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Recent Climate History

Recent Climate History of Central NSW – Can you help?

Talk by climate scientist Professor David Karoly
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Rahamim, St Joseph's Mount
34 Busby St, Bathurst

A team of leading climate scientists, water managers and historians is trying to better understand south-eastern Australian climate history over the past 200–500 years.

The project is led by researchers from the University of Melbourne's School of Earth Sciences. The aim is to investigate our climate history using the following sources:

- Palaeoclimate records: tree rings, coral, ice cores and cave formations
- Documentary records: newspaper articles, governors' records and early settler accounts
- Early weather data: weather journals, tables and pre-Federation observatories

How you can help

Our team is looking for access to early instrumental weather information from central New South Wales, such as weather station records and farm records, as well as documentary accounts of weather events in settlers' letters, diaries other publications.

We also hope to engage volunteers to help us with research tasks identified by the project team.

Tasks include examining fascinating historical documents, such as diaries, early meteorological records and the country's first newspapers, and extracting information about historical weather patterns and events.

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