

# Australia Regional Development Conference

Where to from here? Economic| Planning| Environment| Community Development

Day 1: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014

<b>8.00 - 8.45am</b>		<b>Registration</b>			
8.45 - 9.00am	<b>Conference Open</b> - Cr Kevin Mack, Mayor AlburyCity				
9.00 - 9.30am	<b>Regional Development and Regional Universities - Light At The End Of The Tunnel?</b> Professor Andrew Vann, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Sturt University				
9.30 - 10.00am	<b>How we achieve economic, social and environment value through resilient regional strategies</b> Professor John Cole, Executive Director, Institute for Resilient Regions, University of Southern Queensland				
10.00 - 10.30am	<b>Building Economic Resilience in Regional Australia</b> Mr Innes Willox, CEO, Ai Group				
<b>10.30 - 11.00am</b>		<b>Morning Tea</b>			
11.00 - 11.30am	<b>Supporting Dynamic and Sustainable Socio-Environmental Systems: Realities, Challenges and Opportunities with the Murray-Darling Basin Water Plan</b> Professor Max Finlayson, Professor for Ecology & Biodiversity, Director, Institute for Land, Water & Society, Charles Sturt University				
11.30 - 12.00pm	<b>Biomass Comes of Age-The crucial new feedstock into our complex but carbon constrained industrial economy</b> Mr Mark Glover, Principal, Renewed Carbon				
12.00 - 12.30pm	<b>Inclusion is a Better Strategy than Condescension: Innovative Regional Cities Embrace Their Region</b> Associate Professor Trevor Budge AM, Manager, Strategy - City of Greater Bendigo and La Trobe University				
<b>12.30 - 1.30pm</b>		<b>Lunch</b>			
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1.30 – 2.00pm	<p><b>Shining a light on sustainability and supply chain in Australia - including those in rural and regional areas</b></p> <p><b>Ms Tania Crosbie</b> Director The Crosbie Collective</p>	<p><b>Reflections on Good Regional Cities</b></p> <p><b>Mr Stephen Smith</b> Associate Deicke Richards</p>	<p><b>Ensuring the 'right fit': International Migration and Regional Australia</b></p> <p><b>Miss Morgan Rennie</b> Policy Researcher The Regional Australia Institute</p>	<p><b>Collaboration in the Visitor Economy: The new world order for regional tourism</b></p> <p><b>Mr Graham Perry</b> CEO Inland NSW</p>
2.02 – 2.32pm	<p><b>Managing Change in Dairy Regions: resilience</b></p> <p><b>Dr Margaret Ayre</b> Research Fellow The University of Melbourne</p>	<p><b>Making Places in Regional Centres</b></p> <p><b>Mr Paul de Podolinsky</b> Partner Gray Puksand</p>	<p><b>The transformative power of a rural arts festival: a case study</b></p> <p><b>Ms Merrill Findlay</b> PhD Candidate University of Canberra</p>	<p><b>Nexus and Ettamogah Rail Hub</b></p> <p><b>Mr Bernd Neubauer</b> Team Leader Economic Development AlburyCity</p>
2.34 – 3.04pm	<p><b>Carbon Trading in Regional Australia - For Productivity, Profit and to Protect the Future</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Louisa Kiely</b> Director Carbon Farmers of Australia</p>	<p><b>The importance of reliable transport options in rural areas</b></p> <p><b>Mr Max Eastcott</b> General Manager/Secretary Gwydir Shire/Australian Rural Road Group</p>	<p><b>Developing community leaders has a positive economic and social benefit for all Victorians</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Katrina Baddeley</b> Executive Officer Victorian Regional Community Leadership Program</p>	<p><b>The Phoenix Rises – Margaret River Surfers Point Case Study</b></p> <p><b>Mr Gary Evershed</b> CEO Shire of Augusta Margaret River</p>
<b>3.04 – 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>			
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<p>3.30 – 4.00pm</p>	<p><b>Developing municipal scale strategy and practical action to support community response to climate change impacts</b></p> <p><b>Mr Bruce Thompson</b> Director Major Projects Moreland Energy Foundation Ltd</p>	<p><b>RACV’s ‘Growing Pains in Regional Victoria’ Advocacy Campaign</b></p> <p><b>Ms Sarah Mahmoud</b> Senior Public Transport and Mobility Officer RACV</p>	<p><b>The best light - Creating a unique brand for regional Australia</b></p> <p><b>Ms Bronwen Clark</b> Managing Director Thriving Regions</p>	<p><b>Regional Economic Development Showcased in the Wide Bay Burnett Region</b></p> <p><b>Ms Peta Jamieson</b> Priority Projects Officer Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils</p>
<p>4.02 – 4.32pm</p>	<p><b>A Socio-Economic, Sustainable, Regional Development Program</b></p> <p><b>Mr Ken Johnson</b> President The Gloucester Project</p>	<p><b>A shopping mall ate my main street</b></p> <p><b>Mr Mike Cullen</b> Director Urbacity <b>Mr Tim Corcoran</b> Senior Urban Designer, JBA</p>	<p><b>Murray Living: an argument for the future of creative industries in regional communities</b></p> <p><b>A/Prof Margaret Woodward</b> Associate Dean (Research) Faculty of Arts Charles Sturt University</p>	<p><b>Reviving the Regions - Karratha, Kalgoorlie and Beyond</b></p> <p><b>Mr Stuart Nahajski</b> General Manager Regional South LandCorp</p>
<p>4.34 – 5.04pm</p>	<p><b>Where to from here for Griffith City Council?</b></p> <p><b>Dr Neil Southorn</b> Director Sustainable Development Griffith City Council</p>	<p><b>Central Highlands Flood Study and Plan – The need to do something differently</b></p> <p><b>Dr Haydn Betts</b> Manager Water Resources Queensland Kellogg Brown &amp; Root</p>	<p><b>Grow or wither on the vine: Innovation and partnership in regional VET provision</b></p> <p><b>Ms Kerry Penton</b> Institute Director TAFE NSW - Riverina Institute</p> <p><b>Ms Linda Spurr</b> General Manager Learning Academy Airservices</p>	<p><b>Stawell- a hole in the ground proves a whole lot more - An Economic Development Journey</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Amanda Western</b> Team Leader Strategic Projects Northern Grampians Shire Council</p> <p><b>Mr Greg Little</b> Manager Community Development, Strategic Projects Northern Grampians Shire Council</p>

