCCCAR 2nd Annual Forum was held in the regional Victorian city of Bendigo on May 2nd and 3rd. The forum was preceded by a public meeting on Sunday May 1st in which Bendigo residents discussed the future of central Victoria under climate change and adaptation challenges and options. Thanks to all those who contributed to the forum and to the public meeting. Highlights from the Forum, including copies of the presentations by keynote speakers Mike Hulme and Neville Nicholls, are now available from the VCCCAR website. Follow the link from the '[News and events](#)' page.

2. VCCCAR climate adaptation research projects announced

The next round of VCCCAR funded research projects have been announced. Of the 15 proposals submitted for consideration by the VCCCAR Advisory Board, 4 were endorsed for funding, with bids from La Trobe, RMIT, Monash and Melbourne universities successful. More information can be found on the VCCCAR '[News and events](#)' page.

3. VCCCAR think tanks announced

The next round of VCCCAR think tanks have also been announced. Visit the [VCCCAR website](#) for more details.

4. VCCCAR Visiting Fellow news

VCCCAR's next visiting fellow will be Rob Wilby from Loughborough University in the United Kingdom. Rob will join VCCCAR from July, returning to the United Kingdom in September. Rob is an internationally recognised authority on hydrological modelling and a contributor to major UK government and international climate enquiries and reports. Readers may recall Rob presented

at last year's VCCCAR funded 'Drylands farming' think tank in Horsham. More details about Rob's itinerary will be posted on the VCCCAR website shortly.

5. Latest VCCCAR publications

The first in VCCCAR's policy brief series has been released from the Resilient Urban Systems project. Copies can be downloaded from the project website at <http://www.vcccar.org.au/content/pages/resilient-urban-systems> or contact VCCCAR for a hardcopy. Policy Briefs from the Scenarios, Integrated Land Management and Framing Adaptation projects will be released soon. In addition, the VCCCAR Framing Adaptation project has released two working papers. Visit the project webpage for more information.

EVENTS

6. Conference: 'FOUR DEGREES OR MORE? Australia in a Hot World', 12-14 July 2011, Carillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne. *FOUR DEGREES OR MORE? Australia in a Hot World* explores the unintended consequences of current domestic and international climate policies. It invites us to imagine the social, economic and ecological implications of catastrophic global warming for Australia and its region. For more information, visit the conference website at <http://www.fourdegrees2011.com.au/>

CONTRIBUTING TO VCCCAR NEWS

VCCCAR news is open to contributions relating to climate change adaptation news and events. Priority will be given to news and events in Victoria or of interest to Victorian readers.

To contribute to this newsletter please email submissions to Doug Scobie at douglass@unimelb.edu.au. Please include "Item for VCCCAR news" in the subject header.

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