

ANU Climate News & Events

April 2018

Dear Sarah

2017 was a record year for our climate in many ways. We recorded the highest ever emissions of carbon dioxide and record concentrations of carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere. Overall it was the second or third warmest year on record globally, but in the southern part of the Southern hemisphere, the bottom third of the world, we experienced the highest temperatures ever recorded. We also witnessed record sea levels and the lowest sea ice extent by far. To find out more about how our climate changed in 2017 and how we're responding, you can download presentations from our Climate Updates in Canberra and Brisbane.

In response to these changes, the ANU Climate Change Institute is currently coordinating proposals to accelerate options for removing greenhouse gases from the atmosphere and also on climate adaptation nationally and internationally. This builds on and draws from existing research and teaching across ANU on the multiple dimensions and implications of climate change.

As you may be aware, the ACT Government has released a discussion paper on their strategy for a Net Zero Emissions Territory by 2045 and they're looking for ideas from the community on how to reach their emission-reduction targets. Please contribute your thoughts and expertise on this discussion paper via their website. This doesn't have to be a lengthy process - you can send them a quick email or simply respond to questions on their online

forums. But please do act now - consultation closes on Monday 9 April.

Finally, we have a plethora of climate and energy seminars and public lectures at ANU next week, dealing with multiple aspects of climate and energy change. We hope to see you there.

Regards

Professor Mark Howden
Director, Climate Change Institute

Events



Climate + Change in the Hindu

Kush Himalaya

Mon 9 April, 4-5pm

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News



chance to lead

Prof John Hewson, Canberra Times, 14 March
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Climate wars have cost us the



Cities, housing markets and climate change: a complexity perspective

Tues 10 April, 12–1pm

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The National Energy Guarantee

Tues 10 April, 4-6pm

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If pollies won't act on climate change, farmers will

Includes commentary by Prof Mark Howden,
Daily Telegraph, 23 March
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Why I study climate change

Video with Aaron Kirby & Prof Frank Jotzo

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Sunburnt Country: The history and future of climate change in Australia

Wed 11 April, 6-7pm
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How Canberra's climate changed in 2017

Design meets climate science Read more



Australia's Environment in 2017
Thurs 12 April, 1-2pm



Six research priorities for cities and climate change



Coal transitions: a symposium on current research

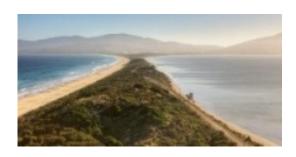
Thurs 12 April, 9.30am–1pm
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China starts national emissions trading: a big step, but the journey is long

Prof Frank Jotzo, Policy Forum, 4 April

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Bruny Island smart battery trial

Thurs 12 April, 12-1pm

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The Murray-Darling basin and Australia's water future

Assoc Prof Jamie Pittock, 23 March Watch video

Other news

<u>Understanding societal attitudes to climate change and carbon dioxide removal</u>

<u>New model promises to give clearer picture of climate change</u>, Prof Eelco Rohling, Nature Geoscience, 23 Jan

<u>Virtual power plants are in vogue but they can be like taking a sledgehammer to a nut, Dr</u> Evan Franklin & Prof Frank Jotzo, The Conversation, 7 March

<u>Call for NT climate policy as greenhouse gas emissions rise</u>, ABC News, 26 March <u>JWLand enters partnership with ANU to support renewable energy research</u>

Other events

<u>Sustainable Pathways for our Cities and Regions: Planning within planetary boundaries</u> - Prof Barbara Norman, 16 April, 5-7pm

If you missed <u>Climate & Growth: An OECD perspective on the future we need, download presentations here</u>

If you missed <u>The Future of Sustainable Transport</u> download presentations here

<u>Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ) Climate Change Forum</u> - 3 Oct,

9am-4pm

Student opportunities

Applications now open for <u>Master of Climate Change</u> and <u>Master of Energy Change</u> starting in Semester 2

Make Our Planet Great Again - <u>Master's Excellence Grants for studying climate change in</u> France

Demos Magazine looking for volunteer Editors and Subeditors - closing date 6 April









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