



Australian Community Frontline Actions

### Abstract

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**Presentation Title:** A Community with Climatic Event Lessons: Listen and Learn for your Recovery Program!

You may be familiar with the factors leading to Victoria's Black Saturday - a preceding week of exceptional heat wave with peaks of 45.1°C caused by a confluence of extreme weather conditions coupled with the impacts of a major drought and a 50 year warming trend linked to climate change - imagine IT!!

As the Mayor of Murrindindi drew on her extensive experience both as a controller in the Victorian State Emergency Services and as an elected local government area representative, not even she had could have predicted the outcomes that were to be faced by the community at the end of Black Saturday. Her leadership role since those events in the community consultation, necessary for not only healing but moving forward on the community rebuilding program, means she is at the forefront of the lesson's a community learns from such an event. Lyn's community are seeking opportunities to educate other communities on adapting and mitigating for climate change and these are lessons you need for your community. On the road to adaptation and mitigation, and vice versa, will be presented.