



# AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Regional Development in a Changing World

Novotel Coffs Harbour Pacific Bay Resort  
11-12 September 2017

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

# 2017

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM DAY ONE - Monday 11 September 2017

8.00am - 8.45am	Registration with Arrival Tea and Coffee
<b>The Reef Room</b>	<b>Chair: Tony McBurney</b>
8.45am - 9.00am	<b>Welcome and Housekeeping</b>
9.00am - 9.30am	The importance of regional capital cities to the regional development agenda  <b>Cr Col Murray</b> , Deputy Chair, Regional Capitals Australia & Mayor, Tamworth Regional Council
9.30am - 10.00am	Bourke is not Byron Bay  <b>Ms Wendy Mason</b> , General Manager, Western Research Institute
10.00am - 10.30am	Agriculture: a growth engine for regional Australia  <b>Mr Will Rayner</b> , Chief Financial Officer, Rural Bank
10.30am - 11.00am	Morning Tea with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court
<b>The Reef Room</b>	<b>Chair: Tony McBurney</b>
11.00am - 11.30am	Making the trend your friend – regional population trends and how communities respond  <b>Mr Jack Archer</b> , CEO, Regional Australia Institute
11.30am - 12.00pm	Developing self-sustaining collaborative groups among Australian primary producer  <b>Ms Lorraine Gordon</b> , Program Director, Co-operatives and Collaboration Pilot Program (Farming Together)
12.00pm - 12.30pm	Will regional cities lead the transition to living one planet lifestyles?  <b>Ms Suzette Jackson</b> , Executive Director, Bioregional Australia
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court

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Each session incl 10 mins Q&A	Renewable Energy and Energy Supply	Planning and Building	Educational Development	Open Discussion
	Room: Marina Session Chair: Elizabeth Veitch	Room: Harbour Session Chair: Armando Mazzei	Room: Jetty Session Chair: Francine Rochford	Room: Crystal Session Chair: Kelly Wright
1.30pm - 2.00pm	<b>Distributed energy in regional communities: WWW - Creating the internet of power</b>  Mr Colin Gillam Major Projects Director, SSE Australia	<b>Don't waste your waste: Need for diverting construction waste from landfills in regional towns</b>  Dr Deepika Mathur Research Associate, Charles Darwin University	<b>Bridging the digital divide - rural universities and accessible higher education.</b>  Mr James Brann Director of Engagement and Strategic Practice Leader Transition, Charles Sturt University	<b>Creativity loves constraints!</b>  Mr Matthew Nichol Principal Economist, REMPLAN
2.02pm - 2.32pm	<b>Australian biomass for bioenergy assessment</b>  Ms Julie Bird External Research Manager, Rural Industries R&D Corporation	<b>Assessing regional vulnerability to build adaptive capacity</b>  Mr Malcolm Robertson Senior Project Officer, Office of Environment and Heritage	<b>Regional universities - Anchor institutions for city deals</b>  Dr Caroline Perkins Executive Director, Regional Universities Network	<b>Driving local economic development through City Council procurement</b>  Mr Glen Duff Senior Procurement Advisor Moreton Bay Regional Council
2.34pm - 3.04pm	<b>Meeting the challenges of implementing energy efficiency in a regional environment</b>  Mr Caoimhin Arden Director, Projects and Advisory Services, Energy Action Australia	<b>Speculative design and regional development: Three case studies on New Zealand's Kapiti Coast</b>  Dr Sam Keibell Senior Lecturer, Victoria University of Wellington	<b>Aboriginal Pathways - supporting participation and partnerships in education</b>  Ms Heather McGregor Director, Aboriginal Services - North, TAFE NSW Coffs Harbour  Mr David Roberts Manager, Aboriginal Education and Training, TAFE NSW Campbelltown	<b>Managing change from the board to the community</b>  Mr Craig Milburn Director Finance Corporate and Community Services, Shoalhaven City Council
3.05 pm - 3.30 pm Afternoon Tea with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court				

