



RESILIENCE WEBINAR SERIES

MAY & JUNE 2020

Five free 45-minute webinars on resilience thinking will be held during May and June 2020 for interested community members.

In these turbulent times, resilience has become one of the most important capacities to build in communities, businesses, individuals and ecosystems alike.



WHAT IS RESILIENCE?

Resilience is the capacity of a system (people and the environment) to cope with change and continue to evolve in positive ways.

Applying resilience in practice requires an understanding of how the resilience of any system is changing over time, what is causing that change and where and how to intervene to influence its future direction.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Participants will learn how communities and organisations can prepare and manage change (including shocks and disasters), while creating opportunities for a positive future. Webinar presenter Paul Ryan will share the latest in resilience thinking from across the globe and practical examples from our own backyard.

Each webinar session will build on the previous one, although you can just participate in the sessions that interest you most. Each session will be recorded and available to watch at www.gbcma.vic.gov.au if you miss a session.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The webinars are open to all interested community members, including Traditional Owners, youth, business owners, farmers, tourism operators, natural resource management professionals, environmental volunteers, health professionals and government agency staff.

If you're interested in change management and developing your ability to increase the resilience of your local community, environment, business and/or industry then these free webinar sessions will provide you with new knowledge and skills to achieve this. We will be providing follow-up, one-day workshops at Alexandra, Winton Wetlands and Broadford later in 2020.

WEBINAR DETAILS

#	Topic	Date/time
1	Introduction – what is resilience and why does it matter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Different types of resilience – thinking, planning and action – Different resilience frames – personal, community, disaster and social-ecological 	Tuesday 5 May 10.00 am to 10.45 am
2	Social-ecological systems* – people and place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Characteristics of these types of systems – Challenge of maintaining identity as we respond and react to a change world – Resilience pathways - persistence, adaptation and transformation 	Tuesday 12 May 10.00 am to 10.45 am
3	How social-ecological systems change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Complex adaptive cycle phases – Challenges and opportunities associated with different phases – What to expect to better prepare, recover and create change 	Tuesday 19 May 10.00 am to 10.45 am
4	Managing and creating change in social-ecological systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Iceberg model to understand complex systems and underlying drivers – Resilience principles – Case study 	Tuesday 26 May 10.00 am to 10.45 am
5	Resilience and planning for regional-scale change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Overview of the Goulburn Broken Regional Catchment Strategy and why it is important for land, biodiversity, water and communities. – Using resilience to guide thinking, planning and practice. – How you can be involved in the process. 	Tuesday 2 June 10.00 am to 10.45 am

*Social-ecological systems – connected systems of people and nature. The term emphasises that humans are part of nature and that the delineation between social and ecological systems is artificial.

COURSE PRESENTER



Paul Ryan is passionate about social and environmental change. He works with people and organisations at all scales and across sectors and disciplines to prepare for and create a future that is fair, just and sustainable.

Paul is a global leader in resilience, adaptation and transformation practice. He is the founding Director of the [Australian Resilience Centre](#), an organisation that builds the capacity of regional communities and agencies facing uncertain futures. His primary focus has been on putting resilience science into practice to real world problems. He does this through training, facilitation, mentoring, research and developing and supporting a national community of practitioners.

Paul works with people and organisations to apply resilience thinking in areas as diverse as poverty and humanitarian relief, climate adaptation planning and practice, disaster preparedness and recovery, sustainable agriculture, water and irrigation futures, community development, biodiversity, domestic violence, gender, cultural and youth issues.

Paul has previously worked for the Stockholm Resilience Centre, CSIRO and regional and state agencies.

Paul grew up on a farm in northern Victoria where his family has been farming continuously for 150 years.

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