

## Program Overview

Monday 18 October

Pre-conference Workshop Program

09:30 – 16:30	Regional Development Australia Professional Development Workshop Guest Speakers: <i>Chair:</i> Assoc Prof. Jeremy Buultjens, Director, Regional Futures Institute, Southern Cross University <i>What is Regionalism: diversity and its implications</i> Prof. Brian Dollery, Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Local Government, University of New England <i>Social Inclusion: reality and rhetoric</i> Mr. Martin Hawson, General Manager, Community, Mildura Rural City Council <i>What are the 'big ideas' for regional development that you can deliver in your region now?</i> Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Consultant, AECgroup <i>Discussion Opening: Sunshine Coast water project</i> Cr. Debbie Blumel, Major Projects Portfolio, Sunshine Coast Regional Council	Jupiters Townsville
17:30 - 19:30	Welcome Cocktails	Museum of Tropical Queensland
18:00 - 18:15	Official Welcome to Country	
19:45 - 21:30	Pre-Conference Dinner	Townsville Brewery

Tuesday 19 October

Regions Delivering a Big Australia

07:30 - 08:30	BUSINESS BREAKFAST <i>Guest Speaker</i> Cr. Les Tyrell OAM, Mayor of Townsville	Jupiters Townsville The Pavilion
08:45 - 12:30	PLENARY PROGRAM REGIONAL AUSTRALIA: the big agenda <i>Chair:</i> Mr. Trevor Goldstone, CEO, Townsville Enterprise Limited	Jupiters Townsville Ballroom 1
08:45 - 08:50	<i>Opening Remarks</i> Ms. Kate Charters, Convenor	
08:50 - 09:00	<i>Welcome Message</i> The Hon. Simon Crean MP, Minister for the Arts and Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government	
09:00 - 09:25	<i>The Contribution Migration Makes to Regional Australia</i> Mr. Mark Cully, Chief Economist, Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship	
09:25 - 09:50	<i>Capital Flows In and Out of Regions</i> Assoc Prof. Paul McLeod, Associate Professor of Economics, Business School, University of Western Australia	
09:50 - 10:15	<i>Global and National Sustainability Challenges: how big should Australia be?</i> Dr. Graham Turner, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems	
10:15 - 10:30	Panel Session	

10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA	
	REGIONAL ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE	
11:00 - 11:20	<i>Maritime Australia: links to regional Australia</i> Assoc Prof. Marcus Haward, School of Government and Antarctic Climate and Ecosystems CRC, University of Tasmania	
11:20 - 11:40	<i>Regional Governance Arrangements: local service provision and shared service models</i> Prof. Brian Dollery, Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Local Government, University of New England	
11:40 - 12:00	<i>Innovative Regional Planning: G21 Geelong Region Alliance</i> Ms. Elaine Carbines, CEO, G21 Geelong Region Alliance	
12:00 - 12:30	<i>Growth Management in Queensland</i> The Hon. Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier of Queensland and Minister for Health	
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH	<b>The Pavilion</b>
13:30 - 15:30	CONCURRENT SESSIONS	See next page for details
15:30 - 16:00	AFTERNOON TEA	
16:00 - 17:00	<i>Advancing the Regional Policy Agenda</i> Chair: Assoc Prof. Geoff Cockfield, Founding Member of <i>SEGRA</i> , Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland	
	<b>Panellists:</b> Mr. Paul Bini, Director, Government Relations Australia Advisory Pty Ltd Ms. Elaine Carbines, CEO, G21 Geelong Region Alliance Prof. Andrew Vann, Senior Deputy Vice-Chancellor, James Cook University Mr. John-Paul Langbroek MP, Leader of the LNP and Leader of the Opposition Assoc. Prof. Paul McLeod, Associate Professor of Economics, Business School, University of Western Australia Cr. Les Tyrell OAM, Mayor of Townsville	
17:15 - 18:15	HAPPY HOUR	<b>The Australian Hotel</b>
19:00 - 22:00	NETWORKING DINNER	<b>Rydges Southbank Townsville</b>