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Each session incl 10 mins Q&A	Renewable Energy and Energy Supply	Planning and Building	Building Sustainable Regions	Open Discussion
	Room: Marina Session Chair: Colin Gillam	Room: Harbour Session Chair: Sam Kebbell	Room: Jetty Session Chair: Noel Ferguson	Room: Crystal Session Chair: Melissa Kahler
3.30pm - 4.00pm	<b>Solar ... why not the Sunshine Coast</b>  Mr Greg Laverty Director Economic Development and Major Projects, Sunshine Coast Council	<b>Deciding to make a difference - Supporting remote Aboriginal communities to build culturally focused sustainable housing solutions</b>  Miss Kelly Wright Founder, Deciding to Make a Difference	<b>Agtech meets Fintech: blockchain and supply chains to revitalise agribusiness</b>  Mr Warwick Powell Chairman, Sister City Partners Limited	<b>Building a globally focussed tech business in regional NSW</b>  Mr David Gregory Entrepreneur, Xcursion
4.02pm - 4.32pm	<b>Identifying the most appropriate renewable energy options, as well as ways for councils to drive uptake and maximise local benefits</b>  Dr Rob Passey Senior Research Associate, ITP Renewables	<b>Rethinking regional economic development – innovative and diverse strategies to grow our regions</b>  Dr Michael Kane Director Innovation and Economic Strategies, Economic Development Queensland, Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning	<b>Gwydir Shire's circular economy initiative</b>  Mr Max Eastcott General Manager, Gwydir Shire Council	<b>Growing regional Australia through exports</b>  Mrs Leela Hanson Director Business Development SME, Efic
4.34pm - 5.04pm	<b>SERREE: Developing a collaborative renewable energy industry cluster on a regional scale to leverage economic development outcomes</b>  Ms Elizabeth Veitch Executive Director, Regional Development Australia ACT  Mr Craig Hanicek Project Manager, SERREE	<b>Micro homes: Trends and implications on the Gold Coast</b>  Dr Lynne Armitage Associate Professor Bond University	<b>Impacts and opportunities: Economic development and climate change</b>  Ms Narelle Martin Director, Regional Change Agency	<b>Broadband services for smarter, healthier and safer Australian communities</b>  Mr Andrew Findlay Executive Director, Vertel
5.05pm - 6:30pm	2017 Regional Development Innovation Awards and Conference Welcome Reception   Island Court			

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM DAY TWO - Tuesday 12 September 2017

8.30am - 9.00am Registration with Arrival Tea and Coffee				
Each session incl 10 mins Q&A	Engagement & Innovation	Community	Natural Resource Management	Open Discussion
	Room: Marina Session Chair: James Brann	Room: Harbour Session Chair: Kerry Grace	Room: Jetty Session Chair: Malcolm Robertson	Room: Crystal Session Chair: Mark Bennett
9.00am - 9.30am	<b>Inclusive communities make dollars and sense</b>  Mr John May Chief Adviser—Government Spinal Life Australia	<b>The importance of a sound third sector and its potential impact on regional social capital and the development of regional communities</b>  Dr Daisy William CEO, Strategic Enterprise Consulting Pty Ltd	<b>Application of remote sensing and social media to mitigate bushfire threat in regional Australia</b>  Dr Kithsiri Perera Lecturer, USQ	<b>The Regional Growth Strategy: An innovative model for strategic urban water planning</b>  Dr Andrew Manning Senior Manager Infrastructure Planning and Development, North East Water
9.32am - 10.02am	<b>Leadership: A new way of doing business</b>  Mrs Katrina Baddeley CEO, Victorian Regional Community Leadership Program Secretariat Inc	<b>Community-lead conflict resolution</b>  Ms Claire Flanagan-Smith Senior Consultant, RM Consulting Group	<b>Maintaining jobs in the regions despite job automation and climate change</b>  Mr Noel Ferguson Economic Development Manager, Wingecarribee Shire Council	<b>Funding our regions - Successful stories of infrastructure funding in regional towns with developers contributions plans</b>  Mr Armando Mazzei Associate, SGS Economics & Planning Pty Ltd
10.04am - 10.34am	<b>Engaging a community to benefit an industry</b>  Mrs Merran Socha Business and Industry Liason, Berrigan Shire Council	<b>The economic importance of early intervention for regional Australia</b>  Ms Lindsay Cane CEO, Royal Far West	<b>Building skills with concrete results for nation building</b>  Mr Ron Wright Project Director, Civil Construction and Infrastructure, TAFE NSW Kingswood	<b>Population change in regional Australia - 2016 Census</b>  Mr Glenn Capuano Demographer, .id (the population experts)
10.35am - 11.00am Morning Tea with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court				

