

# BUSHFIRE CRC FIRE MANAGERS' RESEARCH MEETING UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG, JULY 3-7 2005

→ The Bushfire CRC's second annual **Fire Manager's Research Workshop** is being held this year at the University of Wollongong. The aims of the workshop are:

- To allow in depth discussion between end users and researchers in a workshop environment;
- To discuss research and education program priorities for 2006/07 and CRC strategic directions;
- To assist coordination within and across programs and projects; and
- To prepare for the Annual Conference in August 2006 and discuss plans to build towards an international conference in 2008.

The program will offer a mix of workshops, panel sessions, and open discussions with a strong emphasis this year on the adoption of research by our industry - the end user operational agencies. This year's program will also feature a number of international guests.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

Program will run over three full days - Wednesday 4 July to Thursday 6 July with a welcome reception on the evening of Monday 3 July. There will be an optional field trip on Friday 7 July. Some projects may arrange project related meetings on the afternoon of Monday 3 July.

All delegates are requested to be at the University of Wollongong by 6.30 PM Monday 3 July for registration and the welcome reception at 7.00 PM, followed by dinner.

## PROGRAM FEATURES

### IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOPS

A feature of this year's program will be the workshop sessions chaired by both researchers and end users. Discussion will centre on research outcomes and implementation of those outcomes by partner agencies. A preliminary list is included in the program.

### RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

The afternoon of Wednesday 5 July has been allocated to research related workshops, suggested topics include research methods, decision support tools, survey design - the topics and content is to be decided by Bushfire CRC researchers and up to eight sessions are available - please contact Richard Thornton if you have a suggestion or would like to lead a session.

### PANEL SESSIONS

The afternoon of Tuesday 4 July will feature panel sessions covering issues associated with the implementation of CRC research - featuring policy and training issues.

## POSTER SESSIONS

Following the feedback and success of the posters at the Beechworth workshop in 2005, poster sessions will again feature in the program. All students and projects are required to prepare a poster for the workshop using the new CRC poster template.

## PROGRAM WORKSHOPS

Morning session on Thursday 6 July has been allocated as the day for dedicated program related discussions - the content of these days will be arranged by the program leader.

## INTERNATIONAL GUESTS

The Bushfire CRC is pleased to be hosting four international guests in conjunction with the research workshop, delegates will have the chance to hear about the work from these researchers through the program.

## FIELD TRIP

All delegates are invited to attend the field trip on Friday 7 July hosted by Parks NSW. The trip will feature urban interface areas in Sydney's southern suburbs and Royal National Park.

## ATTENDANCE

This is the second most important whole of BCRC event in our calendar and depends on a strong representation of fire and land managers, researchers and students.

## BUSHFIRE CRC RESEARCHERS AND STUDENTS

To protect research project budgets, the BCRC has made a budget allocation to cover the attendance costs of CRC researchers (above 20% contribution) and students.

## BUSHFIRE CRC END USERS

The CRC invites all CRC industry partner agencies to send up to five representatives to attend the workshop. The cost for each day of the program (Tuesday - Thursday) is \$88 plus travel and accommodation costs. A number of accommodation options will be provided on the online registration page. Costs associated with the attendance of industry partner agencies (including staff time) can count towards agency in-kind contributions.

## REGISTRATION, TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION

### ONLINE BOOKING FACILITY

The Bushfire CRC is finalising an online booking facility that will enable delegates to register for the workshop and book accommodation and travel. The CRC has prebooked accommodation in Wollongong for all delegates and reserved airline tickets for flights on Monday 3 July and Friday 7 July. Information on booking airfares and accommodation for all delegates will be available online on Tuesday 23 May.

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## P R E L I M I N A R Y P R O G R A M

MONDAY 3 JULY	TUESDAY 4 JULY	WEDNESDAY 5 JULY	THURSDAY 6 JULY	FRIDAY 7 JULY
<b>MORNING SESSION</b>  	<b>MORNING SESSION</b>  <b>WELCOME</b>  <b>PANEL SESSION</b> Perspectives on the value of CRC research to NSW agencies.  <b>KEYNOTE</b> Future directions of the industry, Len Foster, AFAC  <b>WORKSHOPS</b> 'Research into Practice' -implementation workshops Using the CRC research (Panel of 2 end users and 2 researchers), two streams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuels management</li> <li>Aerial suppression</li> <li>Volunteerism</li> <li>Decision making</li> </ul>	<b>MORNING SESSION</b>  <b>PLENARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop update</li> </ul> <b>WORKSHOPS</b> 'Research into Practice' -implementation workshops Using the CRC research (Panel of 2 end users and 2 researchers), two streams. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Safety</li> <li>Urban interface</li> <li>Fire weather-smoke</li> <li>Risk management</li> </ul> Morning tea <b>POSTER SESSION</b>  <b>PLENARY:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>International guests- results from recent research</li> <li>Overview end user perspective</li> </ul>	<b>MORNING SESSION</b>  <b>PLENARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshop update</li> </ul> <b>BUSHFIRE CRC PROGRAM MEETINGS (3 hours)</b> Four streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program A</li> <li>Program B</li> <li>Program C</li> <li>Program D</li> </ul>	<b>MORNING SESSION</b>  <b>HALF DAY FIELD TRIP HOSTED BY NSW PARKS</b>  Field trip to Royal national park to profile urban interface issues.
<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>  Coaches leaving from Sydney airport to Wollongong at 3.45pm and 5.00pm,	<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>  <b>PLENARY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bushfire CRC Strategic Plan</li> <li>International guests - Future directions in wildfire research internationally</li> </ul> <b>PANEL SESSIONS (Parallel)</b> Focus on the broader issues - adoption <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technology transfer and education</li> <li>Decision support tools</li> <li>Prescribed burning policy</li> <li>Evaluating community education - preparation Vs response</li> </ul>	<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>  <b>RESEARCH WORKSHOPS</b> Suggested topics include research methods, tools and issues workshops.  <b>STUDENT POSTER SESSION -</b>	<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>  <b>RESEARCH FORUMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project leaders</li> <li>Students</li> <li>Researchers</li> <li>End users</li> </ul> <b>PLENARY</b> Major issues or 2006/2007 - Program Leaders and Research Director, facilitated by CEO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open discussion</li> <li>Third year review</li> <li>Future conferences 07,06 &amp; 08</li> <li>Summary</li> </ul>	<b>AFTERNOON SESSION</b>  Delegates dropped off at Sydney Airport by 3 pm
<b>EVENING</b>  <b>WELCOME DINNER</b>	<b>EVENING</b>  <b>DINNER AND GUEST SPEAKER</b>	<b>EVENING</b>  <b>BUFFET AND TRIVIA</b>	<b>EVENING</b>  <b>BBQ AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>	

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