

Plenary Session & Special Interest Group Meetings

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

Plenary Session Emergency Management & Sector Resilience

Plenary Speakers

Charmaine Quick is the Managing Director of Goulburn-Murray Water and has more than three decades of experience in the water industry and is known for her ability to influence and drive change at an organisation level, nationally and internationally for asset management, relationship contract management and customer service.



Charmaine Quick



Damian Wells

Damian Wells is the Managing Director of Coliban Water and has had a great depth of experience working with regional and urban communities within the water and environment sectors. Damian is deeply committed to the Coliban Water region, tirelessly supporting the growth and prosperity of the region and community to meet long term water needs.

Brad Drust is the Chief Executive Officer of North Central CMA and has a strong focus on effective project delivery and community engagement. His priority is bringing together local community, industry, science and Government partnerships to enhance our natural resources.



Brad Drust

With extreme weather events increasing in frequency and intensity, we need to be more prepared than ever before to handle emergencies.

From storms and floods to heatwaves, bush fires and drought, we are coming up against an increasing state of VUCA - (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity), and unfortunately the next extreme weather event is not a matter of 'if' but 'when'.

As providers of the ultimate essential service, we also have a commitment to public health and the environment. How do we plan and prepare for emergencies? How do we ensure staff wellbeing and community safety in a severe weather event? What are the priorities when things get tough?

Charmaine Quick, Damian Wells and Brad Drust will speak from their experiences with the significant flooding that occurred across the north of the state in recent years. They will share insights and learnings that we can all take away to help us be more prepared and increase our resilience across the water sector.

Register for both the SIG meetings and plenary session below:

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