

WORKSHOP 5:

2nd Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference workshops

Community recovery from disasters

Tuesday

28 July 2008 – 1:30 pm-4:30pm

Te Papa, Wellington

Effective survival and recovery from disasters depends not just on physical impacts of the event but also on how the social environment supports the complex and protracted processes of recovery. Community recovery from disasters can be greatly enhanced by ensuring that the existing social environment supports the recovery process. Effective engagement within the community must take place to determine needs for physical, social and psychological needs. This workshop will explore evacuation, welfare and a range of longer term community recovery issues. Case studies will examine both New Zealand and overseas examples, including recovery from the 2005 Matata landslide, 2004 and the 2005 Hurricane Katrina.



Presenters:

Kellie Spee is a contract researcher in community psychology and has recently been working on the community recovery in Matata.

Susan Jolley works in community psychology for the Ministry of Social Development based in the Bay of Plenty. Susan's work focus over the past 7 years has involved working with a broad range of communities that face challenges and need support in overcoming these.

Sara Williams, formerly an emergency management advisor at the MCDEM, involved include the capacity building of the National Welfare Recovery Coordination Group. Sara has recently taken up a position with the New Zealand Red Cross as their national Community Services Manager.

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