

# Incoming Director General well placed to set new plans for AJEM



Tony Pearce commenced his appointment as Director General Emergency Management Australia on 14 August 2006 and takes on the role of Editor-In-Chief of the Australian Journal of Emergency Management. Tony has spent 26 years in the intelligence and emergency management sectors. He spent nine years in the Royal

Australian Air Force (RAAF) as an Intelligence Analyst (imagery) before commencing with the emergency services. After leaving the RAAF he spent twelve years with Ambulance Service Victoria in senior operations management positions responsible for emergency management and major incident response planning functions and is a qualified Paramedic. Two and a half years in the position of Deputy Director of the Victoria State Emergency Service preceded a move to the role of Director Emergency Management and Security in the Office of the Emergency Services Commissioner

in July 2003. This extensive period of involvement has seen Tony work across the emergency management continuum, commencing as a 'hands on' emergency responder and progressing to senior operations management positions before moving into senior government policy development roles.

Tony holds an Associate Diploma of Health Science, a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in Emergency Management from Charles Sturt University, a Graduate Diploma in Management from the Australian Catholic University, and an Executive Master of Public Administration from Melbourne University and the Australian and New Zealand School of Government.

Tony's emergency management background is extensive and he has for many years been a regular participant in forums dealing with national issues. Between 2004 and 2006 he chaired the national Catastrophic Disasters Emergency Management Capability Review Working Group on behalf of the Australian Emergency Management Committee and in 2005 was also a member of the Prime Ministers Science, Engineering and Innovation Council Tsunami Working Group following the Indian Ocean Tsunami.



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