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Anne has her own consultancy firm specialising in facilitation and engagement, strategic planning, disaster recovery and community resilience. Her background is in emergency management, community development and adult education, working first in the neighbourhood house sector and then in local and state government.

Following the 2009 Black Saturday fires, Anne worked on behalf of Murrindindi Shire Council to coordinate the initial recovery efforts for the Kinglake Ranges communities. The recovery model that evolved was highlighted as a case study in the final report of the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission. She has also worked on cyclone, drought and flood recovery in Queensland and Victoria.

Anne holds a master's degree in Social Science and was included on the Vice Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence in 2011. She has authored peer-reviewed and published papers on drought policy, communicating in emergencies and the role of community leadership in disaster recovery. Anne has contributed to the development of the National Strategy for Disaster Resilience and is a Fellow with Emergency Media and Public Affairs (EMPA).

Anne was an inaugural recipient of the National Emergency Medal in 2012, and on Australia Day, 2013 received a Medal of the Order of Australia for her work in recovery after the 2009 fires.

Anne lives with her family in Kinglake, Victoria where she raises Suffolk sheep.