## Tuesday 19 October / Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

SESSIONS		13:30 - 14:00	14:00 - 14:30	14:30 - 15:00	15:00 - 15:30
Coral Sea	<b>SESSION 1: Managing Natural Resources</b>	<p>Prof. John Hicks Professor of Economics, School of Business, Charles Sturt University</p> <p><i>Transformational Change in Climate Change Impacted Regions</i></p>	<p>Ms. Robyn Adams Chair, Committee, Desert Uplands Committee</p> <p><i>The Desert Uplands: succeeding with bioregional deliverance</i></p>	<p>Mr. Dean Barr, Consultant, Integrated Coastal Management Services Pty Ltd and Assoc Prof. Peter Waterman RFD, University of the Sunshine Coast</p> <p><i>An Assessment Framework for Decentralised Sustainable Water Provision for Regional Australia</i></p>	<p>Ms. Sandy Robinson Masters Scholar, Fenner School of Environment &amp; Society, Australian National University</p> <p><i>Global Food Security: understanding complexity, trends and action</i></p>
Ballroom 3	<b>SESSION 2: Regional Planning</b>	<p>Mr. Bill Millard Director City Growth, Warrnambool City Council</p> <p><i>"FastTrack or slow circuitous route?": pitfalls in changing land use to cater for economic development</i></p>	<p>Mr. Jody O'Kane Coordinator Business Development, Economic Sustainability, Latrobe City Council</p> <p><i>Establishing the Gippsland Logistics Precinct</i></p>	<p>Ms. Claire Penniceard Owner, The Pig Pen Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>A Proven Solution to Contested Economic Development Issues Regarding Land Use, Resources and Sustainability</i></p>	<p>Mr. David Welsby, Executive Director (Strategy Development), Integrated Transport Planning Division, Transport and Main Roads, Qld Government</p> <p><i>Supporting growth and the Queensland Regionalisation Strategy: delivering the next generation of Integrated Regional Transport Plans</i></p>
Ballroom 1	<b>SESSION 3: Approaches to Regional Development</b>	<p>Assoc Prof. Jeremy Buultjens Director, Regional Futures Institute, Southern Cross University</p> <p><i>An Analysis of Regional Development Models and their Contribution to Sustainable Regions</i></p>	<p>Mr. Michael Campbell Senior Consultant, Economics, Planning and Development, AECgroup Ltd</p> <p><i>Regionalism in Australia: a growing movement</i></p>	<p>Prof. David Adams Social Inclusion Commissioner Tasmania / Professor of Management, University of Tasmania</p> <p><i>Planning Reforms: the missing link in regional development</i></p>	<p>Assoc Prof. Geoff Cockfield Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland</p> <p><i>Governing a Hollow Country</i></p>
Ballroom 2	<b>SESSION 4: Regionalism</b>	<p>Mr. Andrew Manning Project Manager - Hume Strategy, Community Engagement, Department Planning &amp; Community Development</p> <p><i>The Hume Strategy for Sustainable Communities: an innovative engagement model for integrated regional strategic planning</i></p>	<p>Cr. Debbie Blumel, Major Projects Portfolio, Sunshine Coast Regional Council and Assoc Prof. Peter Waterman RFD, University of the Sunshine Coast</p> <p><i>The Community Water Company: delivering climate change adapted sustainable water services to regional communities</i></p>	<p>Mr. Richard Katter, Head, Economics, Strategy and Research, THG</p> <p><i>What is Liveability and Why is it Important?</i></p>	<p>Mr. Robert Prestipino Director, Vital Places Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>NQ3 Enterprise Strategy: new agenda for sustainable regions</i></p>
Sunrise	<b>SESSION 5: Social Capital in the Spotlight</b>	<p>Mrs. Lynne De Weaver Member and Secretary, RDA-NR and Principal, De Weaver Marketing Group</p> <p><i>The Role of Effective Community Engagement in Regional Development</i></p>	<p>Ms. Julie Mann Research Worker, Sustainable Regional Development Programme, Centre for Environmental Management, CQUniversity</p> <p><i>Accessibility of Family Services in Queensland Mining Towns: a case study of Middlemount</i></p>	<p>Dr. Susan Kinnear Senior Research Officer, Sustainable Regional Development Programme, Centre for Environmental Management, CQUniversity</p> <p><i>Climate Change Resource Boom and Coastal Housing in Queensland: an overview</i></p>	<p>Mr. Gary Rebgetz Past Chairman, Campervan &amp; Motorhome Club of Australia Ltd</p> <p><i>The Economic Benefits of Grey Nomads for Big Australia</i></p>

