

“Communities Living with Hazards”

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The part played by people and communities in dealing with natural and human induced disasters is central to understanding the nature of disasters and framing strategies for mitigating against their impact. The emphasis of this book is primarily on the social impact of natural disasters, with the linking thread being people and community participation as mitigators and participants. During the 1990s the UN sponsored International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction shifted the orientation of Natural Hazards research and management from a purely hazard based interest to human and community impact and the roles of people and communities as hazard mitigators. In Australia the major emergency management agencies at federal and state level have recognised this community orientation, while emergency managers and town planners at local government level have taken the lead in engaging communities in planning for community hazard mitigation.

In recognition of twenty five years of research through the Centre for Disaster Studies, this book presents a range of the hazards, communities and events that centre members have investigated. Participation in many disasters both within Australia as well as overseas in the Asia Pacific region, provides a wealth of experience, both theoretical and practical, that is expressed from the point of view of the communities that live alongside hazards.

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