It feels like 2020 announced itself with a bang: first the terrible bushfires and then the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

I believe that universities can make a real difference in times of crisis, especially a university like La Trobe that is so closely connected to the communities around us. You can read more about my thoughts on this in an opinion piece, which is included in the stories below. I hope it helps to generate some serious discussion about what our nation needs to do to respond to the emergency facing our planet.

I invite you to take a moment out from your own endeavours to connect with our research world through the stories we’ve curated below. I’m delighted to be able to share them with you.
Out-of-control blazes have killed a billion wild animals
Those remaining will struggle to survive in a scorched landscape, La Trobe’s Professor Michael Clarke tells Nature.

Identifying autism
Trials of new eye-tracking tech to support early diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder in kids.

Public health policies on alcohol and tobacco are reducing deaths
Random breath testing and bans on cigarette ads that have resulted in a reduction in death rates, La Trobe research shows.

Universities have vital role in times of crisis
Vice-Chancellor John Dewar’s opinion piece on the emergency facing our planet.

Only got a minute?
The environmental impact of bushfires can last half a century to a century. Watch our Impact Minute video to learn about our bushfire research.

Healing complex trauma
Study to help support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander parents in the first years of their children’s lives.
Every child needs phonics instruction to learn to read English. This is because English is a code-based language, with 44 speech sounds. Children must first learn to master the code to be successful readers. Is your resolution to start running? Can your running style affect your health or your speed? Read what our researchers say. A boost for research in the regions. Two La Trobe scientists based in Bendigo have won prestigious research grants.

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