Wednesday 20 October

Economic Drivers & Regional Australia

07:30 - 08:30	<p><b>BUSINESS BREAKFAST</b>  <i>Guest Speaker:</i>  <i>Incentives: how to entice business and create value at the local level</i>            Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Consultant, Economics, Planning and Development, AECgroup Ltd</p>	Jupiters Townsville
08:45 - 12:30	<p><b>PLENARY PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>REGIONAL AUSTRALIA: key issues for growing your region</b></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Mr. Peter Mellor, Executive Regional Director - North, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation</p>	Jupiters Townsville Ballroom 1
08:45 - 09:10	<p><i>Communities: the challenges of change</i>            Ms. Dorte Ekelund, Executive Director, Major Cities Unit, Department of Infrastructure and Transport</p>	
09:10 - 09:30	<p><i>Connecting with Customers in Remote and Regional Communities</i>            Mr. Jim Chisholm, Executive General Manager, Energy Sustainability and Market Development, Ergon Energy</p>	
09:30 - 09:50	<p><i>Primary Production, Land and Water: opportunities for expansion in Northern Australia</i>            Dr Peter Stone, Deputy Chief, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences</p>	
09:50 - 10:10	<p><i>Community in Regional Centres: a defence perspective</i>            Lieutenant Colonel John Hathaway, Australian Defence Force</p>	
10:10 - 10:30	<p><i>Meeting the Challenges of Queensland's Regionalisation Strategy</i>            Mr. Ian Fletcher, Director General, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation</p>	
10:30 - 11:00	<p><b>MORNING TEA</b></p> <p><b>REGIONAL AUSTRALIA: Indigenous Economic Development</b></p>	
11:00 - 11:20	<p><i>Building Indigenous Business Capability in Remote Communities</i>            Ms. Kaely Woods, Deputy CEO, Indigenous Business Australia</p>	
11:20 - 11:50	<p><i>Emerging Indigenous Business Models</i>  <b>PANEL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>            Mr. Brian Arnold, CEO, North Queensland Small Business Development Centre            Mr. Brad Foster, Director and Business Manager, Northern Project Consulting            Cr. Alf Lacey, Mayor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council,            Mr. Erik Oates, Business Lending and Support Officer, Indigenous Business Australia</p>	
11:50-12:30	<p><i>Advancing the Agenda for Regional Australia</i>            Mr. Geoff Cockfield, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland</p>	
12:30 - 13:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:30 - 15:30	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</b>	See next page for details
15:30 - 16:00	<b>AFTERNOON TEA</b>	
16:00 - 16:20	<p><b>CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN REGIONAL AUSTRALIA</b>  <i>Business Government and Community Partnerships in Action</i>            Mr. Basil Ahyick, Chief Financial Officer, Queensland Nickel Pty Ltd</p>	
16:20 - 17:00	Conference Close and Announcement of <i>SEGRA 2011</i> Host Region	
17:00 - 18:00	<b>HAPPY HOUR</b>	Jupiters Townsville
19:00 - 22:00	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER</b>	Jupiters Townsville

