

## USEFUL INFORMATION

### **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.

Refer to the EMA website ([www.ema.gov.au/ajem](http://www.ema.gov.au/ajem)) for current and past issues and information on how to subscribe and contribute.

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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.

Regular contributors should submit letters on varied subjects. Letters by the same author that reiterate opinions previously expressed may not be published. The editor reserves the right to reject or edit any Letter to the Editor.

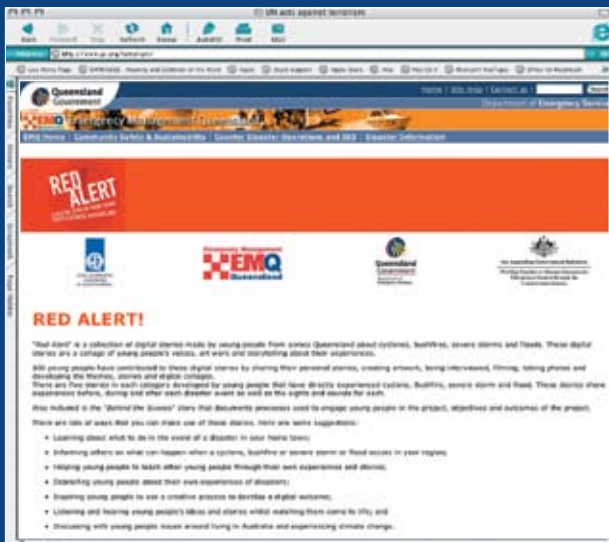
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### **Conference Diary**

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](http://www.ema.gov.au).

# interesting websites



## RED ALERT!

<http://www.emergency.qld.gov.au/redalert.asp>

“Red Alert” is a collection of digital stories made by young people from across Queensland about cyclones, bushfires, severe storms and floods. These digital stories are a collage of young people’s voices, art work and storytelling about their experiences.

100 young people have contributed to these digital stories by sharing their personal stories, creating art-work, being interviewed, filming, taking photos and developing the themes, stories and digital collages. There are five stories in each category developed by young people that have directly experienced cyclone, Bushfire, severe storm and flood. These stories share experiences before, during and after each disaster event as well as the sights and sounds for each.



## BUSHFIRE WEATHER

[http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/services\\_policy/fire\\_ag/bushfire/bushfire.htm](http://www.bom.gov.au/inside/services_policy/fire_ag/bushfire/bushfire.htm)

Australia has a history of severe bushfires. Such tragedies as the Ash Wednesday fires of February 1983 (71 deaths in Victoria and South Australia), the Tasmanian fires of February 1967 (62 lives, more than 1400 houses and buildings lost) and the New South Wales bushfires of 1994, place bushfires high on the list of Australia’s natural disasters.

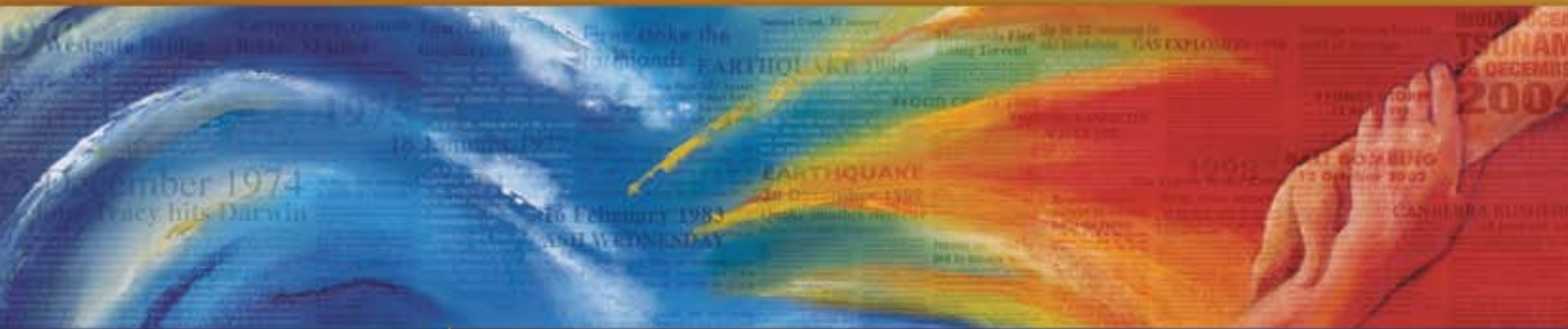
The Bureau of Meteorology ‘Bushfire Weather’ site is part of the Bureau’s e-portal and contains bushfire information on such things as the bushfire threat to Australia, weather and fire. It gives an anatomy of a fire ‘Danger Day’ and identifies high risk weather patterns, and provides fire weather warnings.



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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](http://www.ema.gov.au)**

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