



## Resilience Matters webinar series: The ethical premise of disaster management leadership Webinar chat summary

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### Questions, comments and shared resources

- Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Emergency Responders Network:  
<https://www.caldern.org>
- You just spelt out a concept I have been struggling with but couldn't put my finger on. The foregrounding individual resilience is exactly where parts of Vic gov is at the moment
- It's the narrative of climate action - recycle your own garbage instead of expecting manufacturing to stop producing it ... Or don't buy items wrap with tons of garbage instead of light packaging
- Servant leadership
- In terms of resilience, it seems that the decoupling of vulnerability and adaptive capacity may also be traced to how vulnerability is defined in relation to risk. The current conception of risk does not account for how systemic inequalities and policies (ie the social context) actually produce vulnerability. Rather, vulnerability is framed in that neoliberal way as a result of personal characteristics (beyond the common human vulnerability we all have).
- Being in the middle of the institutional system...a while ago public service seemed to have a ethos of public service which doesn't feel as emphasised in today's govt systems
- On character, the book How to Win Friends and Influence People by Dale Carnegie is an oldie but a goodie on character ethic (vs personality ethic)
- If leadership and the development of leadership skills are so important, why do we invest so little in it? the (almost) 200,000 volunteer emergency service volunteers around Australia have access to virtually zero meaningful leadership development.

### Links from webinar

#### **AIDR webinar recording**

This webinar recording and slides will be uploaded to the AIDR Knowledge Hub

[Resilience Matters webinar series](#)



**Ethical Intelligence Pty Ltd (Director: Dr Mark Crosweller)**

Includes information about Mark's book: *Compassion in Disaster Management*

<https://ethicalintelligence.com.au>

Mark's publications and appearances

<https://ethicalintelligence.com.au/publications-and-appearances/>

**Link to article by Erinn Gilson**

*Vulnerability, Ignorance, and Oppression*

[https://www.academia.edu/701615/Vulnerability\\_Ignorance\\_and\\_Oppression](https://www.academia.edu/701615/Vulnerability_Ignorance_and_Oppression)

**Link to article by Mark Crosweller and Petra Tschakert**

*Disaster management leadership and policy making: A critical examination of communitarian and individualistic understandings of resilience and vulnerability*

<https://tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14693062.2020.1833825>

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)**

<https://www.ipcc.ch>

**Other references**

*Giving an account of oneself* by Judith Butler, published by Fordham University Press, 2005  
(or look for the 2025 twentieth year anniversary edition)

*The ethics of vulnerability: A feminist analysis of social life and practice* by Erinn Gilson, Routledge  
2014

**Announcements**

**2025 Resilient Australia Awards Ceremony – from 12.15pm (AEDT), Monday 24 November**

Register for the livestream

<https://www.aidr.org.au/events/55777?locationId=55778>

**Appreciation (small sample)**

- Very interesting webinar thank you
- Absolutely fantastic presentation. This reflection and conversation is critical.
- incredibly insightful - intriguing in terms of policy development and implementation
- Greetings from over the ditch in Aotearoa. This has been a fantastic webinar. Some deep stuff here. So much appreciated
- Thank you, Mark. Very Interesting webinar
- So interesting and insightful thank you
- Fantastic webinar - thank you Mark
- Mark, fantastic presentation with lots to think about
- Excellent presentation Mark.
- Absolutely brilliant talk...thankyou so much Mark
- Wonderful presentation- thank you so much for sharing and the many insights to reflect on
- I agree Kaitlyn - I could listen to Mark for hours too



- great webinar - thanks Mark and AIDR
- Thank you Mark, it was fantastic to hear you talk about these humanistic qualities. So needed in the world now.
- Thank you so much, great webinar and wisdom.
- Thanks so much for an excellent and insightful presentation.
- Thanks - great presentation.
- I agree with your call about Jacinda. I was in NZ at the time of COVID and the Christchurch massacre, and her leadership and that of her DG Health Services were outstanding. Servant Leadership at its best.
- Wonderful presentation, thank you Mark and AIDR!
- Yes having a daughter with disabilities i can relate to the story, most people have no idea of the additional strains both financial and personal you have to deal with and sometimes the discrimination too.
- Thanks very much, Mark. This was wonderful.
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- A powerful presentation - thank you so much!!!
- thankyou AIDR. and thankyou so much Mark for sharing your insights, experiences, and wisdom with us.
- A wonderful, thoughtful and compassionate webinar, thank you.
- Great presentation. Thanks AIDR and Mark!