

# Program

## Time Session



7.30am – 8.45am	<b>Climate adaptation industry round table breakfast (invitation-only event)</b> <b>Chair:</b> Anne Barker, Managing Director, City West Water					
8.30am – 9.00am	Registration					
9.00am – 9.10am	<b>Welcome to Country Ceremony</b> – Aunty Joy Murphy, Senior Wurundgeri woman					
9.10am – 9.20am	<b>2012 Forum Opening and VCCCAR Adaptation Navigator Launch</b> The Hon. Donna Petrovich MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Environment.					
9.20am – 9.35am	<b>Overview on VCCCAR and climate adaptation developments since 2011</b> Professor Rodney Keenan, VCCCAR Director					
9.35am – 10.40am	<b>Keynote addresses:</b> Anne Barker, Managing Director, City West Water – Industry Roundtable Breakfast Summary Karl Sullivan, General Manager – Policy, Risk and Disaster, Insurance Council of Australia. ‘The use of insurance products for building community resilience to extreme climate events’. Professor Tony Wong – Director, Centre for Water Sensitive Cities & CEO designate, CRC for Water Sensitive Cities. “Water management for resilient and liveable future cities.”					
10.40am – 11.00am	Morning Tea					
11.00am – 12.15pm	<b>Victorian Government adaptation knowledge needs and priorities – Q&amp;A session</b> <b>Government Panel includes:</b> Paul Smith, Department of Sustainability and Environment, Daniel Voronoff, Department of Human Services, Graeme Gillespie, Department of Health, Peter Durkin, Department of Planning and Community Development Alan Baille, Department of Treasury and Finance, Angela Avery, Department of Primary Industries, Carmela Parris, Department of Justice, Michael Hopkins, Department of Transport					
12.15pm – 1.00pm	Lunch					
1.00pm – 1.30pm	<b>International developments in climate services for adaptation:</b> Professor John Zillman, Chairperson VCCCAR Advisory Board <b>Reflections on adaptation and sustainability:</b> Professor Kate Auty, Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability					
1.30pm – 3.00pm	<b>Afternoon sessions:</b>					
<i>Only one of the afternoon sessions can be chosen</i>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 1</b> <b>Scenario based decision making in practice</b></p> <p>Four professionals from different disciplines present how they use scenarios to assist with decision making in their jobs. This will be followed by a panel discussion that will explore how different types of scenarios assist practitioners faced with uncertainty to make effective decisions.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Peter Christoff</b> University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Coordinators:</b> <b>Che Biggs</b> University of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Celeste Young</b> VCCCAR</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Leon Soste</b> Department of Primary Industries <b>Leanne Webb</b> CSIRO <b>Jay Horton</b> Strategis Partners <b>Kirsten Larsen</b> Melbourne University</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 2</b> <b>Integrated Landscape Management in SW Victoria</b></p> <p>Landscapes are shaped by markets, regulations and plans. Interactions between climate and these shaping forces in Victoria's SW have been positive and negative. How can we change governance to positively transform the landscape in a changing climate? This workshop will outline findings to date and discuss ways forward.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Roger Jones</b> Victoria University <b>Michael Buxton</b> RMIT <b>Phil Wallis</b> Monash University <b>Quentin Farmar-Bowers</b> Deakin University <b>Andy T.D. Bennett</b> Deakin University</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 3</b> <b>Scoping legal, regulatory and institutional frameworks for adaptation and natural disaster management</b></p> <p>This session is comprised of two components. An introductory set of presentations outlining issues in identifying adaptive capacity in Victorian laws and institutions and secondly an interactive workshop that aims to identify critical areas of concern for risk assessment and natural disaster management to assist potential law reform.</p> <p><b>Facilitators:</b> <b>Lee Godden and Lisa Caripis</b> University of Melbourne</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 4</b> <b>Implementing adaptation tools and capacity building</b></p> <p>This session will provide a discussion space for State Government department community service providers and regional bodies, to reflect on the tools and knowledge necessary for the effective implementation of adaptation measures in different contexts, and how VCCCAR can support this process.</p> <p><b>Facilitator:</b> <b>Harmut Fuenfgeld</b></p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Daniel Voronoff</b> Dept of Human Services <b>Thomas Mitchell</b> Dept of Health <b>Ian Mansergh</b> Dept of Sustainability and Environment</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 5</b> <b>MAV/ VCCCAR Adaptation Journeys – Opportunities and Barriers for local government</b></p> <p>Recent research undertaken by MAV and VCCCAR has shown the importance of narratives and peer to peer learning. This session examines this premise by presenting 5 very different adaptation case studies which will be followed by a facilitated discussion exploring the barriers and opportunities for local government in relation to adaptation.</p> <p><b>Chair:</b> <b>Kate Auty</b> CES</p> <p><b>Coordinators:</b> <b>Ben Morris</b> MAV <b>Celeste Young</b> VCCCAR</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Burke Renouf</b> Greater Geelong City Council <b>Libby Hynes</b> Darebin Council <b>Kate Nelson</b> East Gippsland Shire Council <b>Greg Hunt</b> SECCCA</p>	<p><b>Concurrent Session 6</b> <b>Enhancing water infrastructure with climate change uncertainty</b></p> <p>These presentations will examine three key components of water infrastructure and climate change uncertainty: Optimal investments in water supply infrastructure when climate is risky, Analysis of risk aversion and tradeoffs between the average cost of water and security of supply, Institutional reforms that enhance the quality of water supply decisions.</p> <p><b>Panel:</b> <b>Harry Clarke</b> Latrobe University <b>Jayanath Ananda</b> Latrobe University <b>John Freebairn</b> Melbourne University</p>



