

## Conference Speakers

We are pleased that we have been able to attract a range of highly regarded speakers.

### Professor Kathleen Tierney

A senior educator and strategist, she brings considerable experience in preparedness and response to disasters, and the associated organisational response. Professor Tierney has been researching risk perception and risk communication, the use of new technologies in disaster management, and the impacts of disasters on businesses.

### Julie Harris

Working for the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, Melbourne, her current role involves identifying and developing strategies to achieve MFB's fire safety prevention objectives with vulnerable high fire risk groups. Her presentation will outline a national project developed to deliver fire safety prevention information to vulnerable groups and a new AFAC endorsed project which will address the gap between a range of community care providers including those working with people with dementia.

### Dr Christine Owen

Dr Owen has a background in adult education and is actively involved in Bushfire CRC with AFAC. Her recent research has included looking at incident response and approaches to assessment.

### Dr Chris Holland

Improving literacy and numeracy in the workplace is a key government strategy. Approaches to adult learning and how literacy and numeracy initiatives can be incorporated into workplace learning will be discussed.

### Tony Duckmanton

Tony is the Manager of Learning Systems with the CFA. He brings a wealth of knowledge in training for firefighters and with the recent Victorian bushfires. He will discuss the role of training in preparing for events and what we can learn and implement from such events.

### Cortez Lawrence

We have also confirmed Dr Cortez Lawrence attendance. Dr Lawrence is involved in higher education in emergency services, and is based in Maryland USA.

The conference will also have a number of concurrent sessions. These will include further discussion from the key note addresses; as well as assessment and moderation; developing learning materials; competency frameworks; working internationally.

Registrations are still available

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