



Research Advisory Forum

NSW Rural Fire Service Headquarters
Mountain Ash Room
15 Carter Street
Lidcombe NSW 2141

Day 1 - Wednesday 8 April 2015

Time	Activity / Speaker	Title
8:30	Registration	
9:00	Arrival Tea & Coffee	
9:30	Introduction	Deputy Commissioner Rob Rogers Dr Richard Thornton, BNCRC CEO Dr Michael Rumsewicz, BNHCRC Research Manager David Bruce, BNHCRC Communications Manager
10:00	Chris Bearman	Practical decision tools for improved decision-making in complex time-constrained and multi-team environments
10:30	Paul Barnes	Capability needs for emergency & disaster management organisations
11:00	Morning Tea & Coffee	
11:20	Student PhD presentation	Douglas Brown
11:30	Lucinda Coates	An analysis of building losses and human fatalities from natural disasters
12:00	Valentina Koschatzy and Matthew Mason	Using realistic disaster scenario analysis to understand natural hazard impacts and emergency management requirements
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Student PhD presentation	Bill Calcutt
13:40	Josh Whittaker	Out of uniform: building community resilience through non-traditional emergency volunteering
14:10	Michael Jones	Improving the retention and engagement of volunteers in emergency service agencies
14:40	Afternoon Tea & Coffee	
15:00	Melissa Parsons	The Australian natural disaster resilience index: A system for assessing the resilience of Australian communities to natural hazards
15:30	Andrew Campbell	Scoping remote north Australian community resilience and developing governance models through action research
16:00	Steve Sutton	Northern Australian bushfire and natural hazard training
16:30	Day one of the RAF concludes	
18:00	BNHCRC dinner for all RAF participants at Novotel Hotel -Freshwater Room 1	

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Day 2 - Thursday 9 April 2015

Time	Activity / Speaker	Title
8:30	Registration and Arrival Tea & Coffee	
9:00	Ilona McNeill	Improving the role of hazard communications in increasing residents' preparedness and response planning
9:30	Vivienne Tippett	Connecting communities and resilience: A multi-hazard study of preparedness, response and recovery communications
10:00	Briony Towers	Child-centred disaster risk reduction
10:30	Morning Tea & Coffee	
10:50	Student PhD presentation	Billy Haworth
11:00	Mel Taylor	Managing animals in disasters: Improving preparedness, response, and resilience through individual and organisational collaboration
11:30	Katelyn Rossiter	Community understanding of the tsunami risk and warnings systems in Australian communities
12:00	CRC 2015/16 - priorities, challenges, questions.	
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Jessica Weir	Scientific diversity, scientific uncertainty and risk mitigation policy and planning
14:00	Michael Eburn	Policies, institutions and governance of natural hazards
14:30	Fiona Gibson	Economics of natural hazards
15:00	Afternoon Tea & Coffee	
15:20	Student PhD presentation	Vicky Aerts
15:30	Holger Maier	Decision support system for assessment of policy and planning investment options for optimal natural hazard mitigation
16:00	Roger Jones	Mapping and understanding bushfire and natural hazard vulnerability and risks at the institutional scale
16:30	Abbas Rajabifard	Pre-disaster multi-hazard damage and economic loss estimation model
17:00	BNHCRC RAF concludes	

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