Beyond Bushfires: Community, Resilience and Recovery

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The Beyond Bushfires: Community Resilience and Recovery study aims to build understanding of the interacting individual, social and community level factors in post-bushfire recovery. This study is being conducted over 5 years in regional Victoria, Australia. Data collection began in 2011, almost 3 years after the Black Saturday bushfires, which occurred on 7 February 2009. The study focuses on medium to long term recovery. In this presentation Dr Gibbs will describe the collaborative development of the research study with community, emergency management and government partners; the methods and measures used to capture multi-level indicators of wellbeing and recovery; and preliminary data with a specific focus on social processes at different stages of recovery.

Lisa Gibbs is currently managing a range of community based child and family public health research and intervention studies with a particular focus on disaster recovery, oral health, obesity prevention and health inequities. Her research focuses on engagement of marginalised or disadvantaged groups through University-community-government partnerships with an emphasis on community and policy outcomes.

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