

# DISASTER RESILIENCE INITIATIVE

MUDRI 2021 Summer Forum

incorporating

PROFESSOR FREDERICK 'SKIP' BURKLE Jnr  
15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KEYNOTE LECTURE  
Tuesday 16 February 2021

8.50am Connect online

9.00am Welcome, overview and process

Forum Chair **Mr Dudley McArdle** Senior Policy Advisor, MUDRI

9.05am **Session 1 Theme: Disaster Risk Management with a health flavour**

**Professor Frederick 'Skip' Burkle Jnr Keynote Lecture** [Biography](#)

[MUDRI](#) and [WADEM Oceania Chapter](#) co-sponsor The Burkle Keynote Lecture

**Professor Jude Charlton** Welcome & Introduction as Director, [Monash University Accident Research Centre](#)

**Mr Jonathan Abrahams** WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEOPLE'S HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELLBEING: the evolution and future directions for health emergency and disaster risk management

Mr Abrahams is based in the Disaster Risk Reduction and Resilience Unit in Health Security Preparedness Department of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme in Geneva, Switzerland.

This Keynote Lecture carries forward the theme of working together for the health, safety and wellbeing of communities, highlighting the evolution and directions for health emergency and disaster risk management (Health EDRM) and its potential applications in Australia and Oceania. We are honoured to announce Mr Abrahams as our Burkle Keynote Lecturer as he has played an instrumental role in global developments in Health EDRM over the past 10 years and brings the added benefit for us in that Jonathan is an Australian citizen with experience of working in emergency management in Australia and the Asia-Pacific region

Suggested pre-reading: [HEDRM Framework \(2019\)](#)

9.30am Interactive Discussion

Lead Discussants

**Mr Joe Cuthbertson**: Chair, WADEM Oceania Chapter

**Emeritus Professor Frank Archer**: MUDRI

10.00am Thanks and Certificate presentation: **Prof Jude Charlton**, Director MUARC

10.05am Topic: How can we facilitate the objective of greater inclusion of primary healthcare providers in disaster management?

[Royal Commission Recommendation](#) 15.2 – Inclusion of primary care in disaster management: *Australian, state and territory governments should develop arrangements that facilitate greater inclusion of primary healthcare providers in disaster management, including representation on relevant disaster committees and plans and providing training, and education and other supports.*

[The Commonwealth Government](#) supports in principle this recommendation: *The Commonwealth Government will enhance the role of Primary Health Networks in local disaster response, in particular through engagement with state and local emergency response coordination mechanisms*

Short stimulus presentations followed by interactive panel discussion: Generating an action plan.

Panel members

**Dr Penny Burns** General Practitioner and Chair, WADEM Primary Care Special Interest Group  
**Commissioner Andrew Crisp**, Victorian Emergency Services Commissioner  
**Mr Jonathan Abrahams**

11.00am **Break**

11.10am Session 2 Theme: Advancing Community Resilience

A reflection on the process and direction of community resilience in the emergency and disaster setting, as we mark 10 years since the release of the influential COAG [National Strategy for Disaster Resilience](#), in February 2011. Resilience 10 years on - Was the NSDR the [Holy Grail](#) it promised to be? What are the implications of the Final Report of last year's Royal Commission for community resilience? How do we advance community resilience?

[Royal Commission Recommendation](#) 3.5 – Establishing a standing resilience and recovery entity: *The Australian Government should establish a standing entity that will enhance natural disaster resilience and recovery, focused on long-term disaster risk reduction.*

[The Commonwealth Government](#) supports this recommendation and welcomes the finding of the Royal Commission: *The Commonwealth will establish a national resilience, relief and recovery agency to commence operations no later than 1 July 2021. This new agency will coordinate and align Australia's national capability to build resilience, better prepare for natural disasters, and recover from all hazards.*

Short stimulus presentations followed by interactive panel discussion: What is our personal take home message?

Panel members

**Dr Paul Barnes**, Senior Fellow and previously Head of the Risk and Resilience Program at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI)

**Mr Mark Duckworth** PSM, Senior Research Fellow, Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University, Centre for Resilient and Inclusive Societies, formerly Chief Resilience Officer, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria.

**Ms Janne Bowen**, Municipal Emergency Management Officer, Corangamite Shire Council, a community-based emergency management perspective.

**12.30 Session 3 Theme: Recent innovations:** A rich potpourri of current developments

**12.50** Thanks, and close

Program subject to amendment