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Research Advisory Forum Roundup

Projects take shape with three days of discussion

In this first edition of the BNHCRC Hazard News we are pleased to bring you news from our first Research Forum in Adelaide, some profiles of research projects, and a selection of blogs from CRC people.

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Research gets on a roll

The research program has kicked off with 170 project end users and researchers attending our Establishment Research Advisory Forum (RAF) in Adelaide. [See all the project presentations from day one.](#)



Warning people to take action

A team of researchers is set to find out how people assess the risks of an unfolding natural disaster and use that to decide on their response to events like cyclones and bushfires.

Preparing kids for disasters

Enabling kids to become active participants in



disaster resilience and education programs could not only reduce their fears. It could also have a potential motivational role in mobilising wider community preparations.



Post fire field research

In the first field activity for the Bushfire and Natural Hazards CRC, researchers joined with Bushfire CRC colleagues to conduct community-based research in New South Wales following early season bushfires. And this week, more teams are in WA.



It was a just a year ago

It was just a year ago that the establishment team was formed. The CRC is now fully operational, we have a fully-fledged research program, PhD students engaged, a full board with working committees and a full complement of staff.



Rubber hits the road

The three day gathering of all of our partners, project leaders and end users enabled us to start building the personal and professional relationships that will be essential to the long term success of the CRC.



Plenty of feedback to work on

Our forum in Adelaide this month provided our first opportunity to get some real feedback on how the CRC is travelling and where it should be heading. We will be closely looking at the survey forms over coming weeks but a few clear points have emerged.



Embarking on the journey

[Chairman Dr Laurie Hammond - transcript from the launch of the BNH CRC, 10 December 2013 at Parliament House, Canberra]

The CRC launch marked the culmination of 10 months of very intense activity to bring this organisation into being. It was born of the decision that Australia needed a continuing and expanded scope of capacity to do research into bushfires and natural hazards.



Culture change in research

[Board Member and AFAC CEO Stuart Ellis - transcript from the launch of the BNH CRC, 10 December 2013 at Parliament House, Canberra]

More and more we are seeking to work with policy makers, so that practitioners and policy makers together develop the best possible strategies and priorities to deliver the best possible resilience across communities. That does not happen without research.



A major step in hazard research

[Researcher Assoc Prof Michael Eburn - transcript from launch of the BNH CRC on 10 December 2013, Parliament House, Canberra]

Doing research with the CRC is an exciting prospect for university researchers. The research funded by the CRCs, because of its end-user driven nature, is incredibly important and incredibly rewarding for the researchers.

NZ annual conference

Registrations are open. Templates for presenting talks and posters are up online. The September



annual conference in Wellington, New Zealand, is starting to take shape.



Disasters in May

The CRC will be present at the Australian & New Zealand Disaster and Emergency Management Conference in May.



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