7.00pm

**CONFERENCE DINNER (including The Regional Innovation Award Ceremony)**

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**Day 2: Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014**

**8.30 - 9.00am Registration**

9.00 - 9.30am	<b>Promoting Local Innovation: entrepreneurship, ideas, funding and mutual support</b> Adjunct Professor Tony Sorensen, School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences, University of New England				
9.30 - 10.00am	<b>Link between philanthropy and community development in rural and regional Australia</b> Ms Alexandra Gartman, CEO, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal				
10.00 - 10.30am	<b>Connecting Regional Australia with Cost Effective Wireless Networks</b> Dr Hajime Suzuki, Project Leader, Rural Broadband Access Project, Digital Productivity Flagship, CSIRO				
<b>10.30 - 11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>				
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11.00 - 11.30am	<b>Achieving Sustainable Regional Cities Through The 2020 Vision</b>  <b>Mr Robert Prince</b> CEO Nursery & Garden Industry Australia	<b>The Pilbara - a Region in Transformation</b>  <b>Ms Felicity Gilbert</b> A/ Chief Executive Officer Pilbara Development Commission	<b>Organised sport in rural and regional areas: Ways to address declining participation</b>  <b>Ms Claire Flanagan-Smith</b> Senior Consultant RM Consulting Group (RMCG)	<b>The challenges of having tomorrow's agriculture workforce: a story from cotton regions</b>  <b>Dr Jennifer Moffatt</b> Research Fellow University of Melbourne	<b>The Miles Community Investment Plan - Crowd Sourcing or Community Leadership?</b>  <b>Miss Leila Collins</b> Associate Director Urbis Pty Ltd <b>Ms Kylie Bourne</b> Project Working Group

					Member Miles Chamber of Commerce
11.32 - 12.02pm	<p><b>Tidy Towns: Redefining Tidy</b></p> <p><b>Mr Peter McLean</b> CEO Keep Australia Beautiful National Association</p>	<p><b>Revival and survival of regional towns: case studies in Tasmania</b></p> <p><b>Dr Helen Norrie</b> Lecturer University of Tasmania</p>	<p><b>The direction of education and training in rural/regional areas</b></p> <p><b>Ms Cathy McGowan</b> Federal Member for Indi Independent member of Parliament</p>	<p><b>Resourcing small towns to take stock and work towards their desired future- Transitioning Towns Tool Box</b></p> <p><b>Ms Carolyn Wallace</b> Director Sustainable Communities Mount Alexander Shire Council</p>	<p><b>Engaging with Communities and Stakeholders for Growth in our Regions</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Michelle Blicavs</b> CEO IAP2 Australasia</p>
12.04 - 12.34pm	<p><b>Non-Equivalent Groups Design Evaluation Methods: an application to the Central Victoria Solar City program</b></p> <p><b>Prof Keir Reeves</b> Professor of Regional Engagement &amp; Director CRIC Federation University Australia</p> <p><b>Mr David Lynch</b> Research Fellow, CRIC Federation University Australia</p>	<p><b>A long term sustainable approach to the preservation of rural areas through higher density residential development</b></p> <p><b>Mr Leon Eyck</b> Director DE atelier Architects</p>	<p><b>Migration of young people in regional Australia</b></p> <p><b>Mr Glenn Capuano</b> Demographer id consulting</p>	<p><b>The economic and social benefits of integrated workplace learning to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise in regional NSW</b></p> <p><b>Mrs Jennifer Weller</b> Managing Director Lecturer, Deputy Chair Creativeworkz, CSU RDA Murray</p>	<p><b>A National Sustainability Program for Local Government: One Planet Councils</b></p> <p><b>Mr Edward Cotter</b> Managing Director BioRegional Australia</p>
<b>12.34 - 1.30pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>				

