

# After Disaster Strikes, Learning From Adversity

## Australasia's pre-eminent emergency management conference

Join us for the 2014 AFAC and Bushfire & Natural Hazards CRC conference in Wellington, New Zealand, to be held at Shed 6 and TSB Bank Arena, for Australasia's largest emergency services and public safety conference and trade exhibition.

The conference, from 2-5 September, is designed for delegates with a responsibility for, or involvement in, emergency management. It is the principal gathering of emergency management practitioners, technical experts and researchers in our region.

This year's theme is 'After disaster strikes, learning from adversity'. Natural and man-made disasters strike all countries, but particularly in our region. The conference will give delegates the opportunity to examine how emergency management services, land managers and communities prepare, respond to and assist with disaster recovery, as well as, develop evidence-based policy and practice for the future.

### Conference Program

New Zealand Fire Service Chief Executive and National Commander Paul Baxter officially launched the full speaker program for the 2014 annual conference in Melbourne on 30 April 2014. 'It has got everything you could possibly hope for: it's a really exciting program. The conference just continues to develop, going from strength to strength,' Mr Baxter said.

This year's program includes 16 leading International and New Zealand speakers, as well as a range of industry experts, together presenting over 90 sessions across the four days. The trade exhibition will then expand on the wisdom of our speakers by showcasing a range of our industry's most innovative products and services.

AFAC Chief Executive Officer Stuart Ellis said this year's conference theme was designed to bring delegates together to share the combined wisdom of experience, research and analysis from across the sector as well as enable a deeper understanding of the approaches needed to secure the region's future and prosperity.

For more information, to download your copy of the program or to register please visit the AFAC website [www.afac.com.au/conference](http://www.afac.com.au/conference).



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### KEY ACTIVITIES

- 1-day all hazards Research Forum: 2 September
- 2-day conference: 3-4 September
- Gala Dinner: 3 September
- 5 Professional Development Workshops: 5 September
- 4 Field Study Tours: 5 September
- Climate, Landscape and Environment
- Impact of Disasters
- Supporting our People Through Adversity
- Building Capability
- Involvement of Emergency Services in Recovery
- Resilience

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