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Australian Journal of Emergency Management

The Journal is published quarterly and is disseminated throughout the emergency management community and related disciplines, in Australia and overseas. Articles identifying and discussing issues, policies, planning or procedural concerns, research reports and any other information relevant to the emergency/disaster management community are welcome.

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Letters to the Editor

The Journal welcomes Letters to the Editor. Please note that letters should be no more than 300 words. Letters exceeding this limit may be edited or refused. Letters must be in good taste and focus on issues of emergency management or past AJEM content.

Letters must contain a name, address and daytime phone number of the author. Unsigned letters or those submitted without a phone number will not be considered.

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Conference Diary

Full details of local and international conferences relating to emergency management are available from the EMA website. For information, please visit www.ema.gov.au.

READERSHIP SURVEY THANK YOU

The AJEM Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone who filled in the survey as your feedback is essential to the continuous improvement of the Journal.

The survey questionnaires are currently being analysed and collated.

A summary of the results and the response of the Committee to the survey will be published in this Journal. Should you wish to provide further feedback at any time please email your comments to ajem@ajem.ema.gov.au

Government Skills Australia Industry Skills Council

Government Skills Australia (GSA) is the national Industry Skills Council for government and community safety. GSA provides quality training resources and services to support the recognition of skills and professionalism in the Corrections, Local Government, Public Safety, Public Sector and Water Industries.

Contracted by the Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), Government Skills Australia manages the Training Packages for its industries determining priorities from the direction of Industry Advisory Committees.

In 2007, two new reviewed and updated Training Packages under the GSA mandate were endorsed, the CSC07 Correctional Services Training Package and the NWP07 Water Training Package.

Version 6 of the PUA00 Public Safety Training Package was endorsed in July 2007 and a wide spread review of that Training Package commenced. The review has progressed into the Development Stage (of Phase II) – where extensive industry consultation is sought across all industry sectors.

A continuous improvement project to enhance and extend the Local Government Training Package commenced in September 2008. A project steering committee made up of key industry stakeholders has been formed and National Consultation Workshops were convened during the months of November to December 2007.

Version 2 of the PSP04 Public Sector Training Package is progressing through the endorsement process having had employability skills added and a new qualification Certificate IV in Government (Revenue Administration).

Government Skills Australia welcomes feedback on the quality and currency of our training materials. We are currently developing an issues register on the GSA website: www.governmentskills.com.au. This will allow users to view each of our Training Packages by qualification or unit, provide feedback and view the feedback provided by others. The issues register will be online in March 2008. In the interim, feedback can be provided by contacting our Industry Advisory and Project Officers (contact details on: www.governmentskills.com.au)

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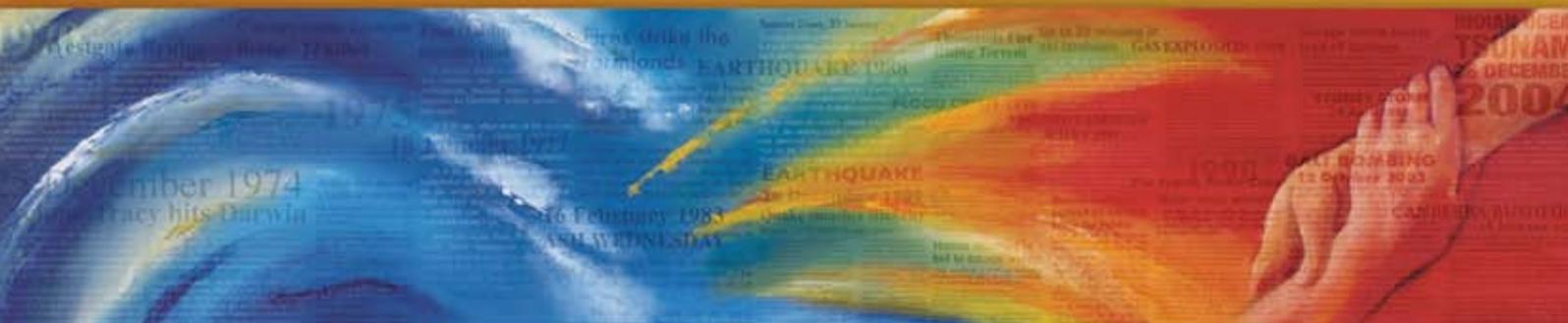




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AUSTRALIAN DISASTERS CONFERENCE 2009

Surviving Future Risks



EMA invites you to help shape the future of Australian emergency management.

The traditional emergencies for which we have planned in the past may not adequately cover the real risks that Australia may face in the future.

The Australian Disasters Conference 2009 – *Surviving Future Risks* – is a major national conference, endorsed by Government, to explore the future disaster risk environment for Australia. The conference outcome is to recommend future ways to enhance mitigation and preparedness measures and build community resilience to meet these new challenges.

Expert speakers have been invited to address the four key conference sub-themes:

- **the changing face of crisis management** – a convergence of consequence management and crisis management
- **global warming** – potential impact and consequences
- **the catastrophic event** – identifying risk and mitigation strategies, and
- **recovery** – surviving the impact and consequences of a major disaster event.

This conference is designed for key stakeholders at the local, state and national level who have a role in emergency management, including government agencies, volunteers, business and industry, non-government organisations, research and professional bodies, and community organisations.

For further information or to register on-line, visit the EMA website at: www.ema.gov.au

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