



Living with bushfire

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE **2017**

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 October 2017

Founders Hall, Federation University, Mount Helen Campus, Ballarat

Connect with us



Register your interest to Helen Wade h.wade@federation.edu.au

Preliminary notice of the 2017 conference

4th Living with Bushfire Community Conference 2017

Venue: Federation University Australia, Mt Helen Campus, Ballarat

Date: Friday 6 October and Saturday 7 October 2017

The Conference Message:

Safer together is a bushfire management approach that is effective in reducing bushfire risk and is driven by local knowledge and expertise. By bringing together the expertise of our land and fire managers together with the knowledge of local communities, effective and successful partnerships will be established. By bringing together the latest science, data and technology, and community expectations, this then enables actions to be targeted more effectively, reducing bushfire risk and protecting community safety and values.

Conference Attendees:

The fourth *Living With Bushfire Community Conference* provides a forum to build and share knowledge around bushfire management in Victoria. The conference has been very successfully held in eastern Victoria annually since 2014 and attracted an average of 300 attendees each year. Recognising the impact and importance of bushfire management in western Victoria, the 2017 conference will be held in Ballarat. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from leading emergency personnel, agency and industry experts, scientists, community emergency groups and community members to gain valuable insight and practical knowledge on bushfire risk. Community members will be encouraged to gain a greater understanding of bushfire risk and improve their bushfire knowledge at the fourth annual *Living with Bushfire Community Conference*.

Conference objectives:

- Share knowledge and create connections around living with bushfire
- Engage communities in all aspects of living with bushfire risk
- Highlight responsibilities associated with bushfire management

Conference scope:

The conference will be structured around three key strands each including a number of key themes. Within each strand, the PPRR (Prevention, Preparedness, Response, Recovery) framework will be covered. The Strands and their Themes are:

Social – shared responsibility in living with bushfire

- Social research
- Community projects
- Community planning
- Bushfire education and engagement (schools and communities)
- Community response and recovery

Economic

- Economic research
- Insurance – before and after experience
- Small business
- Farming
- Other industry – wine, apiary, tourism, recreation

Environmental

- Modelling bushfire risk
- Fire ecology
- Fuel management
- Indigenous people's burning practices and knowledge – building it in