

EMA Update

Emergency Management Australia provides national leadership in the development of measures to reduce risk to communities and manage the consequences of disasters. EMA Update keeps AJEM readers abreast of the activities that assist this aim.

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EMA Senior Executive Program

The EMA Senior Executive Program was conducted on two occasions this year. Senior Executives from State, Territory and Australian Governments' attended the programs. The scenario based program focuses on Strategic Decision making in an uncertain environment. Participants who successfully complete an optional post course assignment will achieve one subject towards an MBA at RMIT University. Participation is by invitation only.

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Risk-Based Land Use Planning nationally accredited!

Accreditation means that, once the assessment has been successfully completed, students will receive a nationally recognised Statement of Attainment.

Accreditation information:

- The official title is 21745VIC Course in Risk-Based Land Use Planning.
- The unit of competency which describes the course is titled Facilitate natural risk-based land use planning.
- The accreditation period is from July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2011.

The first course to be delivered under the accreditation will begin on November 28 2006.

Work is currently underway to develop an RPL process for those participants who have undertaken the course in its current format, and successfully completed the assessment.

The course has been fully supported by the Planning Institute of Australia and attracts Continuing Development Points in the PIA professional development system.

Targets for the program are:

- Land use planners who work for, or with, Local Government, State / Territory Government, the Australian Government, officers from referral agencies, and
- Emergency Management officers with an interest in planning for land use.

Learning outcomes are:

- Mitigate risk through land use planning
- Apply the risk management framework to land-use planning activities
- Review policy and implementation outcomes.

The course in its current format has been extremely well received by participants. During the program they have access to quality academics, consultant planners, and hazard management specialists as well as having the opportunity to present their outcomes to practicing local government planners and decision-makers.

We encourage nominations for the program from Local Governments, State Government planning agencies, and from the appropriate division within referral agencies in your State / Territory.

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Inclusive Emergency Management with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities

EMA has received additional funding to build on the 2005/6 pilot program to engage CALD communities in emergency management. New initiatives include:

- Development of culturally specific National School Education resources for youth on emergency management issues;

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- Development of strategies to increase the participation of culturally diverse community members in emergency management volunteer groups; and
- Development and distribution of emergency management information in languages other than English

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EMA Library

EMA library has a new manager. Troy Watson, who has a background in educational, public and government libraries, recently commenced with EMA in the role of library manager. Troy is keen to further develop the services offered by the library and would welcome any comments and feedback about the library service.

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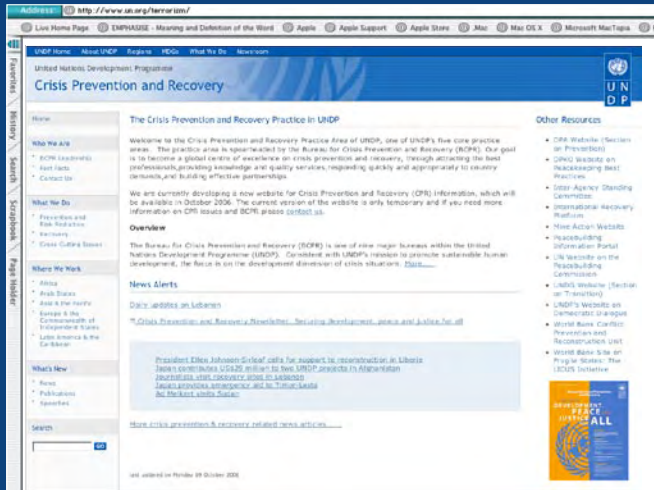
Australian Emergency Manuals

EMA has arranged for the Australian Emergency Manuals (Principles and Reference series) to be available to the general public via a print-on-demand facility accessed via the website. The manuals will still be freely available electronically via the website or by CD free of charge, but if a print copy is required then the manual can be purchased through this facility.

This facility is similar to other 'shop on line' services, where the buyer can deposit their goods into a 'shopping trolley' and continue shopping.

Please visit <http://www.ema.gov.au/agd/EMA/emaInternet.nsf/Page/Publications>

interesting websites



United Nations Development Programme

Crisis Prevention and Recovery Practice in UNDP Website

www.undp.org/bcpr

The Crisis Prevention and Recovery Practice Area of UNDP is one of UNDP's five core practice areas. The practice area is spearheaded by the Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR). Their goal is to become a global centre of excellence on crisis prevention and recovery, through attracting the best professionals, providing knowledge and quality services, responding quickly and appropriately to country demands, and building effective partnerships.

They have a new website for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (CPR) information, which became available in October 2006. The website outlines the roles of BCPR, what they do and the countries in which they work such as Africa, Arab States, Asia & the Pacific, Europe & the Commonwealth of Independent States and Latin America & the Caribbean.

The site contains a Crisis Prevention and Recovery Newsletter, has a news alerts section and provides access to a number of publications and speeches.

For those of you with an interest in international prevention and recovery this site is a must.



Medecins Sans Frontieres Australia

www.msf.org.au

The website of Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without borders) Australia provides a number of updates regarding the work this international organisation does providing independent humanitarian medical aid helping those living on the edge of human tolerance in trouble spots all over the world.

The site also gives details on how to volunteer for and donate to this important organisation.



Australian Government
Attorney-General's Department
Emergency Management Australia

'working together to manage emergencies' EMA SEEKS APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Australian Government, through Emergency Management Australia (EMA) is seeking grant applications from eligible organisations for funding available under the 'Working Together to Manage Emergencies' initiative.

LOCAL GRANTS SCHEME

Funding under this Program is available to local governments, and local governing bodies in remote communities and Indigenous communities. It is for projects that develop and promote effective community preparedness, response and recovery initiatives, identify vulnerabilities with a view to enhancing protective measures for critical infrastructure and provide emergency management and security awareness training for local government staff.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY VOLUNTEER SUPPORT FUND

Funding under this Program is available to emergency management volunteer organisations for projects that will boost recruitment, retention and training for organisations at the frontline of emergency management.

HOW TO APPLY

The application period for funding during FY2007-08 will commence from mid-December 2006. Guidelines, application forms and details on how to apply will be available at this time from the EMA website or by contacting the Working Together to Manage Emergencies team:

E-mail cd@ema.gov.au
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Website www.ema.gov.au/communitydevelopment

Closing date for applications is Friday 2 March 2007.



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