



Webinar chat summary

Special webinar | Preparing for the higher risk weather season

Wednesday 30 September 2026, 1.00pm-3.00pm

Presenters

- **Felicity Gamble**, Technical Lead Extended Prediction, Bureau of Meteorology
- **Lynette Bettio**, Technical Lead Climate Risk, Bureau of Meteorology
- **Mel Osborne**, Business Development Manager, Gender and Disaster Australia
- **Rachel O'Reilly**, Centre of Excellence, Young People and Disasters
- **Bastien Wallace**, Senior Policy Officer, People With Disability Australia
- **Richard Ogetii**, CEO, Albury Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council; Co-Chair, Multicultural Emergency Management Partnership
- **Bridget Tehan**, Senior Advisor – Humanitarian Diplomacy, Australian Red Cross
- **El Carter**, Manager – Emergency Coordination, Australian Red Cross
- **Karleen Gribble**, Adjunct Professor, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Western Sydney University

Appreciation (small sample)

- Such important info, thanks
- Thank you for a brilliant forum, AIDR team!
- Love these resources for infants and children in emergencies. We refer to these frequently in our Red Cross evac training
- Wonderful presentation Karleen
- Fantastic presentations! Thank you all
- Thank you, some great information
- Thank you to everyone for an excellent webinar
- Thank you everyone for the great webinar and information sharing, much appreciated
- Thankyou everyone for your time. It's great to see the Aus EM community come together to share like this and I get a lot of energy from it!
- I have gained a lot of new insights and resources to help with our communications with the public. Great webinar 👍
- Thank you to all presenters and to AIDR. Incredibly useful information shared and raising awareness about the importance of inclusive EM planning
- Sorry I have to go. Thanks so much for an information full webinar. Very valuable
- Thank you - so much valuable info
- Huge session today and its been fantastic. Lots of insight and ideas to share. Thank you!
- thanks to all presenters & AIDR for the event :)
- Very informative thank you
- Thank you - fantastic webinar!
- Thanks this was so great!
- Thanks so much, fantastic webinar
- Great webinar, thank you everyone



- Holy moly - great webinar! Loads learned. Thank youuuuu
- Thank you to AIDR and all the presenters - brilliant information and knowledge sharing.
- Very practical, thank you!
- Thank you - this was a really great session! So much amazing work being undertaken.
- Great webinar, thank you so much.
- Thank you all. Great information.
- Thank you everyone for your presentations and resources.
- Great webinar. Thank you.
- Thank you for facilitating this fantastic webinar
- Thank you...outstanding presentations
- Thank you so much - very helpful
- Thanks so much, very valuable information. It was great!
- Wonderful, thank you so much!
- Thank You for great information!
- Thank you - great Webinar
- Thank you for such a valuable presentation!
- Thanks - great webinar. Well done all
- an excellent webinar thank you
- Thank you very much. A great webinar.
- Thank you for a great webinar !!
- Thank you to all! Fabulous!
- Thank you all for your incredible insights!
- Thank you John and All, very useful and well presented
- Such important information and conversations. Thank you so much, this was very enjoyable and important in our work!

Links from webinar presentation

Sendai Framework

<https://www.undrr.org/publication/sendai-framework-disaster-risk-reduction-2015-2030>

AIDR webinar recordings in the Webinar Collection on the Knowledge Hub

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/collections/webinar-collection/>

Bureau of Meteorology

<https://www.bom.gov.au/about-the-bureau>

<https://www.bom.gov.au/climate/outlooks>

<https://www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/>

AFAC Bushfire Seasonal Outlook

<https://www.afac.com.au/seasonal-outlook>

National Climate Risk Assessment

<https://www.acs.gov.au/pages/national-climate-risk-assessment>

Australian Disaster Resilience Collection - Handbooks

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/collections/handbook-collection/>



<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/handbook-evacuation-planning>
<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/handbook-animals-in-disaster/>

Australian Disaster Resilience Collection - Understanding hazards

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/collections/understanding-hazards/>

Disaster Mapper

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/disasters/>

Australian Journal of Emergency Management

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/collections/australian-journal-of-emergency-management/>

Recovery Exercising Toolkit

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/recovery-exercising-toolkit/>

Gender and Disaster Australia

<https://genderanddisaster.com.au>

<https://genderanddisaster.com.au/creating-safe-shelter-spaces/>

Centre of Excellence: Young People and Disasters

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

Article: "Evacuation Centres are lifeboats, not cruise ships"

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/ajem-october-2021-evacuation-centres-are-lifeboats-not-cruise-ships-managing-expectations-and-prioritising-improvements/>

Article: "Our World, Our Say"

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/resources/ajem-april-2020-our-world-our-say-children-and-young-people-lead-australia-s-largest-climate-and-disaster-risk-survey/>

