

# Australian Emergency Management Institute embarks upon new chapter



After nearly 60 years at Mount Macedon, Victoria, the Australian Emergency Management Institute (AEMI) is moving to Canberra. The relocation will be completed by mid-2015.

On a historical note, the original premises for AEMI was first opened in 1956 at Mount Macedon in Victoria, then known as the Australian Civil Defence School, which was then renamed AEMI in 1993. In 2001, the Institute moved from the Department of Defence to Emergency Management Australia (EMA) in the Attorney-General's Department.

## EMA-AEMI concept

The AEMI concept, as often showcased to overseas agencies, is that it is embedded in the Australian government and is connected to a policy environment. It is directed and guided by the government and senior executives of the Australia–New Zealand Emergency Management Committee. In this way, EMA-AEMI focuses on capability development for the whole nation.

EMA-AEMI's liaison with jurisdictions and agencies in pursuit of national capability development through excellence in education and knowledge management is a fundamental success factor for the Institute.

## EMA-AEMI in 2015 and beyond

EMA-AEMI's core objective—to build capability through collaboration, innovation and education—will continue to guide the Institute as it transitions to a new era, with a new base in Canberra.

EMA-AEMI will continue to develop new products and services for the emergency management sector, including workshops, seminars, masterclasses and other events, bringing together practitioners, policy makers and other key stakeholders to build knowledge and collegiality at a senior level.

Other products and services will continue to be at the heart of EMA-AEMI's work encompassing community awareness programs, school education activities, ongoing development of the Australian Emergency Management Knowledge Hub, including the library, and publishing the Australian Emergency Management Handbook Series and the Australian Journal of Emergency Management.

The Institute has played a significant role in driving national emergency management capability and disaster resilience for close to six decades and will do so well into the future, with its influence reaching across Australia and regions of interest.



Australia & New Zealand

# SEARCH & RESCUE CONFERENCE

Preparing • Deploying  
Operating Search and Rescue

Jupiters Gold Coast  
6th May 2015

[www.sar.anzdmc.com.au](http://www.sar.anzdmc.com.au)



The Australian & New Zealand Search and Rescue Conference brings together leading practitioners to discuss challenges of preparing, deploying and operating search and rescue.

The aim of the conference is to facilitate sharing, knowledge and experience between the different search and rescue agencies, enterprises, communities and professionals. Presentations will cover air, sea, land-based, urban, wilderness, domestic and overseas search and rescue.

The focus of the conference will be better integration to more effective search and rescue operations. The program will reflect just how much the search and rescue world has evolved, tackling issues ranging from the latest requirements for airborne search and rescue assets through to the latest in innovative life-saving training and techniques.



The **Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management** Conference will be held at Jupiters Gold Coast on the 3rd - 5th May 2015. The Conference will continue our support for the Disaster and Emergency Management community. You are invited to join us as we focus on natural disasters with the conference theme of **“EARTH; FIRE AND RAIN”**.

The Conference will feature multi-agency presentations covering all phases of emergency and disaster management – prevention, preparedness, response and recovery. There will be representation by fire, ambulance, emergency, rescue, volunteer, defence and health sectors.

Presentations will facilitate discussion and provide a spotlight on developing leaders in Disaster and Emergency Community.

Joint initiative of:



**Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference**

3 – 5 May 2015 | Jupiters Gold Coast | [www.anzdmc.com.au](http://www.anzdmc.com.au)

EMERGENCY MEDIA  
& PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
CONFERENCE

2015

PARKROYAL HOTEL  
DARLING HARBOUR  
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

SUNDAY 31 MAY  
----- to -----  
TUESDAY 2 JUNE

Australia's leading forum for

# Emergency & Disaster communications

FIRST NOTICE SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY 31 MAY TO TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2015



## CONFERENCE FEES incl. GST:

### EARLYBIRD

Booked before 28/02/15

Individual: \$1175

Group, of 3 or more:  
\$1095 ea

### FULL FEE

Booked after 28/02/15

Individual: \$1375

Group, of 3 or more:  
\$1095 ea

Now presenting the 9th Annual Australian Conference, EMPA 2015 reviews and discusses current best-practice in Emergency & Disaster Communications.

Formed in 2006, EMPA is recognised as the first organisation of emergency services and crisis communications practitioners in the world.

#### WHO WILL ATTEND?

- Emergency Public Information Officers
- Emergency Services Senior Management
- Federal, State and Local Government
- Response and Recovery Agencies
- Media Managers
- Media Liaison Officers
- Public Affairs Practitioners
- Crisis Communication Professionals

- Editors & Journalists
- Public Relations Professionals
- Researchers

#### PROGRAM:

- Half-Day Workshop
- Interactive Sessions
- Two Days of Regular Sessions
- Welcome Cocktails
- Conference Dinner and 'Disastrous' Trivia

...with more to be announced

#### NEED MORE?

For updates & information, including a full list of fees, plus booking and registration forms:

- VISIT  
[www.empa.org.au](http://www.empa.org.au)
- PHONE  
(03) 9596 6662
- EMAIL  
[events@hpe.com.au](mailto:events@hpe.com.au)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS  
TO BE ANNOUNCED**

PRESENTED BY Emergency Media & Public Affairs  
SPONSORED BY Emergency Management Australia  
ORGANISED BY High Profile Events





Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

Emergency Management Australia

DRANZSEN



Disaster Resilient  
Australia & New Zealand  
School Education Network

# BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENT FUTURES: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

**Building disaster resilience in your students will help them, their families and their communities when disaster strikes. This workshop will help you understand how.**

The 'Building Disaster Resilient Futures' professional development workshops will put you in direct contact with disaster resilience education leaders and in touch with contemporary educational resources for your classroom.

Disasters are inevitable. Each year Australian communities are increasingly affected by disaster such as floods, bushfires and cyclones. The emotional, social and economic costs of such events to individuals and communities are substantial. Therefore, up-to-date knowledge about preparedness, response and recovery in relation to disasters should be part of everyday classroom discussions.

Hosted by Emergency Management Australia (EMA), we invite principals and leading teachers to join us to gain important insights on what disaster resilience education means to your teaching, and explore a range of ideas, resources and strategies to help build the capacity of your students, school and community.

## SHOWCASE OF DISASTER RESILIENT RESOURCES

Discover the numerous online and offline disaster resilience resources and collaborative activities that you can readily access to develop and grow your lesson ideas and share with your teaching colleagues.

## NATIONAL PRESENTERS

Each workshop includes a mix of inspiring and informative presentations, opportunities for interaction, networking and discussion, with a range of speakers including:

- **Jane Hayward, Principal, Strathewen Primary School, Victoria**  
Personal account of the 2009 Black Saturday fires, Victoria, and the school community's journey through disaster to recovery.
- **Professor Kevin Ronan, Foundation Professor in Psychology, School of Human, Health and Social Sciences, Central Queensland University**  
A perspective on disaster resilience education, its importance and linkages to policy, practice and research.
- **Michelle Roberts, Senior Psychologist, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, Victoria**  
Practical insights and understanding of schools and communities in times of disaster and trauma.

## REGISTER NOW FOR THIS NO CHARGE EVENT

**Cost:** No charge  
(catering included)

**Time:** 9:30am-5:00pm

For more information email  
[enquiries@dk2.com.au](mailto:enquiries@dk2.com.au)

**Register:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DisasterResilienceEdWorkshopRegistration>



Melbourne February 9 | Perth February 23 | Brisbane March 6 | Sydney March 20

[www.emknowledge.gov.au/connect/DRASEN](http://www.emknowledge.gov.au/connect/DRASEN)