National memorial

Entries sought to design National Emergency Services memorial

The Port Arthur massacre, Cyclone Tracey, Newcastle earthquake, Ash Wednesday, Granville rail disaster, Thredbo landslide. These tragedies sent shockwaves across the nation and around the world.

When they were needed most, our emergency services personnel came to the rescue, putting their own lives at risk to save others.

In recognition of the supreme sacrifice made by members of the emergency services across Australia, the Federal Government has committed \$1 million to construct an Emergency Services Memorial in Canberra.

The memorial will be built in a prominent site on the northern banks of Lake Burley Griffin and the National Capital Authority will manage its construction.

Australian architects, sculptors, engineers, landscape architects, artists and designers are being urged to enter the competition which carries a \$15,000 first prize.

Chairman of the National Capital Authority, Air Marshal David Evans, said at a spectacular launch on June 19, that the National Emergency Services Memorial would become a unique place for commemoration of and reflection on the broad range of emergency services personnel, past, present and future.

'The memorial will acknowledge their role, honour their contributions and, in particular, pay tribute to their sacrifice', Air Marshal Evans said.

Launching the design competition, the Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Senator Ian Macdonald, said the new memorial would honour and express thanks to police, ambulance, fire brigade and other emergency services who together, make the community a safer place.

'Over the years countless Australian lives have been saved through the efforts of this network of highly-skilled and dedicated people', Senator Macdonald said.

The project also has the strong backing of Prime Minister, John Howard.

'This memorial will register our gratitude to all emergency service personnel who selflessly place themselves in harm's way in the line of duty', the Prime Minister said.

At the competition launch there was a spectacular display by the full range of emergency services, including the Snowy Scheme SouthCare Rescue Helicopter.

Entries for the competition close on August 16 with work on the memorial expected to start in the first half of next year.

Steering Committee members who are guiding the development of the memorial are:

- Associate Professor Desley Luscombe, Chair (Head of Architecture, Faculty of the Built Environment, University of New South Wales)
- Mike Castle, Australasian Fire Authorities Council Inc.
- Andy Fryar, Volunteering Australia Inc.
- Peter Lucas-Smith, Australian Council of State Emergency Services
- Jon Quiggan, Convention of Ambulance Authorities
- Commander Paul Hornbuckle, Conference of Commissioners of Police of Australia and the South West Pacific Region
- David Templeman, Emergency Management Australia.

Full details of the design competition are available on the National Capital Authority website:

www.nationalcapital.gov.au

(Editors note: Photographs of the launch are also available from the National Capital Authority website)

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International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Annual Conference and Exhibition Contact: IAEM 111 Park Place, Falls Church, VA 22046-4513 phone: 703 538 1795 fax: 703 241 5603 email: iaem@aol.com www.iaem.com

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Twenty-Eighth International Disaster Management Course (DMC-28) Offered by: Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) Contact: Training and Education Division Asian Disaster Preparedness Center PO Box 4, Klong Luang, Pathumthani 12120, Thailand phone: 66 2 524 5386/524 5362 fax: 66 2 524 5350/524 5360 email: tedadpc@ait.ac.th www.adpc.ait.ac.th

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November 19-23 Melbourne, Australia

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The Spatial Information Association: Australasian Urban & Regional Information Systems Assoc. Inc Contact Australian Convention and Travel Services Pty (ACTS) Acting as Agent for AURIS 2001-04-04 GPO Box 2200 Canberra ACT 2600, Australia phone: 61 0 2 6257 3299 fax: 61 0 2 6257 3256

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November 23-25, 2001 Kobe, Japan

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Host: Society for Risk Analysis-Japan One special conference topic is 'Natural Disaster and Risk Management' Contact: Saburo Ikeda Secretary General, SRA-Japan c/o Institute of Policy and Planning Sciences University of Tsukuba phone: +81 298 53 5380 fax: +81 298 55 3849 email: srajapan@ecopolis.sk.tsukuba.ac.jp http://ecopolis.sk.tsukuba.ac.jp/~srajapan

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December 4-6, 2001 Basel, Switzerland

International Conference on Tunnel Management Systems, (conference and trade display) The conference is intended to bring together designers and users of tunnel management systems and associated equipment. It will be of special interest to Owners and Operators of tunnels, Consulting Engineers, Control Centre Specialists, Communications, Control Instrumentation Engineers, Risk Managers, Insurers, Legislators & Regulators, Responding Organisations and Fire Service Personnel.

