

Program Overview

Monday 18 October

Pre-conference Workshop Program

09:30 – 16:30	<p>Regional Development Australia Professional Development Workshop <i>Jupiters Townsville</i></p> <p>Guest Speakers:</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Assoc Prof. Jeremy Bultjens, Director, Regional Futures Institute, Southern Cross University</p> <p>Prof. Brian Dollery, Professor of Economics and Director of the Centre for Local Government, Housing and Regional Services, University of New England</p> <p>Mr. Martin Hawson, General Manager, Community Development, Mildura City Council</p> <p>Cr. Debbie Blumel, Major Projects Portfolio, Sunshine Coast Regional Council</p> <p>Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Consultant, AECgroup</p>
17:30 – 19:30	<p>Welcome Cocktails <i>Museum of Tropical Queensland</i></p>
18:00 – 18:15	<p>Official Welcome to Country</p>
19:45 – 21:30	<p>Pre-Conference Dinner <i>Townsville Brewery</i></p>

Tuesday 19 October

Regions Delivering a Big Australia

07:30 – 08:30	<p>BUSINESS BREAKFAST <i>Jupiters Townsville</i></p> <p><i>Guest Speaker</i></p> <p>Cr. Les Tyrell OAM, Mayor of Townsville City Council</p>
08:45 – 12:30	<p>PLENARY PROGRAM <i>Jupiters Townsville Ballroom</i></p>
08:45 – 09:00	<p><i>Regional Development a National Perspective</i></p> <p>Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development (to be advised)</p>
09:00 – 09:30	<p><i>The Contribution Migration Makes to Regional Australia</i></p> <p>Mr. Mark Cully, Chief Economist, Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship</p>
09:30 – 09:50	<p><i>Capital Flows In and Out of Regions</i></p> <p>Assoc Prof. Paul McLeod, Business School, University of Western Australia</p>
09:50 – 10:10	<p><i>Global and National Sustainability Challenges: how big should Australia be?</i></p> <p>Dr. Graham Turner, Senior Research Scientist, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems</p>
10:10 – 10:30	<p><i>Regional Development in Remote Australia</i></p> <p>Ms. Fran Kilgariff, Senior Executive Director, Local Government, Regional and Community Services, Department of Local Government, Housing and Regional Services</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>MORNING TEA</p>

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 Anna Bligh MP, Premier of Queensland and Minister for the Arts	
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH	
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, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Business, University of Southern Queensland	
17:15 - 18:15	HAPPY HOUR	<i>The Australian Hotel</i>
19:00 - 22:00	NETWORKING DINNER	<i>Rydges Southbank Townsville</i>

