

### New books, articles and reports in your library this month

This month's new resources includes the addition of PCWorld and FM eMagazines to our online magazine collection for all library and NSW RFS members to access at home or work, plus new books, reports and articles on firefighters as first responders, hazard reduction, Hobart's floods, Grenfell Tower, the latest CSIRO publications, a curated guidebook to Indigenous Australia, eBooks on running meetings and the SAS Urban Survival Guide.

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The latest issue of **Wildfire Magazine**, the official publication of the International Association of Wildland Fire, has arrived in the library and includes articles on wildland firefighter suicide, fire behaviour in Greece and an essay by Stephen Pyne accompanied by photographs by **Kari Greer**. Pyne and Greer's article on fire photography details the move from reportage to propaganda of wildfire photos to the recognition of the value of the images for publicity. Greer works as a photographer for the US National Interagency Fire Center in Boise.

Kari Greer's captivating images may be viewed online at http://www.kariphotos.com/

Image: "Burning desire" by Kari Greer

### FIRE INCIDENTS - AUSTRALIAN

### **Tathra 2018 bushfires** (Newsletter article)

Risk Frontiers Newsletter, May 2018

The Tathra fires destroyed 65 homes, damaged a further 48 homes, destroyed 35 caravans and cabins and burned 1250 hectares of bushland. Risk Frontiers report on their intelligence gathered from the Tathra fires using aerial photography, field survey and GIS analytics.

Please use the Risk Frontiers link to read the article online.

intensifying urbanization and warming climate are driving

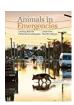
### FIRE INCIDENTS – INTERNATIONAL



Increasing heat is driving off clouds that dampen California wildfires (News article) Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University

Science Daily News, 30 May 2018
Sunny California may be getting too sunny. Increasing summer temperatures brought on by a combination of

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**



Animals in emergencies : learning from the Christchurch earthquakes (Book)

Annie Potts, 2014

This book provides a record of what happened to the animals during and after the New Zealand quakes, and asks what we

can learn from these events and our response to them. The accounts of professionals and volunteers involved in the rescue, shelter and advocacy of the city's animals post-quakes are presented in the book.

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Lessons in resilience: what city planners can learn from Hobart's flood (News article)

The Conversation, 18 May 2018

Hobart's lack of preparedness for the scale and intensity of the May 2018 flood is also partly attributable to the city's postwar planning. So how can Hobart and cities like it become more resilient to increasingly frequent natural disasters?

off once common low-lying morning clouds in many southern coastal areas of the state, leading to increased risk of wildfires, says a new study.

Please use this Science Daily link to read the article online.



# Lessons Learned from the Grenfell Tower (Magazine article)

Fire Engineering Vol 171 No 4, Apr 2018 On 14 June, 2017, a fire in Grenfell Tower,

a London apartment building, killed 71 people and within 30 minutes consumed the exterior wall of 20 out of 24 floors. The fire spread over the highly combustible material used to insulate the exterior wall. It then extended through acrylic plastic windows and quickly spread throughout the building, making it impossible for many occupants to escape.

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# Residents in London fire wrongly told to stay inside (News item)

Fire Engineering, 4th June 2018

Residents of London's Grenfell Tower were wrongly told to stay in their apartments as fire raged through the high-rise building nearly a year ago, aided by flammable external cladding and a host of fire-safety failings, an expert report said Monday.

Read the news article online at this Fire Engineering link.

### Images Inferno - Seeing the light, feeling the heat

(Magazine article)

Wildfire, April 2018

An essay by Stephen Pyne accompanied by photographs by Kari Greer on fire photography and the move from reportage to propaganda to the recognition of the value of the images for publicity.

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# Rapid growth of the US wildland-urban interface raises wildfire risk (Journal article)

Proceedings of the National Academy of Science of the USA, March 2018

When houses are built close to forests or other types of natural vegetation, they pose two problems related to wildfires. First, there will be more wildfires due to human ignitions. Second, wildfires that occur will pose a greater risk to lives and homes, they will be hard to fight, and letting natural fires burn becomes impossible. We examined the number of houses that have been built since 1990 in the United States in or near natural vegetation, in an area known as the wildland-urban interface (WUI), and found that a large number of houses have been built

Please use <u>The Conversation link</u> to read the article online.

# The importance of critical thinking skills in disaster management (Journal article)

Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning. Vol 11, no 4, 2018

The adverse circumstances occasioned by disasters rarely remain static rendering pre-planned response operations uncertain, at best, and ineffectual, at worst. As such, disaster management professionals need to think critically.

