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NEWS

VCCCAR Annual Forum a big success



VCCCAR's third Annual Forum at the Sebel Albert Park on 25 June 2012 showcased our climate change research program. More than 100 registrants came to hear experts in climate change adaptation discuss ways that research can be used by different levels of government to

help community and industry better adapt to the impacts of climate change. A highlights page including photographic, video and audio coverage will be available soon on our website.

Climate Change Adaptation Navigator launched at forum



The Climate Change Adaptation Navigator is a web-based guidance framework designed to assist administrators and decision-makers in local government and other institutions to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Produced as part of the VCCCAR research project 'Framing multi-level and multi-actor adaptation responses in the Victorian context' (click [here](#) for details), the framework was developed in collaboration with three local governments in Victoria with input from

state government stakeholders. The Navigator was launched at the VCCCAR Annual Forum. It is now freely accessible online: www.adaptation-navigator.org.au

Professor Rod Keenan in the spotlight



Article in *Voice* and *The Conversation*:

Adapting to climate change: more questions than answers!

Rod explains that as Australia faces almost inevitable climate warming, the solution via adaptation depends upon research. With increasing global greenhouse gas emissions, and no clear internationally-agreed path for emission reductions, we are faced with a global climate that will be at least two degrees warmer than today in 70 years' time. Click on the links to read the [Voice](#) story or [The Conversation](#) story.



To see Jean Palutikof, Director of the National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility, in conversation with Rod at the 2012 Climate Adaptation in Action conference in Melbourne click [here](#).

Celeste Young awarded best poster at Climate Adaptation in Action conference



Congratulations to our Stakeholder and Engagement Coordinator, Celeste Young, whose poster entitled *Communicating Adaptation Effectively*, won the Best Overall Poster out of 150 entries at the Climate Adaptation in Action conference. Celeste says understanding people is central to any communication around climate change impacts. "The framework is a hybrid of creative, business and social processes that are designed to work with pre-existing communication systems. It is the result of hundreds of conversations with people over 20 years around the issue of how they see themselves, relate to the world and make decisions." To view the poster click [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

New VCCCAR publications available online

Think Tank Reports online now:

[Climate change and floodplain management in Victoria](#)

[Regional business development in a variable and changing climate: strategies for central Victoria](#)

Publications available online from next week:

Think Tank Reports

[Adapting aspirations and expectations on the coastal suburban and regional fringe](#)

[Gippsland climate change and adaptation study](#)

Policy Brief

[Policies and governance to support integrated landscape management in a changing environment](#)

EVENTS

Conference 2012 - Tackling climate change: the contribution of forest scientific knowledge



When: 21 - 24 May 2012

Where: Tours, France

This international conference will focus on the current state of knowledge on climate change and forest ecosystems, services and activities. All issues concerning impacts, adaptation and mitigation will be addressed.

More information can be found on the conference [website](#).