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<b>Ballroom 1</b>	<b>SESSION 1: Regional Development Strategies</b>	<p>Cr. Rod Macdonald Portfolio for Economic Development, Mayor and Councillors Office, City of Greater Geelong</p> <p><i>Generating Regional Employment</i></p>	<p>Mr. Chris Buckingham Chief Executive, Destination Melbourne</p> <p><i>Driving Dispersal: can touring bridge the city versus country divide?</i></p>	<p>Mr. Ted Burling Project Officer/Network Development Officer, RAPAD/DKA Outback Business Networks, Remote Area Planning and Development Board</p> <p><i>Outback Business Networks: delivering to a big Australia from the desert and semi- desert regions</i></p>	<p>Mrs. Katrina Houghton Economic Development Officer, Economic Development, Cairns Regional Council</p> <p><i>The Cairns Economy: our commitment to sustainable growth</i></p>
<b>Ballroom 2</b>	<b>SESSION 2: Sustainable Regions</b>	<p>Mr. Roy Ramage Economic Development Officer, Planning and Regulatory Services, City Of Victor Harbor</p> <p><i>Can Regional Councils be Energy Producers?</i></p>	<p>Ms Stephanie Hunt, Communications Manager, Townsville Queensland Solar City, Ergon Energy</p> <p><i>Sustainable Behavioural Change: insights from the Townsville Solar City project</i></p>	<p>Dr. Susan Kinnear Senior Research Officer, Sustainable Regional Development Programme, Centre for Environmental Management, CQUniversity and Mr. Ian Ogden, Innovative Regions Facilitator (Central Qld), Innovative Regions Centre, Enterprise Connect Division, Department of Innovation, Industry and Science</p> <p><i>Beyond Carbon: a case study of regional clustering and innovation in cleantech</i></p>	<p>Mr. Rob Macalister CEO, Gulf Savannah Development Inc.</p> <p><i>Northern Australia Visions: the Gulf Savannah perspective</i></p>
<b>Ballroom 3</b>	<b>SESSION 3: Cultural Capital in the Spotlight</b>	<p>Mr. Simon Lyas, Executive Officer, Great Southern of WA and, Ms. Jessica van der Wagg, Regional Development Officer, Great Southern Development Commission</p> <p><i>Many Voices, One Story: a case study of community development and engagement in a rural town</i></p>	<p>Ms. Eve Stafford OAM Director, Savvy Arts</p> <p><i>A Different View of Mining Communities and Liveability</i></p>	<p>Mrs. Louise Campbell Economic Development Officer, Blackall- Tambo Regional Council and "Creative Generator" CICADAS @ Remote Area Planning &amp; Development Board and Ms Robyn Adams, "Creative Generator" CICADAS @ Remote Area Planning &amp; Development Board</p> <p><i>Connecting Economic Development, Tourism, the Creative Arts and Social Capital in Regional Communities: the quadruple bottom line</i></p>	<p>Ms. Lorna Hempstead AM Assoc Dir Engagement, James Cook University</p> <p><i>Social and Emotional Infrastructure to Build Communities in a Big New Australia</i></p>
<b>Coral Sea</b>	<b>SESSION 4: Developing Tools and Technologies</b>	<p>Ms. Margaret Darveniza Regional Development Officer, Advance Cairns</p> <p><i>Think TNQ: a collaborative investment attraction strategy</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kellie Doonan Director (Modelling, Data and Analysis Centre), Integrated Transport Planning Division, Transport and Main Roads, Qld Government</p> <p><i>Setting the Transport Scene in Townsville</i></p>	<p>Dr. Robert Tanton Research Director, Social Inclusion and Small Area Modelling Team, National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, University of Canberra</p> <p><i>Projections of Service Populations in Regional Areas</i></p>	<p>Ms. Carol Hanlon CEO, Belmont BEC / TCFWA</p> <p><i>Online Opportunities for Regional &amp; Remote Australia</i></p>

Thursday 21 October

Workshops & Study Tours

07:30 - 08:30

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

*Junipers Townsville*

*Guest Speaker:*

Dr. Greg Picker, Associate Director - Sustainability and Climate Change, AECOM

**WORKSHOPS**

09:00 - 17:00

*Climate Change: adaptation strategies for regions and communities*

Assoc Prof. Peter Waterman RFD, School of Science and Education,  
University of the Sunshine Coast and Managing Director, Environmental Management Services

*Coral Sea*

Emeritus Professor Bob Miles, Executive Director, Bob Miles Consulting

09:00 - 13:30

*The Mobile Skilled Workforce: optimizing benefits for rural and regional communities*

Dr. Peter Vitartas, Senior Lecturer, School of Commerce and Management,  
Southern Cross University

*Ballroom 3*

Prof. Sue Kilpatrick, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Rural and Regional), Deakin University

Mr. Martin Homisan, Regional Investment Attraction Manager, REDC

09:00 - 13:30

*Regional Economic Development Skills: growing local entrepreneurs and businesses*

Assoc Prof. Geoff Cockfield, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland

*Ballroom 2*

*Guest speaker*

Mr. John Grace, Innovative Regions Facilitator, Illawarra/Shoalhaven Innovative Regions Centre,  
Enterprise Connect, Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research

14:00 - 17:00

*Developing Research Collaborations*

Dr. Peter Vitartas, Senior Lecturer, School of Commerce and Management,  
Southern Cross University

*Ballroom 2*

*Guest speakers*

Mr. Ken Moore, A/General Manager, National Rural Issues, Rural Industries Research and Development  
Corporation (RIRDC)

Prof. Jeff Loughran, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Faculty of Science and Engineering), James Cook University

Mr. Erik Oates, Business Lending and Support Officer, Indigenous Business Australia

**STUDY TOURS**

09:00 - 17:00

Study Tour 1: The Mineral Processing Chain Tour

*Offsite*

09:00 - 17:00

Study Tour 2: Research and Innovation in the Tropics

*Offsite*