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1.30 - 2.00pm	<p><b>The State of Waste</b></p> <p><b>Ms Roslyn Florie George</b> Manager Commercial Projects &amp; Analytics MRA Consulting</p>	<p><b>Mildura Riverfront Redevelopment - A Case Study</b></p> <p><b>Ms Victoria Sharp</b> Senior Principal Tract Consultants Pty Ltd</p>	<p><b>Developing an Integrated Aged Care Solution in Regional Australia - opportunities and challenges of a rapidly ageing population</b></p> <p><b>Mr Doug Faircloth</b> Director Verso Consulting</p>	<p><b>The importance of mobile coverage and competition in regional Australia</b></p> <p><b>Mr Matthew Lobb</b> General Manager Public Policy Vodafone</p>	<p><b>Taking Action on Climate Change through the Low Carbon Economy</b></p> <p><b>Mr Matt Dyson</b> General Manager The Carbon Reduction Institute</p>
2.02 - 2.32pm	<p><b>Overcoming the tyranny of regional waste management costs - challenges and opportunities for restorative and sustainable resource management</b></p> <p><b>Mr Bill Grant</b> Director and Principal Environmental Scientist Blue Environment</p>	<p><b>Smaller Settlements in Victoria: Roles, Functions and Futures</b></p> <p><b>Mr James Larmour-Reid</b> Director Planisphere</p>	<p><b>Murrumbidgee Homelessness Action Plan Project ; Regional Development Australia - Murray</b></p> <p><b>Ms Sherri Makepeace</b> Murrumbidgee Homelessness Action Plan Project Mana Regional Development Australia - Murray</p>	<p><b>The Impacts of the Digital Enterprise Program in the Wagga Wagga community</b></p> <p><b>Ms Naomi Stuart</b> Manager Economic Development &amp; Visitor Economy Wagga Wagga City Council</p> <p><b>Ms Amy Geach</b> Director, Riverina Hand Therapy &amp; Maida Learning</p>	<p><b>Utilising Social Inclusion Programs to Develop Land &amp; Environment Enterprises in Regional &amp; Remote Australia</b></p> <p><b>Mr Christopher Andrew</b> Manager - Land &amp; Environment Angus Knight</p>

2.34 - 3.04pm	<b>Building Australia's Community Energy Sector</b>	<b>Libraries – the Architecture of Inclusive Community Connections</b>	<b>Waste Not want Not – A Rural Communities Response to Hunger Relief and Waste Reduction</b>	<b>Pathways to prosperity: using integrated information to uncover the potential of Australia’s regional cities</b>	<b>Leveraging Economic Benefit aligned to the New Bendigo Hospital Innovative Approaches to Maximise Local Engagement &amp; Attract Health Sector Investment</b>
	<b>Mr Adam Blakester</b> Executive Director Starfish Initiatives	<b>Mr Joshua Wheeler</b> Director MGS Architects	<b>Ms Penny Davies</b> Community Development Officer Carrathool Shire Council	<b>Ms Fiona McKenzie</b> Manager Regional Analysis, Dept Transport, Planning and Local Infrastructure	<b>Ms Leah Sertori</b> Business Broker City of Greater Bendigo
<b>3.04 - 3.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>				
3.30 - 4.30pm	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Future of Regions</b>  <b>Facilitator:</b> Professor Kate Auty, Vice Chancellor's Fellow, University of Melbourne; Chair of NRLJA Board; Chair of MSSSI (UoM) advisory board; Chair of NeCTAR advisory board; Member AURIN advisory board</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> Ms Karen Corr, Executive Director, Make a Change Australia  Mr Nigel Harrison, Supply Director, Mars Petcare Australia/New Zealand  Mr Matthew Storey, Chief Executive Officer, Native Title Services Victoria</p>				
4.30pm	<b>Close of Conference</b>				