Macedon Ranges Shire Council's Children and young people emergency plan

<https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Our-Council/Strategies-Plans/Children-and-Young-People-Emergency-Plan>

YACVIC Young People and Disasters Resource Hub

<https://www.yacvic.org.au/rural/disaster-hub/>

Albury-Wodonga Ethnic Communities Council Inc

<https://awecc.org.au>

Multicultural Emergency Management Partnership

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

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/multicultural-emergency-management-partnership>

People with Disability Australia

<https://pwd.org.au>

Report: "Roadmap for Improving Outcomes for People with Disability in Disaster Management"

<https://pwd.org.au/improving-outcomes-for-people-with-disability-in-disaster-management/>

AIDR Disability, Inclusion and Disasters collection

<https://knowledge.aidr.org.au/collections/disability-inclusion-and-disasters/>



Australian Red Cross report on disaster resilience and homelessness

https://prep.redcross.org.au/globalassets/cms/documents/emergency-services/building-the-disaster-resilience-of-the-homeless_2.pdf

National Indigenous Disaster Resilience (NIDR) guide for planning evacuations with Indigenous Communities

https://www.aidr.org.au/media/11031/aidr_indigenous_evacuation_companion.pdf

Article: “Emergency preparedness for infant and young child feeding in emergencies (IYCF-E): an Australian audit of emergency plans and guidance”

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1186/s12889-019-7528-0>

Report: “Want to help the children? Help the parents”

<https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/sites/default/files/2023-06/BiBS%20Study%20Report%20Final.pdf>

Information and resources about feeding and caring for your baby during an emergency

<https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/resources/feeding-and-caring-your-baby-during-emergency>

Access interactive eLearning module for emergency workers and preparedness teams

<https://aba.asn.au/emodule-prepare>

Australian Breastfeeding Association resources

<https://aba.asn.au/emergency>

<https://www.breastfeeding.asn.au/sites/default/files/2025-03/Evacuation%20and%20recovery%20centre%20signage%20pack.pdf>

Recovery Basics at Australian Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org.au/emergencies/resources/#recover>

Phoenix mental health resources

<https://www.phoenixaustralia.org/disaster-hub/>

Emerging Minds resources

<https://emergingminds.com.au/resources/supporting-infants-children-and-families-in-an-evacuation/>

Comments in the chat (small sample)

- Tropical Cyclones can impact anyone in the Nation :) peeps always stay prepared
- re drought declarations - <https://www.abc.net.au/news/rural/2025-04-08/why-no-drought-declaration-in-australia/105146496>
- Youth participation is important for preparing the future disaster practitioners as well
- The SES is amazing for this ... Because the involvement of youth in disaster response and management is incredible because least here in Queensland, we have a high youth uptake
- The main demographics left behind in disasters are tourists, ethnic groups and disabled residents. We have to always respond to these groups repeatedly with SES due to the fact they can't either understand the information or have the ability to help themselves
- Often people even just in uniform are not seen as trusted based on previous history



- Thank you Richard, involving this topic [including multicultural communities in emergency planning] is important
- P-CEP -planning
- The Autumn Floods of the Gold Coast was catastrophically instant ... flooding several suburbs of the City in less than 3 hours... If for the Rain ceasing the next day, we would have had to rescue thousands, purely of the fact that no one was prepared for it
- One of my friends with mobility challenges was evacuated on a tractor 'trailer'. It worked and got her to safety
- For emergency related information the website layout should be straightforward and instructions simple to follow as we have a portion of elderly and/or migrants who are not familiar with technology
- One important thing is that disability inclusive design helps us all ... How easy to push something up a ramp opposed to stairs!
- I've been involved with P-CEP a lot on the Gold Coast, it's a great tool but it still has gaps and it doesn't take into account people's financial situation, what NDIS will and won't help with, and the fact that emergency relief funding usually won't cover assistive technology, transport and temporary accommodation
- As someone who responded to the Queensland Floods 2025, understanding that in an instant an entire town can be made completely unliveable and if you're in the Outback ... the nearest town is 160km away so we have to bring temporary accommodation to them and in doing so not forgetting to connect with remote communities and aboriginal communities is crucial
- Try managing 2 alpacas at an evacuation centre when set up for dogs and cats in cages. I've heard stories of camels showing up as well. Alpaca solution: sent them to a racecourse set up for horses off small rural holdings evacuated @HM
- Approach your local Rural Support Service Network to get connected
- New research is due to commence next year through Natural Hazards Research Australia focusing on culturally safe evacuation and relief centres for First Nations communities
- Understanding your communities' demographics is important for planning
- One of our main things we always do in the SES when we deploy is we always have the local community leading or involved in the Operational Centers ... Allowing us to essentially turn our Deployed units into locals overnight aha

Invitations to connect

- Heidi from Qld SES and PhD student at CQUniversity. You're welcome to connect:
www.linkedin.com/in/heidimureau

Announcements

Webinar resources

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