This paper provides an overview of critical thinking, and its importance in helping leaders provide order to the chaos often associated with disaster response and recovery efforts.

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# How Waze crowdsourcing navigation app can help emergency services (Online news article)

Crisis Response, 17 May 2018

The European Emergency Number Association (EENA) and Waze, have published the final report on a pilot project entitled *Exploring the use of Waze for emergency response*. The report notes that, while many factors contribute to the effectiveness of an emergency response, time has always been a determining criterion for the success of rescue operations EENA and Waze launched a pilot project to understand if – and how – using traffic data could improve of emergency response operations. Waze provides real- time, anonymous, incident or delay-related information directly from the source, i.e. the drivers themselves.

Read the <u>article online</u> at this Crisis Response link. The full report is available <u>here</u>.

### **SEARCH AND RESCUE**

# Firefighters as first incident persons: Breaking the chain of events and becoming a new link in the chain of survival (Journal article)

International Journal of Emergency Services, Vol 7, no 2, 2018

In order to shorten the response time, two part-time fire departments (FDs) in Sweden initialize a first incident person (FIP) assignment. This is done by alarming the crew manager as an FIP, responding in a separate emergency vehicle, and by arriving at the scene before rest of the crew.

there. Approximately one in three houses and one in ten hectares are now in the WUI.

### FIRE MANAGEMENT



Fire: and the story of burning
country (Book)
By Tommy George, 2013
This pictorial book celebrates the timeless
wisdom of Australia's Traditional

Custodians, it tells the story of how fire is used by Indigenous people across Australia to prevent wildfires through cool burning, a technique that has been applied to the Australian landscape for tens of thousands of years to cleanse and rejuvenate the land.

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### **FIREFIGHTING**



Reading fire: a complete scene assessment guide for practitioners at all levels (Book)
Benjamin Walker, 2017
Volume 2 of the British Compartment
Firefighting Series, this book supports
frontline practitioners in gathering

information upon arrival at an incident, using the 'BE-SAHF' model of assessment. Using a step-by-step approach, it considers each critical area of the model, from building, construction and environmental factors, to understanding and reading smoke, airflow, heat and flames.

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Fighting fire: making firefighting techniques accessible to firefighters and practitioners at all levels (Book)

Benjamin Walker, 2017

Whereas Reading Fire considered what was going on at an incident, volume 3 of the

British Compartment Firefighting Series, Fighting Fire, uses this knowledge to focus on the how. It examines the selection of appropriate tactics for the stages of fire development and burning profiles as well as a detailed comparison of techniques.

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**Trends in Small- and Medium-Sized Fire and Rescue Boats** (Online article)

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Time critical road accident rescue – Joff van EK (Podcast) Emergency Management Podcast, 21 May 2018 (36 mins) Joff van Ek is a Station Officer with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB), and he has a passion for road accident rescue. He began his career as an operations centre officer with the South Australian Country Fire Service in 2003. Whilst in that role he had his first glimpse of emergency management, emergency call taking, appliance and firefighting aircraft dispatch. Please use this EM link to listen to the Podcast.

"Man under": handling victims trapped under vehicles (Magazine article)

Fire Engineering Vol 171 No 4, Apr 2018
Responses to victims trapped under vehicles occur frequently across the United States. This article will help you mentally prepare to handle these responses and will offer methods that have proven effective at previous incidents.

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More books, websites and manuals on this topic are found on our library webpage <u>Search and Rescue</u> <u>Resources</u>.

### **LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT**

A Continuum: The Case for Effective Small Unit Leadership in the Fire Service (Magazine article) Fire Engineering, Vol 171, no 6, June 2018
If you have not given your small unit leaders the tools, the knowledge, and the training and education they need don't be surprised when they fail.
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<u>Harvard Business Review manager's</u> <u>handbook</u> (Book)

Whether you are new to being a boss or are simply looking to stand out from the pack, this is the one primer you need to develop your managerial and leadership skills.

Packed with step-by-step advice and HBR wisdom, the book provides best practices on topics from building credibility and emotional intelligence to hiring and engaging the best employees, as well as understanding Fire apparatus & Emergency Equipment, 2018
US article on how many fire departments around the country have a need for small- or medium-sized fire boats, rescue boats, or a combination of the two to deal with emergencies on rivers, bays, lakes, or other bodies of water in their protection districts.

Use this FA&EE link to read the article online.

