

Museums Prepared for Disaster Response

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum hosted Museums Australia (Victoria) for their Hands-on Disaster Response Training last week.

Paper and Photographs Conservator Nurul (Noni) Zachri from the University of Melbourne Grimwade Centre took participants through salvage and disaster recovery scenarios in case of emergency events.

The workshop prepared participants for retrieving items from a disaster site, assessing treatment required, drying water damaged material and cleaning soot damaged material along with other restoration techniques.

Local museum candidates were joined by participants from the Vietnam Veterans Museum, Churchill Island Museum, Port Welshpool Museum and two museum students from Melbourne University to take part in the day's activities.

Coal Creek Community Park and Museum Coordinator Rowena Ashley was proud to see Coal Creek used as a venue for an event typically hosted in Melbourne.

“Participants had a wonderful day as part of the Hands-on Disaster Response Training by Museums Australia (Victoria). It was a great opportunity to learn new skills that would be vital in an emergency.

“We would like to thank Museums Australia (Victoria) for considering Coal Creek Community Park and Museum as an ideal location for their workshop. We hope to have them back again soon for future activities,” said Ms Ashley.

Those interested in other events coming up at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum can visit their website www.coalcreekcommunityparkandmuseum.com

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