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – Optional Workshops**

<b>8.30 – 9.00am</b>			<b>Registration</b>		
9.00 – 10.30am	<b>Workshop A Economic Development Stanley Room A</b>		<b>Workshop B Community Development Stanley Room B</b>		
	<b>Regional Skilling Solutions – The AgriFood National Regional Initiatives program</b>		<b>Growing Leaders – Building a Success Story of Capacity Growth for Your Region and/or Industry</b>		
	<b>Ms Anwen Lovett</b> Chief Executive Officer AgriFood Skills Australia		<b>Ms Jill Briggs</b> Managing Director, Rural Training Initiatives		
<b>10.30 – 11.00am</b>			<b>Morning Tea</b>		
11.00 – 12.30pm	<b>Workshop C Planning and Building Stanley Room A</b>		<b>Workshop D Community Development Stanley Room B</b>		
	<b>Managing Major Projects - Integrating culture, strategy and project management</b>		<b>Voices for Indi – Building participatory democracy in regional Australia</b>		
	<b>Mr Tim Dunlop</b> Managing Director, Regional Management Group		<b>Ms Alana Johnson</b> President, Voices for Indi Inc		
	<b>Ms Julie Green</b> Associate Regional Management Group				



## **POSTER PRESENTERS**

### **Operation Next Gen**

Ms Kerry Anderson, Projects Manager, Community Leadership Loddon Murray Inc., VIC

### **Public participation in planning in NSW: Resilient evolution or relapse?**

Dr Lynne Armitage, Associate Professor of Urban Development, Faculty of Society and Design, Bond University, QLD

Prof John Sheehan, Adjunct Professor, University of Technology Sydney, NSW

### **Planning for ageing in coastal settlements - What should we be planning for now and what does the future hold?**

Ms Carmel Boyce, Director, Equity Justice Access, VIC

### **An Open-Source Tool for Identifying Industry Clusters: A Demonstration in the Northwest Corridor of Melbourne, Australia**

Mr Matthew Budahazy, Research Assistant, The University of Melbourne, VIC

Dr Jennifer Day, The University of Melbourne , Dr Sophie Sturup, Birmingham University, Associate Professor Chris Pettit, The University of Melbourne

### **Mountain biking: an opportunity to enhance economic development in Australian rural areas?**

Prof Shelley Burgin, Professor of Environmental Sciences, Bond University, QLD

Dr Nigel Hardiman, Director, Top Education Institute

### **Designing and Planning Beach Precincts**

Mr Nigel Cartlidge, Doctoral Candidate, Bond University, QLD

### **Online 'learning while earning' for regional students equals sustainable communities**

Mrs Kaye Clark, Lecturer, Central Queensland University, QLD

Doctor Louise Hawkins-Waters, Lecturer, Central Queensland University

### **It's time to invest in our local changemakers**

Mrs Karen Corr, Executive Director, Make a Change Australia, VIC

### **Delivering an MBA in regional Victoria - A unique multi-campus approach**

Prof Amalia Di Iorio, MBA Director, La Trobe University, VIC

Professor Richard Speed, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional), La Trobe University

### **The growing influence of party politics into NSW local government and the division between rural and city governance.**

Mr Max Eastcott, General Manager, Gwydir Shire Council, NSW

### **A partnership approach strengthens planning to reduce social isolation in elders in rural Victoria**

Ms Emma Ghys, Health Promotion Officer, Alpine Health, VIC

### **Healthy Food Connect- Central Hume Primary Care Partnership (CHPCP)**

Ms Emma Ghys, Health Promotion Officer, Alpine Health, VIC

Ms Kathryn McQualter, Dietician/Health Promotion, Benalla Health

Ms Monique Hillenaar, Health Promotion Officer, Ovens and King Community Health Service

### **The role of Local Government in the transition to sustainable communities**

Dr Michelle Graymore, Senior Research Fellow, Federation University Australia, VIC

Dr Imogen Schwarz, Federation University Australia

### **Events as boosters of the regional economy**

Prof Wim Heijman, Professor of Regional Economics, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

### **Building stronger links between agriculture and rural communities – learning from the “strengthening small dairy communities’ project”**

A/Prof Ruth Nettle, Leader, Rural Innovation Research Group, University of Melbourne, VIC

Ms Jeanette White, Project Researcher, University of Melbourne

Ms Rikki Andrews, Program Manager, Community and People Development, Geoffrey Gardiner Foundation

Mr Ned Dennis, Manager, Community Strengthening, South Gippsland Shire Council

### **Rural communities and the "food boom" opportunity: the governance challenge**

Mr Michael Santhanam-Martin, PhD Candidate, Department of Agriculture and Food Systems, VIC

A/Prof Ruth Nettle, Leader, Rural Innovation Research Group

### **What happens when we un-plug: research into the viability of stand alone power infrastructure**

Mr Tosh Szatow, Director, Energy for the People

### **Where to from here: regional art galleries in the Riverina/Murray**

Mr Raymond Wholohan, PhD Candidate, Charles Sturt University, NSW