### **FIRE BEHAVIOUR**

# Are models of bushfire spread prediction improving? (Online bulletin)

CSIRO PyroPage Issue 18

This issue reports on a study of changes in predictive performance of rate of fire spread models in five vegetation types over time, comparing older models with more recent models intended to replace them. Using independently sourced fire behaviour data, pairs of models in five vegetation types were compared. Please use this CSIRO link to read the article online.

The effect of woody fuel characteristics on fuel ignition and consumption: a case study from a eucalypt forest in south-west Western Australia (Journal article) International Journal of Wildland Fire Vol 27 No 5 2018 We investigated how the physical characteristics of woody fuels (> 0.6 cm diameter) affected their ignition and consumption. Ignition success was explained by woody fuel arrangement, suspension and decay status. Consumption was greater for fuels in advanced stages of decay, but suspension (inversely related) and arrangement

(directly related) also affected the outcome.

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### **HAZARD REDUCTION**

# Logging burns conceal industrial pollution in the name of 'community safety' (News article)

The Conversation, 17 May 2018

Earlier this year, Melbourne and large areas of Central Victoria, experienced days of smoke haze and poor air quality warnings as a result of planned burns. This smoke has been reported by both government and media outlets as largely the result of planned burns to reduce bushfire risk, along with agricultural burn-offs and increased use of wood heaters. But this is only part of the story. A good proportion of the smoke this autumn has actually come

key financial statements and the fundamentals of strategy.

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# A preliminary analysis of high-stakes decision-making for crisis leadership (Journal article)

Journal of Business Continuity & Emergency Planning. Vol 11, no 4, 2018

High-stakes decision-making is a critical component of crisis leadership. This study examined the decision-making processes of global, national and local crisis professionals to identify common decision-making process traits. Crises have distinct factors: they are timesensitive, pose significant risks and require consequential decisions. A sample group of 15 national and international expert crisis professionals in leadership positions from national security, law enforcement and government sectors participated in this study. Please contact the library to request a copy of this article NSW RFS Staff may use this EBSCO link to access the article at work



# Running a Great Meeting In a Day For Dummies (eBook)

This book promised to help you put together a successful meeting by explaining how to define objectives, craft an agenda, invite the right people, keep the meeting moving, and following up

afterwards.

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Meetings that work: a practical guide to teamworking in groups (eBook)

Meetings can be deadening, this book guarantees to make them enjoyable! This book is a 'how-to' guide, a manual and helpmate, arranged to enable the reader to

focus on what is specifically needed for a particular group or situation.

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# Mentoring Leaders in Volunteer Fire Brigades – Kris Wilms (Podcast)

Emergency Management Podcast, 21 May 2018 (39 mins)

from the intensive burning of debris left behind after clearfell logging.

Please use The Conversation link to read the article online.

# Relationships between mature trees and fire fuel hazard in Australian forest (Journal article)

International Journal of Wildland Fire Vol 27 No 5 2018
Increasing density of mid-storey vegetation since
European settlement has been observed in forests and woodlands in several parts of the world and may result in greater fire fuel hazard. This phenomenon is often attributed to a longer interval between fires since
European settlement, but may also be influenced by tree removal during the same period. The authors hypothesised that the number of mature trees in a stand reduces mid-storey vegetation cover and the associated fire fuel hazard through competition. To test this hypothesis, they examined these associations in southeastern Australia.

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### REMOTE SENSING AND MAPPING

**Crafting the digital twin : Smart State NSW** (Magazine article)

Position magazine, Vol 94, April - May 2018
Smart State NSW is a project being run by NSW Spatial
Services. The focus of the project is to transform Spatial
Services' traditional imagery and elevation date projects
from 2D to 3D and eventually 4D, linking physical world
features with the digital world.

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### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Where wildfires destroy buildings in the US relative to the wildland—urban interface and national fire outreach programs (Journal article)

International Journal of Wildland Fire Vol 27 No 5 2018 Where are buildings threatened and destroyed by wildfire in the conterminous US in relation to the wildland—urban interface (WUI) and to fire outreach communities, such as Firewise? The WUI encompassed most threatened and destroyed buildings (but with high inter-state variability) and Firewise communities were often established after fire.

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Creating leaders in volunteer fire brigades takes time. In this episode, the interviewer talks to Senior Instructor Kris Wilms from the Country Fire Authority (CFA) about the mentoring project she developed to prepare volunteer leaders for their role.