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December 16-18, 2001 Indore, M.P., India

International Congress on Environmental

Emergencies and Pollution Sponsor: Research Journal of Chemistry and Environment *Contact:* Dr. S.L. Gargh Sector A/80, Scheme 54 A.B.Road, Vijaynagar, Indore 452 010, India phone: 91 0731 552837 fax: 91 0731 552966 email: chemjyot@bom4.vsnl.net.in www.chemenviron.com

January 31-February 3, 2002 Orlando, Florida

Disaster 2002

Sponsor: Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation, in collaboration with the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. The organizers of this annual international disaster management conference are currently seeking presentation proposals. Details and a proposal form are available from www.fcep.org and www.fcep.org/callforpreframe.htm Contact: John Todaro, Director of Education Florida Emergency Medicine Foundation Florida College of Emergency Physicians 3717 South Conway Road Orlando, FL 32812-7607 phone: 800 766 6335 or 407 281 7396 fax: 407 281 4407 email: jtodaro@fcep.org

February 24-27, 2002 San Diego, California

Solutions to Coastal Disasters 2002

Organisers: Coasts, Oceans, Ports, and Rivers Institute of the American Society of Civil Engineers; Coastal Zone Foundation; and others .: The four main conference tracks are Coastal Storms, Seismic Effects, Impacts on Climate Change, and Shoreline Change. A call for papers has been issued. Contact: Lesley Ewing California Coastal Commission 45 Fremont Street, Suite 2000 San Francisco, CA 94105 phone: 415 904 5291 • fax: 415 904 5400 email: lewing@coastal.ca.gov or Contact: Louise Wallendorf Hydromechanics Laboratory U.S. Naval Academy 590 Holloway Road Annapolis, MD 21402-5042 phone: 410 293 5108 410 293 5848 fax email: lou@usna.edu www.asce.org/conferences/cd2002/index.html

May 20-23, 2002 Isle of Wight, U.K

International Conference on Slope Instability— Planning and Management Contact: Conference Office Instability — Planning and Management 2002 Centre for the Coastal Environment Dudley Road, Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 1EJ, U.K phone: +44 0 1983 856896 fax: +44 0 1983 855859 email: conference@iwight.gov.uk www.coastalwight.gov.uk

May 28-30, 2002 Honolulu, Hawaii

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Abstracts due September 1, 2001 Sponsor: The Tsunami Tsociety Contact: The Tsunami Society P.O. Box 37970, Honolulu, HI 96817 or Contact: James Lander Conference Chairperson phone: 303 497 6446 email: jfl@ngdc.noaa.gov

May 30-31, 2002 Miami, Florida

Hurricane Andrew 10—Year Anniversary Conference Host: International Hurricane Center Florida International University Contact: Ricardo Alvarez Deputy Director, National Hurricane Center Florida International University—CEAS 2710 Miami, FL 33199 phone: 305 348 1607 fax: 305 348 1605 email: alvarez@fiu.edu or hurricane@fiu.edu www.ihc.fiu.edu

June 19-21, 2002 Sintra, Portugal

Third International Conference on Computer Simulation in Risk Analysis and Hazard Mitigation Organiser: Wessex Institute of Technology Contact: Susan Hanley, Conference Secretariat, Risk Analysis 2002 Wessex Institute of Technology Ashurst Lodge, Ashurst, Southampton, SO40 7AA, U.K phone: 44 0 238 029 3223 fax: 44 0 238 029 2853 email: shanley@wessex.ac.uk; kneal@wessex.ac.uk www.wessex.ac/uk/conferences/2002/risk02/index.html

July 7-12, 2002 Brisbane, Australia

International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology

The ISA's International Research Committee on Disasters will host several sessions on disasters. *Contact:* Dr. Maureen Fordham First Vice President, Geography Department Anglia Polytechnic University East Road, Cambridge, CB1 1PT phone: 01223 363271 ext 2177 email: m.h.fordham@anglia.ac.uk www.ucm.es/info/isa/congress2002/