

## Webinar chat summary

### Special Harmony Week webinar: Multicultural perspectives on disaster resilience

Wednesday 18 March 2026, 1.00pm-2.00pm

#### Presenters

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#### Questions and comments – sample from chat

- It is a privilege to join this Harmony Week webinar. Harmony Week is an important reminder of the strength that comes from our diversity as a multicultural nation. The focus on inclusive disaster resilience strongly resonates with me, especially the emphasis on cultural diversity, co design and community leadership. These elements are vital for building communities that are resilient, connected, collaborative and cohesive.
- Have just been in Nhill and heard that since that event, several Karen community members have joined the local CFA! :)

#### Shared resources from participants

**CALDERN Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Emergency Responders' Network Victoria**  
[Emergency Services in Australia - Find Help Quickly | caldern](#)

#### Links from webinar presentation

##### **AIDR webinar recording**

This webinar recording and slides will be uploaded to the AIDR Knowledge Hub:

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/harmony-week-webinar-multicultural-perspectives-on-disaster-resilience/>

##### **Harmony Week website**

<https://www.harmony.gov.au>

##### **Article about Participatory Action Research by Baum, MacDougall, and Smith**

<https://jech.bmj.com/content/60/10/854>



### **Sherry Arnstein's Ladder of Citizen Participation**

[https://www.lithgow-schmidt.dk/sherry-arnstein/ladder-of-citizen-participation\\_en.pdf](https://www.lithgow-schmidt.dk/sherry-arnstein/ladder-of-citizen-participation_en.pdf)

### **Article about rural refugees raising bushfire awareness**

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/article/the-rural-refugees-helping-to-raise-bushfire-awareness/6vqgu8eir>

### **Learn more about the Australian Refugee Association community-led safety videos here**

<https://www.australianrefugee.org/community-led-safety-videos-break-new-ground/>

- CFA Karen Fire Safety Online – Prevention is Better Than Cure:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFIC2QS6J9Q>
- The Road to Freedom – Driving Safety & Licensing for New Arrivals (Burmese Chin):  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFIC2QS6J9Q>
- Ask Aunty: Safety on the Road (Syrian)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=64NsdilRDTA>
- My Terrible Story – Fire Safety (Syrian)  
<https://youtu.be/dXVFWFku9IM>

### **Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV)**

<https://eccv.org.au/>

### **Prepare and Be Safe project**

<https://prepareandbesafe.org.au>

### **Australian Red Cross**

<https://www.redcross.org.au/>

### **Multi Hazard Emergency Kit – online emergency information available in multiple languages**

[Multi Hazard Emergency Kit](#)

### **People at risk in emergencies framework for South Australia**

[https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0018/34254/People-at-Risk-in-Emergencies-Framework.pdf](https://www.dpc.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/34254/People-at-Risk-in-Emergencies-Framework.pdf)

### **South Australia's disaster resilience strategy**

<https://www.safecom.sa.gov.au/initiatives/stronger-together-south-australias-disaster-resilience-strategy/>

### **National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework**

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/emergency/files/national-disaster-risk-reduction-framework.pdf>

## Announcements

### **Spotlight Series webinar: Long term disaster impacts on education outcomes**

1.00pm (AEDT), Wednesday 1 April 2026

[Spotlight Series webinars](#)

### Appreciation (small sample)

- Wonderful practical advice
- Where can we find that kit?
  - Here is a link to the [Multi Hazard Emergency Kit](#), which is listed among the resources above
- How can we get the booklet?
  - this information is available in the [Multi Hazard Emergency Kit](#) which is listed among the resources above
- Great work, thank you
- Thanks so much for a great session
- Thank you very much :o)
- Great information. Thanks to all!
- Thank you! Excellent session. :)