Please use this EM link to listen to the Podcast.

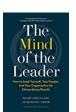


The future of policing: a practical guide for police managers and leaders (Book)

This book explores community and political variables crucial to the decision-making process in management within the police force. It describes methods that managers

can employ to explore the future and prepare their agencies for possible, probable, and preferable trends and opportunities.

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The mind of the leader: how to lead yourself, your people, and your organization for extraordinary results (Book)

Harvard Business Review, 2018

Most leaders think they're effective at motivating their employees, but study after

study shows that employees are more disengaged and uninspired than ever. Based on their years-long research and practice, Rasmus Hougaard and Jacqueline Carter, of the Potential Project, have conclusively found that three qualities stand out as being foundational for leaders today - mindfulness, selflessness, and compassion. *Please contact the library to borrow this book*.

### LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Myths and Possibilities (Magazine article)
Fire Engineering Vol 171 No 4, Apr 2018
The emergency services rely on a variety of disciplines, including education. Unfortunately, many concepts related to training have been adopted without examining the underlying research. This has resulted in the adoption of many principles that have little or no support and that may be ineffective. This article discusses some of these principles.

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Fire inspection and code enforcement (Book)
IFSTA publication, 2016
A US publication, Fire and Emergency
Services Instructor, 8th Edition, provides fire
and emergency services personnel and

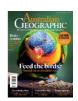
### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A More Definite Risk Management Model (Magazine article)

Fire Engineering, Vol 171, no 6, June 2018

Too often, we are faced with arguments and recriminations after a fire that went wrong because everybody has a different idea about what justifies action despite everyone's knowing that we risk a lot to save a lot. We need a way to express our agency's philosophy on risk and translate that into policy while maintaining flexibility for the incident commander to operate effectively. Please contact the library to request a copy of this article

### NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



The latest issue of Australian Geographic (May - June 2018) is now available online. All NSW RFS members have access to our digital magazines. Contents include an article on feeding native birds, the taipan snake, winemaking, our pearling industry, the Mitta

Mitta River, the migration of native species and the delivery of our food by farmers.

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Effective ecological monitoring (eBook and Book)

CSIRO Publishing, 2018

Long-term monitoring programs are fundamental to understanding the natural

environment and managing major environmental problems. This second edition of the highly acclaimed Effective Ecological Monitoring describes what makes monitoring programs successful and how to ensure that long-term monitoring studies persist.

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The impact of wildfire on an endangered reptile (Eulamprus leuraensis) in Australian montane swamps (Journal article)

International Journal of Wildland Fire Vol 27 No 5 2018

civilian inspectors with the basic information necessary to meet the job performance requirements (JPRs) of NFPA® 1031 for Level I and Level II Fire Inspectors. This trains trained individuals to verify that a locality adheres to locally adopted fire and life-safety standards for structural safety components in construction and renovations.

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Fire and emergency services company officer (Book)

IFSTA publication, 2014

This fifth edition details the training required of Company Officers according to NFPA®

1021, Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications, 2014 Edition. This manual addresses the wide range of topics and issues encountered by a company officer, from leadership and supervision to health and safety issues. Please contact the library to borrow this book.



Command and control: ICS, strategy development and tactical selections (Book)
The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of this US publication covers incident scene decision-making in depth; provides techniques to enhance a

firefighter's ability to make rapid, correct decisions based on knowledge of various types of occupancies; and addresses the development of strategy and tactics and the size-up process. This book presents the Incident Command System (ICS) from the perspective of day-to-day application.

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### **MENTAL HEALTH**

It's time to understand – and act – on wildland firefighter suicide (Magazine article)

Wildfire, April 2018

Mike DeGrosky discusses the prevalence of wildland firefighter suicide and suggests for leaders to open the dialogue on the topic, acknowledge the exposure of mental health factors affecting firefighters and provide social and peer support.

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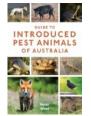
Individual and organizations factors associated with professional quality of life in Florida EMS personnel (Journal article)

International Journal of Emergency Services, Vol 7, no 2, 2018

Intense fire is a key threatening process for the endangered Blue Mountains water skink, Eulamprus leuraensis. This species is restricted to isolated, densely vegetated and waterlogged peat swamps in montane south-eastern Australia. The authors surveyed 11 swamps (5 unburnt, 6 burnt) over 2 years, before and after the intense spring bushfires of 2013, to quantify the fires' impacts on these skinks, other lizards and the habitat upon which they depend.

