



VCCCAR NEWS – 25 August 2011

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EVENTS

1. **Seminar: Adapting to flood risk under climate change – a review of good practice**



When: 4.00pm, Thursday 1 September 2011

Where: Lecture Theatre, Royal Society of Victoria, 1-9 Victoria Street, Melbourne. VCCCAR's visiting fellow, Professor Rob Wilby from Loughborough University in the UK, is an internationally recognised authority on hydrological modelling and a contributor to major UK government and international climate enquiries and reports. This seminar introduces some of his research findings relating to the challenges facing Australian policy makers in management of flood risk in a variable climate, with particular emphasis on recent flood events in Victoria and Queensland.

No RSVP required. More information: enquiries-vcccar@unimelb.edu.au.

2. **Upcoming VCCCAR think tank: Adapting aspirations and expectations on the coastal suburban and regional fringe**



When: 24 November 2011

Where: Venue to be confirmed

The forum will provide a unique opportunity to identify what role housing, government, academic and community stakeholders need to play in the short term, to address the long term climate change challenges posed by changing housing aspirations on the coastal suburban and regional fringe. The Think Tank will be located in, and focus on, the south-east Melbourne coastal suburbs covered by the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA), where rapid housing development is currently occurring.

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3. Bendigo and Warragul think tanks

VCCCAR round 2 think tanks were recently held in Bendigo and Warragul.

- The Bendigo think tank, *Regional business development in a variable and changing climate: strategies for central Victoria*, was held on 12 July 2011, and included 35 participants from local and state governments, utilities, financial services and higher education sectors. The event was co-sponsored by the Bendigo Business Council, Australian Industry Group, City of Greater Bendigo and La Trobe University's Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- The Warragul think tank, *Gippsland climate change and adaptation study* was held on 9 August 2011. Co-sponsored by VCCCAR, the Gippsland Local Government Network, Gippsland Climate Change Network, University of Melbourne and Department of Primary Industries Victoria, It attracted 70 participants from a range of organisations to discuss how the state government and higher education sectors can facilitate a better understanding of the climate challenges facing the Gippsland region. Click [here](#) to find out more.

4. VCCCAR Visiting Fellow – update



VCCCAR's visiting fellow Rob Wilby, from Loughborough University in the UK, joined VCCCAR in July. Rob is an internationally recognised authority on hydrological modelling and a contributor to major UK government and international

climate enquiries and reports. He has given a series of presentations and seminars in the last few months, notably the *Resilient Seaports Project* at RMIT University, the *Latrobe Annual Water Forum* at Wodonga Campus and *Climate risks and floodplain management in northern Victoria @ Kerang*. He will give another talk on 1 September: *Adapting to flood risk under climate change – a review of good practice* (see the first news item for details).

5. VCCCAR on The Conversation

<http://theconversation.edu.au/adapting-to-climate-change-how-will-we-learn-to-do-it-346>

<http://theconversation.edu.au/as-the-climate-shifts-are-australian-cities-ready-2698>

<http://theconversation.edu.au/from-probability-to-possibility-using-scenarios-to-get-our-heads-around-climate-change-348>

6. Follow VCCCAR on LinkedIn



VCCCAR is now on LinkedIn, a professional online network with over 120 million members. LinkedIn connects businesses and professionals and enables the exchange of knowledge, ideas, and opportunities within a broader network. Click [here](#) to follow VCCCAR on LinkedIn.

PUBLICATIONS

7. Latest VCCCAR publications

The following publications are currently available on the VCCCAR [website](#):

- Gordon Boyce and Carol Adams, *Incorporating climate change impacts and adaptation into capital investment decision making*, October 2010
- Che Biggs, Paula Arcari, Yolande Strengers, Ralph Horne and Chris Ryan, *Assessing resilient urban systems to support long term adaptation to climate change*, May 2010
- Che Biggs, Taegen Edwards, Lauren Rickards and John Wiseman, *Scenario Planning for Climate Adaptation*, June 2011
- Hartmut Fünfgeld and Darryn McEvoy, *Framing climate change adaptation in policy and practice: Working paper 1*, April 2011
- Hartmut Fünfgeld and Darryn McEvoy, *Framing climate change adaptation in policy and practice: Executive summary*, April 2011
- Adriana Keating & John Handmer, *Options for assessing the cost of climate change for adaptation policy in Victoria: Working paper 2*, April 2011

Coming soon:

- Andy T. D. Bennett, Ruth Beilin, Michael Buxton, Quentin Farmar-Bowers, Ray Ison, Roger Jones, David Lowe, Kevin O'Toole, Philip

Wallis, *Integrated Landscape Management under climate change: issues and challenges*

- Adriana Keating & John Handmer, *The cost of disasters to Australia and Victoria – no straightforward answers: Working paper 3*

OTHER ADAPTION EVENTS

8. VCCCAR climate adaptation research projects commence

The 2011 round of VCCCAR research projects have commenced, with agreements signed for most projects, key staff engaged and research activities commenced. The VCCCAR website will be updated with information about project activities and outputs. More information regarding these projects can also be obtained from the research team leaders.

2011 VCCCAR research project titles	Team leaders
Responding to the urban heat island: optimising the implementation of green infrastructure	Led by Dr Nick Williams, University of Melbourne, and Dr Andy Coutts, Monash University
Enhancing water infrastructure provision with climate change uncertainty	Led by Professor Harry Clarke, La Trobe University
Learning from Indigenous and traditional community knowledge for improved Natural Resources Management in the Barmah-Millewa and the wider Murray floodplain	Led by Professor Dave Griggs, Monash University
Design-led decision support for regional climate change	Led by Professor Ralph Horne, RMIT University, and Professor John Martin, La Trobe University

9. Climate Change Adaptation National Congress



When: Thursday 13 October – Friday 14 October 2011

Where: Melbourne Town Hall, The Supper Room (3rd floor), Corner Swanston and Collins Streets, Melbourne

3 Pillars Network in partnership with Net Balance, the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship present the second Climate Change Adaptation Congress, a landmark event exploring the policy, strategies and business models needed to enable a climate resilient

future for Australia.

Click [here](#) for more information / or register [here](#).

CONTRIBUTING TO VCCCAR NEWS

VCCCAR news is open to contributions relating to climate change adaptation news and events. Priority will be given to Victorian news and events. To contribute please email your submission, with "Item for VCCCAR news" in the subject header, to Doug Scobie at douglass@unimelb.edu.au. All items will be edited for length, style and suitability. Technical language and jargon will be edited to plain English.

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