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SESSION 1: Approaches to Regional Development	<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>
SESSION 2: Regional Planning	<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>
SESSION 3: Managing Natural Resources	<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>Dr. Iraj Saleh Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics, University of Tehran</p> <p><i>Investigation of Efficiency in Pasture Projects and Income of the Pasture Operators (Case Study: Tehran Province in Iran)</i></p>	<p>Ms. Sandy Robinson Masters Scholar, Fenner School of Environment & Society, Australian National University</p> <p><i>Global Food Security: understanding complexity, trends and action</i></p>
SESSION 4: Regionalism	<p>Mr. Andrew Manning Project Manager - Hume Strategy, Community Engagement, Department Planning & Community Development and Ms. Angela Verde, Regional Director Hume & Loddon Mallee Regions, Department of Planning & Community Development</p> <p><i>The Hume Strategy for Sustainable Communities: an innovative engagement model for integrated regional strategic planning</i></p>	<p>Ms. Catherine Martel Research Associate, School for Social and Policy Research, Charles Darwin University</p> <p><i>Will they stay or will they go? Economic impacts of ageing and migration in the Northern Territory.</i></p>	<p>Mr. Robert Prestipino Director, Vital Places Pty Ltd</p> <p><i>NQ3 Enterprise Strategy: new agenda for sustainable regions.</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>
SESSION 5: Social Capital in the Spotlight	<p>Mrs. Lynne De Weaver Committee Member and Principal, RDA - NR and 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, CQUUniversity</p> <p><i>Accessibility of Family Services in Queensland Mining Towns: a case study of Middlesmound</i></p>	<p>Dr. Susan Kinnear Senior Research Officer, Sustainable Regional Development Programme, Centre for Environmental Management, CQUUniversity</p> <p><i>Climate Change Resource Boom and Coastal Housing in Queensland: an overview</i></p>	<p>Mr. Gary Rebgetz Past Chairman, Campervan & 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	BUSINESS BREAKFAST	<i>Jupiters Townsville</i>
	<i>Guest Speaker</i> Leader of the Opposition (<i>to be advised</i>)	
08:45 - 12:30	PLENARY PROGRAM	<i>Jupiters Townsville Ballroom</i>
08:45 - 09:10	<i>Communities: the challenges of change</i> Ms. Dorte Ekelund, General Manager, Major Cities Unit, Infrastructure Australia	
09:10 - 09:30	<i>Connecting with Customers in Remote and Regional Communities</i> Mr. Jim Chisholm, Executive General Manager, Energy Sustainability and Market Development, Ergon Energy	
09:30 - 09:50	<i>Primary Production, Land and Water: opportunities for expansion</i> Dr Peter Stone, Deputy Chief, CSIRO Ecosystem Sciences	
09:50 - 10:10	<i>Community in Regional Centres: a defence perspective</i> Lieutenant Colonel John Hathaway, Australian Defence Force	
10:10 - 10:30	<i>Incentives: how to entice business and create value at the local level</i> Mr. Michael Campbell, Senior Consultant, AECgroup	
10:30 - 11:00	MORNING TEA	
11:00 - 11:20	<i>Economic Development in Northern Australia: moving forward</i> Mr. Richard Ah Mat, Deputy Chair, North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance	
11:20-11:40	<i>Delivering and Supporting Indigenous Participation in Regional Australia</i> Ms Kaely Woods, Deputy CEO, Indigenous Business Australia	
11:40 - 12:10	<i>Emerging Indigenous Business Models</i> Panel Session Panelists Cr. Alf Lacey, Mayor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, Mr. Erik Oates, Business Lending and Support Officer, Indigenous Business Australia	
12:10 - 12:30	<i>Meeting the Challenges of Queensland's Regionalisation Strategy</i> Mr. Ian Fletcher, Director General, Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	
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SESSION 2: Sustainable Regions	Mr. Roy Ramage Economic Development Officer, Planning and Regulatory Services, City Of Victor Harbor <i>Can Regional Councils be Energy Producers?</i>	Ms. Julie Heath Community Engagement Manager, Townsville Queensland Solar City, Ergon Energy and Ms Stephanie Hunt, Communications Manager, Townsville Queensland Solar City, Ergon Energy <i>Sustainable Behavioural Change: insights from the Townsville Solar City project</i>	Dr. Susan Kinnear Senior Research Officer, Sustainable Regional Development Programme, Centre for Environmental Management, CQUniversity <i>Beyond Carbon: a case study of regional clustering and innovation in cleantech</i>	Mr. Rob Macalister CEO, Gulf Savannah Development Inc. <i>Northern Australia Visions: the Gulf Savannah perspective</i>
SESSION 3: Cultural Capital in the Spotlight	Ms. Susan Reid Executive Officer, Arts Nexus <i>Valuing Imagination's Role in Sustainable Regional Development</i>	Ms. Eve Stafford OAM Director, Savvy Arts <i>A Different View of Mining Communities and Liveability</i>	Mrs. Louise Campbell Economic Development Officer, Blackall- Tambo Regional Council and "Creative Generator" CICADAS @ RAPAD (Remote Area Planning & Development Board) and Ms Robyn Adams, "Creative Generator" CICADAS @ RAPAD (Remote Area Planning & Development Board) <i>Connecting Economic Development, Tourism, the Creative Arts and Social Capital in Regional Communities: the quadruple bottom line</i>	Ms. Lorna Hempstead AM Assoc Dir Engagement, James Cook University <i>Social and Emotional Infrastructure to Build Communities in a Big New Australia</i>
SESSION 4: Developing Tools and Technologies	Ms. Margaret Darveniza Regional Development Officer, Advance Cairns <i>Think TNQ: a collaborative investment attraction strategy</i>	Dr. Kellie Doonan Director (Modelling, Data and Analysis Centre), Integrated Transport Planning Division, Transport and Main Roads, Qld Government <i>Setting the Transport Scene in Townsville</i>	Dr. Robert Tanton Research Director, Social Inclusion and Small Area Modelling Team, National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, University of Canberra <i>Projections of Service Populations in Regional Areas</i>	Ms. Carol Hanlon CEO, Belmont BEC / TCFWA <i>Online Opportunities for Regional & Remote Australia</i>

Thursday 21 October

Workshops & Study Tours

07:30 - 08:30

NETWORKING BREAKFAST

Jupiters Townsville

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 and Emeritus Professor Bob Miles, 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

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

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

Guest speakers

Mr. Ken Moore, A/General Manager, Resilient Communities, National Rural Issues (RIRDC)

Dr. Liz Jazwinska, Executive Director, Biological Sciences and Biotechnology, Australian Research Council

STUDY TOURS

09:00 - 17:00

Study Tour 1: The Mineral Processing Chain Tour

09:00 - 17:00

Study Tour 2: Research and Innovation in the Tropics