

## CHRIS PIPER: BUSHFIRE-RELATED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT (DRM) PRACTITIONER

### Overview

This profile outlines Chris Piper's skills, background, and experience as a bushfire-related Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Recovery Practitioner<sup>1</sup>. It should be read in conjunction with his CV<sup>2</sup>.



### Relevant Background Skills and Experience

Chris is a multi-skilled DRM practitioner, with relevant skills as:

#### *Australian Emergency Manager*

- A Member of the Australian Institute of Emergency Services (MAIES) since 2004
- Lecturer/Unit Chair on the Charles Sturt University (CSU) Emergency Management program<sup>3</sup>
- Bushfire Recovery Adviser (BRA) to the Baptist Union of Victoria (BUV) since March 2020
- Wrote article on Bushfires for the Geography Teachers Association of Victoria's (GTAV) for quarterly magazine 'Interaction'<sup>4</sup>, published March 2020
- Coordinated eleven (eight bushfire/three flood) church-organised, community-level, recovery initiatives over 2009-2011, following the 2009 Victorian bushfires, and 2011 floods
- Developed a Post-bushfire Community Development Officer (CDO) Model for the Department of Human Services (DHS) following the 2009 bushfires
- Reviewed two Victorian Municipal Emergency Management Plans (MEMPs) in mid 1990's<sup>5</sup>
- Author of Bushfire blog/post – [www.torqaid.com/bushfires](http://www.torqaid.com/bushfires)

#### *Recovery Specialist (separate to that of bushfires – see above)*

- Australian NGO team member carrying out recovery planning in Myanmar following the 2008 Cyclone Nargis
- British NGO team member carrying out recovery planning in Aceh and Sri Lanka following the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami
- Joint Australian/PNG Government team member carrying out detailed recovery planning following the 1998 tsunami in Aitape, PNG

#### *Training Expert<sup>6</sup>*

- University lecturer, and qualified and practising secondary teacher
- Facilitator of over 110 Participatory Disaster Risk Management (PDRM) and Participatory Project Management (PPM) workshops across Australia and overseas since 2002
- Facilitator of 2-3 day 'Train Like a Champion (TLC)' workshop

### Services/Skills Offered

- Assistance in Recovery Planning and Community Engagement for a variety of stakeholders
- Targeted PDRM, PPM and TLC training for a variety of stakeholders
- Sharing of resources on post/blog [www.torqaid.com/bushfires](http://www.torqaid.com/bushfires)

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<sup>1</sup> [www.torqaid.com/chris-piper-bushfires](http://www.torqaid.com/chris-piper-bushfires)

<sup>2</sup> Please request a copy of this

<sup>3</sup> Teaching EMG 309 (Humanitarian Relief)

<sup>4</sup> See <https://www.gtav.asn.au/resources/interaction-current-issues> and [www.torqaid.com/bushfires](http://www.torqaid.com/bushfires)

<sup>5</sup> Namely for the Surf Coast Shire, and the Borough of Queenscliff

<sup>6</sup> See [www.torqaid.com/cp-teacher-trainer-facilitator](http://www.torqaid.com/cp-teacher-trainer-facilitator)