

## **Red Cross Oration - Amanda McKenzie (Chair, Climate Council)**

These are just a few jottings from my online attendance at this UTAS event - I recommend looking it up to listen to the recording.

Amanda asked the rhetorical question: how do you respond to the climate crisis? Her answer was: in three ways - treasure, time and voice. Treasure: through relevant memberships and donations. Time: work with others creatively in groups. Voice: bother your representatives: local and state. Ask yourself: who can you personally influence? Find people from different groups, talk from the heart and experience, and from the experience of firefighters and defence people.

How to deal with climate anxiety, fear and grief? The antidote is to acknowledge it, take action, talk to others. And to live in the present moment.

Climate change in the global context: Australia is #15 emitter, and #5 exporter of fossil fuel.