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### LAND MANAGEMENT



Guide to introduced pest animals of
Australia (eBook and Book)
CSIRO Publishing, 2018
Australia's introduced vertebrate pest
species cost at least \$1 billion annually in
economic, environmental and social
impacts. This is a comprehensive, practical

guide to 60 introduced pest animal species present in Australia. Each species profile is accompanied by practical management information, maps and high-quality photographs.

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### **HISTORY**



<u>Australian biocultural knowledge in southeastern Australia: perspectives of early colonists (Book)</u>

CSIRO Publishing, 2018

This is promoted as the first book to examine

historical records from early colonists who interacted with south-eastern Australian Aboriginal communities and documented their understanding of the environment, natural resources such as water and plant and animal foods, medicine and other aspects of their material world. This book provides a compelling case for the importance of understanding Indigenous knowledge, to inform discussions around climate change, biodiversity, resource management, health and education.

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Personnel who work in emergency medical services (EMS) face work environments which are high stress. These can lead to burnout, secondary traumatic stress (STS), and a reduction of compassion satisfaction (CS). However, very little is known about what individual and work factors influence these negative coping mechanisms in EMS personnel.

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Stress and Resilience in the Emergency Services (Online articles), 2018

A three part US series written by EMSWorld about mental health in first responders.

Part 1: What role does stress play in EMS? is found online here.

Part 2: How to harness stress and build resilience in the workplace is found online <u>here</u>.

Part 3: Getting to the roots of resilience is found online here.

How Leaders Can Prevent Post-Traumatic Stress
Disorder in Their Firefighters (Magazine article)
Fire Engineering Vol 171 No 4, Apr 2018
Leaders in the military, law enforcement, and the fire service hold influence over their subordinates: They prepare them, lead them through, and help them cope with potentially traumatic events (PTEs) in a way that points toward or prevents post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

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### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Senate Approves Firefighter Cancer Registry Act (US

News article)

Fire Engineering, 11th May 2018

The US Senate approved by unanimous consent H.R. 931, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act. The bipartisan legislation creates a specialized national registry to provide researchers and epidemiologists with the tools and resources needed to improve research collection activities related to the monitoring of cancer incidence among firefighters.

Read this article online using this Firefighting link.

**ICT** 

### **GENERAL**



Emergencies only: an Australian nurse's journey through natural disasters, extreme poverty, civil wars and general chaos (Book)
Recently awarded the Florence Nightingale medal by the International Committee of the

Red Cross for exceptional courage and devotion to victims of armed conflict and natural disasters, Amanda McClelland is a young Australian making big waves in the international aid world. This is her autobiography, Amanda started her career nursing in remote Aboriginal communities but later shifted her focus to public and emergency health.

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SAS urban survival handbook (Book) John Wiseman, 2018

According to the publisher's blurb on this book, the world is truly a frightening place! However, the SAS Urban Survival Guide will advise you to think practically about urban environments and offers tips and instructions

on how to avoid hazards wherever one goes. From self-defence techniques to home security systems to coping with natural disasters, this book teaches readers to recognise danger, make quick decisions, and live confidently in the modern world.

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Welcome to country: a travel guide to indigenous Australia (Book)

Tourism Australia statistics show that many overseas tourists, as well as Australians, are keen to learn more about Australia's first

peoples. And while the Indigenous tourism industry continues to grow, no comprehensive travel guide is currently available. Marcia Langton: Welcome to Country is a curated guidebook to Indigenous Australia and the Torres Strait Islands.

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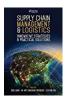
### **PCWorld** (*eMagazine*)

Added to our eMagazine collection for all library and NSW RFS members, this online magazine PCWorld offers jargon-free advice on new products, provides authoritative

analysis of technology news and trends, and gives practical tips on everything from troubleshooting Windows to securing wireless networks.

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### NFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT



<u>Supply Chain Management and Logistics :</u>
<u>Innovative Strategies and Practical Solutions</u> *(eBook)* 

Designed by practitioners for practitioners, this book provides a wide-spectrum resource on many different aspects involved in supply

chain management, including contemporary applications. With contributions from leading experts from all over the world, the book includes innovative strategies and practical solutions that address problems encountered by enterprise in management of supply chain and logistics. This <u>title link</u> allows NSW RFS Staff to open the eBook directly when at work. Volunteers and for those wishing to use the eBooks at home please <u>contact the library</u> for a password-embedded link or loan.



FM Facility Management (eMagazine)
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