3.00pm – 3.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm – 5.00pm **Concurrent Session 7  
A conversation with Victorian  
Aboriginal People**

*Only one of the  
afternoon sessions  
can be chosen*

This special session will be jointly chaired by Gundjijmara elder Jim Berg and the Victorian Commissioner for Environmental Sustainability, Kate Auty, who will also facilitate the event. The conversation, across cultures, will touch upon issues as divergent as health, housing, design, water, legal entitlements in a carbon constrained economy, and the science of climate change.

**The session is an  
invitation-only event**

**Concurrent Session 8  
Cooler neighbourhoods:  
Understanding what needs  
to be considered when  
developing precinct green  
infrastructure plans**

This interactive workshop aims to understand the information and decisions required to optimally implement green infrastructure to cool cities using a scenario-based approach.

- Facilitators:**  
**Nick Williams**  
University of Melbourne  
**Andrew Coutts**  
Monash University  
**Karyn Bosomworth**  
RMIT University  
**Briony Norton**  
Melbourne University  
**Alexei Trundle**  
RMIT University

**Concurrent Session 9  
Decision Taking in Times of  
Uncertainty – Managing risk  
and uncertainty in climate  
change adaptation**

Climate change challenges the decision making capacity of governments and stakeholders at all levels due to the uncertainty of its impacts. This interactive workshop introduces our research project which examines complex decision making and explores how different rationales and worldviews influence regional planning. We will discuss strategies for good planning.

- Facilitators:**  
**Jens Zinn**  
Melbourne University  
**Patricia Fitzsimons**  
Department of Primary Industries

**Concurrent Session 10  
Framing the adaptation  
process in local government –  
an introduction to the VCCCAR  
Adaptation Navigator tool**

This workshop will outline the development of the VCCCAR adaptation Navigator from the original concept to its current form. This will be followed by a facilitated discussion that highlights the VCCCAR Adaptation Navigator and its potential application by local government.

- Facilitators:**  
**Hartmut Fuenfgeld**  
**Sophie Millin**  
RMIT University  
**Panel of local and state  
government representatives  
Including:**  
**Prue Day**  
City of Greater Bendigo

**Concurrent Session 11  
The EDO/ VCCCAR  
Climate Hypothetical**

A panel of experts will lay out a hypothetical future climate scenario for part of our State, and then discuss it from the perspectives of planning, law and social development.

- Chair:**  
**Rob Gell**  
**Coordinator:**  
**Nicholas Croggon**  
Environment Defenders Office  
**Panel:**  
**Roger Jones**  
Victoria University  
**Michael Buxton**  
RMIT University  
**Elizabeth McKinnon**  
Environment Defenders Office  
**Rae Walker**  
Latrobe University  
**Harry Van Moorst**  
Western Region Environment Centre  
**Marcus Spiller**  
SGS Economics

5.00pm – 7:00pm **NCCARF drinks**