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	<b>Room:</b> Marina <b>Session Chair:</b> Kerry Grace	<b>Room:</b> Harbour <b>Session Chair:</b> Alex Smith Conference Session is proudly sponsored by: 	<b>Room:</b> Jetty <b>Session Chair:</b> Andrew Manning	<b>Room:</b> Crystal <b>Session Chair:</b> Glenn Capuano
11.00am - 11.30am	<b>Why good town branding equals good economics: The real world social and economic benefits of effective placemaking and meaningful branding</b>  Mr Andrew Hoyne Founder and Principal, Hoyne	<b>Inside-Out Coworking: A new model of community engagement for economic development</b>  Mr Tim Ford Founder, Cohoots Coworking	<b>Lake Bolac Sewage Treatment Wetland - A success story for passive and sustainable waste water treatment and Reuse</b>  Mr Thomas Schwarten Business Development Manager, Principal Environmental Restoration, Syrinx Environmental PL	<b>NSW Department of Primary Industries: Right to farm policy implementation</b>  Mrs Melissa Kahler Agricultural Land Use Planning, NSW Department of Primary Industries
11.32am - 12.02pm	<b>The role of philanthropy in creating strong local economies</b>  Ms Jacki Dimond NSW Manager, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal	<b>Building rubber ball economies: Entrepreneurship-led resilience for sustainable regional economic development</b>  Mr Peter Morris Principal, Telesis Consulting	<b>What happens when the water leaves? Sustaining water infrastructure in a marketised system</b>  Dr Francine Rochford Senior Lecturer, Director of Learning and Teaching, La Trobe University	<b>AgTech, defining farming's future</b>  Mr Mark Bennett Head of Agribusiness and Emerging Corporate, Regional Australia, ANZ
12.04pm - 12.34pm	<b>Community IoT Networks: How the internet of things is transforming regions and enabling truly connected communities</b>  Ms Catherine Caruana-McManus Director - Sales & Strategy Meshed	<b>CSIRO Regional Strategic Foresight Project</b>  Ms Maxine Loynd Director - Regional Development Policy, Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development	<b>Sustainable water supply for capital constrained communities</b>  Mr Clint Bruin Principal, ResTech	<b>Is the last plane out of Sydney almost gone? Aviation and regional development in New South Wales</b>  Mr Tim Smith Urban Planner, JBA
12.35pm - 1.30 pm	LUNCH with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court			

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<b>Room: The Reef Room</b>	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
1.30pm—3.04pm	Leaders of regional Australia: Disrupting and rethinking our approach to the regions  <b>Mr Matt Linnegar</b> , Chief Executive, Australian Rural Leadership Foundation <b>Mr Jack Archer</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Regional Australia Institute <b>Ms Robbie Sefton</b> , Managing Director, Seftons <b>Dr Scott Davis</b> , Former Director, Greater Northern Australia Regional Training Network
3.04pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon Tea with Exhibitors and Poster Presentations   Island Court
<b>Room: The Reef Room</b>	<b>Chair: Tony McBurney</b>
3.30 pm - 4.00 pm	Developing an entrepreneurial eco-system  <b>Ms Kerry Anderson</b> , Director, KA Rural Enterprises
4.00 pm - 4.30 pm	The determinants and consequences of regional migration in Australia: Identifying the issues  <b>Professor John Hicks</b> , School of Accounting and Finance and Institute for Land Water & Society, Charles Sturt University
4.30 pm - 5.00 pm	Sticky Money – How co-operatives support regional development  <b>Ms Melina Morrison</b> , CEO, Business Council of Co-operatives and Mutuals
5.00 pm - 5.15 pm	<b>Conference Close</b> Prize Draw: Complimentary registration to the 2018 Australian Regional Development Conference

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Bullying and how you as leaders impact on its outcome

**Ms Maureen Kyne**, Founder / Director, Maureen Kyne & Associates

Gympie Gold Regional Produce - Ripe for the picking

**Mrs Lynne Wilbraham**, Manager, Economic Development, Gympie Regional Council

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