



DISASTER RESILIENCE INITIATIVE

Greetings to our MUDRI Network, we hope you and yours are all safe, well and prospering during these challenging times.

We bring you some interesting items for your attention and consideration.

Fire to Flourish Program

The Fire to Flourish program continues to engage with core communities and a wide range of stakeholders. Further information on the 2021 Annual Report, a National Survey and current activities is available [here](#). If you would like to subscribe to the Fire to Flourish Newsletter, please subscribe [here](#).

Fire to Flourish PhD Cohort Recruitment

Fire to Flourish is excited to announce that its PhD cohort recruitment campaign is now live. Please see below for a link to the campaign which provides links to each of the 8 individual opportunities. Two opportunities are based at MUDRI: Gender and Risk. Note that these PhD Scholarships are for full-time candidates. Also, as always, the time frame is relatively short for EOIs to be submitted. We invite you to please share the opportunities with your networks as you see relevant. Further details about each of the 8 opportunities are available [here](#). Caroline or Frank would be happy to take any questions.

The People's Republic of Mallacoota

The World premiere of the *People's Republic of Mallacoota* will show on Tuesday 5 April, 8pm on ABC TV and ABC iView. This innovative production reflects the voices of the people of Mallacoota as they portray their lived experience of 'Community-led Resilience' – not to be missed. Further details are available [here](#).

Successful research grant application

MUDRI in partnership with the Fire to Flourish program, was recently successful in receiving a NRRRA grant to undertake a two-year study entitled, '*Internally displaced people: 2019-20 Bushfires, an iterative analysis*'. Our team is currently developed the basis for this study and we will provide further advice and seek consultations and collaborations at the right time.

Gender and Disaster Australia (GADAus)

The former Gender in Disaster Pod, an initiative of Women's Health In the North, Women's Health Goulburn North East and MUDRI, now in its 13th year, recently changed its name to Gender and Disaster Australia (GADAus). Under the leadership of Dr Debra Parkinson and her team at GADAus, Gender in Disaster continues to grow strongly and now provides training and consultancies nationally. You can view the extensive range of valuable, evidence-based resources and further information on the education and training programs available [here](#).

Three recent influential reports

The Victorian Inspector General for Emergency Management has released the second report following the 2019/20 bushfires. This thoughtful and insightful Report highlights the 'community voice' through several individual case studies. The IGEM's first report, the second report and the Victorian government's response are available [here](#).

Lessons to be Learned in Relation to the Australian Bushfire Season 2019-20 - Final Report, December 2021. Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee. Available [here](#). This is the last of the reports from the inquiries and reviews following the 2019/20 national bushfires and raises some insights additional to those of the earlier Royal Commission's Report.

The Australian Government Crisis Management Framework, Version 3.1 December 2021 provides the most recent update on the National Crisis Management Framework. This informative document is a compulsory read for everyone engaged in this sector. The Framework is available [here](#).

Second National Action Plan in support of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework

The National Recovery and Resilience Agency (NRRA) leads a national process to develop the Second National Action Plan in support of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework (NDRRF). The Australian Institute Disaster Resilience (AIDR) hosted a national webinar on 4 April, 2022, during which the NRRA outlined the extensive consultation process being undertaken to engage with all stakeholders and ensure a collaborative and consultative approach. This process includes a discussion paper and call for submissions, to be announced in coming weeks, a national survey, and a National Summit scheduled for the end of June 2022. Further information including a recording of this webinar, and related resources on the AIDR DRR Collection is available at the valuable [AIDR DRR Collection](#).

MUDRI Forums and Compendium

We were delighted to hear of the value placed on the MUDRI Forum co-hosted with the Fire to Flourish program held last November. We are also aware of follow-ups between participants after the Forum. We will be holding another co-hosted Forum later this year – we are currently developing the details.

The MUDRI Compendium of Victorian Community-based Resilience Building Case Studies continues to evolve, with all existing entries currently being updated. Details of the Compendium, including submission guidelines, are available [here](#). We invite you to share your stories about strengthening the resilience of community.

Conferences

Upcoming National Conferences are listed in our previous MUDRI Update available [here](#).

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The next issue of AJEM is due in April and will be available [here](#).