



## Program

Day 1 - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July

*Capital Theatre  
View Street, Bendigo*

*Master of Ceremonies: Johnathon Ridnell – ABC Regional Radio*

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| 10.00 – 12.30 | Registrations and Light refreshments   |
| 12.30 – 1.00  | Welcome presentations:<br>- Djarra leaf ceremony<br>- Conference welcome – Prof Raymond Harbridge  |
| 1.00          | <b>Bruce Haddon</b> – <i>Former musical director of soul legends "The Drifters", he has been described as "possessing a unique grasp of the elusive subject of human imagination". Bruce's insightful and totally entertaining journeys into the creative mind will unlock the power of original thinking.</i> |
| 2.00          | <b>The Boys from Donald</b> – <i>Living with salt innovations (dare to dream with Phil Dyson)</i>  |
| 2.30          | Afternoon tea  |
| 3.00          | <b>Dr Sev Ozdowski</b> - <i>Human Rights Commissioner - presents the State of Mental Health Services in Rural Australia</i>  |
| 3.40          | Performance – “That’s not the way we do it”  |
| 3.45          | <b>Chris de Araugo</b> <i>presents the Lead-On Model with several young people providing insights into the role they play in their community’s development.</i>  |
| 4.15          | <b>David Briggs</b> – <i>Regional Arts Victoria, presents the role of the arts in community development</i>  |
| 4.45          | <b>The Hon Jacinta Allen MP</b>  |
| 5.00          | <b>Dr Maureen Rogers</b> – <i>Round up and close</i>   |
| 6.00 – 7.30   | <b>Civic Reception with Mayor Rod Fyffe</b><br><i>La Trobe University, Visual Arts Centre, View Street, Bendigo</i>  |

## Day 2 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

*La Trobe University,  
Edwards Road, Bendigo*

### McKay Lecture Theatre

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| 8.30        | <p><b>Changing Nature of Country Towns</b> (<i>chair – John Martin</i>)</p> <p><b>Bill Reimer</b> - The New Rural Economy (8.30 to 9.15)</p> <p><b>Nigel Bertram &amp; Marika Neustupny:</b><br/>Curation of Sparse Urban Environments: design strategies for possible futures ( 9.15 to 9.45)</p> <p><b>Peter Mares:</b> Seasonal Migrant Labour: A boon for country towns? (9.45 – 10.15)</p> <p><i>Question time</i> (15 mins)</p>  |
| 10.30am     | <b>Morning tea – Student Union</b>   |
| 11.00       | <p><b>Population Trends and their implications</b> (<i>chair – Coliban ?</i>)</p> <p><b>Peter Murphy:</b><br/>Population Change and its Implications for Australian Country Towns (11.00 to 11.45)</p> <p><b>Trevor Budge:</b><br/>Sponge Cities and Small Towns – a new economic partnership (11.45 to 12.15)</p> <p><b>Pam McRae-Williams and Julian Lowe:</b><br/>Sustainable Water Supplies and Sustainable Small Towns (12.15 to 12.45)</p> <p><i>Question time</i> (15 mins)</p> |
| 1.00 – 2.00 | <b>Lunch – Student Union</b>   |

### *Concurrent Sessions*

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| Venue        | McKay Lecture Theatre   | HHS 241   | HHS 105  | HHS 109   | HHS 214   |
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| <b>Chair</b> | Maureen Rogers  | Jerry Courvisanos   | John Martin  | Yola Collins  | Helen Sheil   |
| 2.00         | <b>Julian Lowe and Sam Henson:</b> Small Towns and Regional Firms – towards a typology  | <b>Helen Byles-Drage:</b> Urban migration to inland rural areas – issues in well-being, resilience and social cohesion  | <b>WORKSHOPS</b><br><br><b>Mathew Nichol:</b> Regional Economic Modelling workshop(2.00 to 2.45)       | <b>Kathleen McBain:</b> Greater Shepparton rural communities planning for their future  | <b>WORKSHOPS</b><br><br><b>Chris de Araugo:</b> LEAD-ON workshop  |
| 2.30         | <b>Ian Knox:</b> Winning Ways: online rural communities that click  | <b>Anne Jennings &amp; Helen Alexander:</b> Yarloop – A community under duress working to forge a new future            | <b>Aaron Goldwater:</b> ACTiv – consultation software program/ process workshop (2.45 to 3.30)         | <b>Craig Niemann &amp; Nigel McGuckian:</b> Corporate and community Planning – Loddon Shire   | <b>Cheers &amp; Kruger:</b> Measuring community capacity: an electronic auditing tool                               |
| 3.00         | <b>Bill Robbins &amp; Daniel Murphy:</b> Business Research – Engaging regional and national communities   | <b>Deanna Devers:</b> The effect of commuting upon the community involvement of professionals in rural Victoria.        |  | <b>Rene’ Laan:</b> Reduced, Underused, Recycled   |   |
| 3.30         | Afternoon tea   | Afternoon tea   |  |   |   |
| <b>Chair</b> |   | Barry Brockley  | Maureen Rogers   | David Jones   |   |
| 4.00         | <b>Jackie Tuck, Julian Lowe &amp; Pam McRae-Williams:</b> Managing Community Relations, reputation and sustaining competitive advantage in mining | <b>Jenny Pendlebury:</b> Urban Salinity – what’s all the fuss about?  | <b>Mike Gooley:</b> Changes in rural Victoria: Challenges for policy                                   | <b>Derek de Vrieze:</b> The role of a community business network in building stronger communities   | <b>Jerry Couvisanos:</b> Understanding small towns viability and sustainability: from anthropology to public policy |
| 4.30         | <b>Helen Thompson:</b> Fostering community engagement and participation through local skills audits.  | <b>Max Nankervis:</b> Housing issues in small country towns   | <b>Peterson &amp; Lane:</b> One size does not fit all – country towns and government working together. | <b>Pam McRae-Williams &amp; Peter Taylor:</b> Role of industry and place in clustering: an Australian study   | <b>Patrice Braun:</b> Trust in rural areas  |
| 5.00         | <b>Robyn Eversole:</b> The Competitive Advantage of Towns: Transaction Costs and Innovation in Rural Service Town                                 | <b>Karen Wade:</b> The determinants of inter-regional migration in Victoria and entry thresholds for regional Victoria. | <b>Fiona McKenzie:</b> From Triple Bottom Line to Integrated Bottom Line                               | <b>Anna Gralton &amp; Frank Vanclay:</b> resourceful, resilient and reputable – a case study of six small-scale food processors in Tasmanian agriculture. | <b>Keith Stephens:</b> Small Town Dynamics  |

Conference Dinner - Speaker Malcolm McKinnon, creator of short films - *Living Memory and Local Vernacular*

## Day 3 – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

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### *McKay Lecture Theatre*

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| 8.30 | <p><b>Community Processes Fostering Participation and Engagement</b><br/><i>(Chair – Helen Sheil)</i></p> <p><b>Rhonda Galbally:</b> The reality of community for the future survival of Australia’s country towns (8.30 to 9.15)</p> <p><b>Sue Hackney:</b> Engaging rural communities to promote sexual diversity and challenge homophobia (9.15 to 9.45)</p> <p><b>John Richardson:</b> Campbell Town revitalization project – the key to our success is community participation (9.45 to 10.15)</p> <p><b>Harald Klein:</b> Neighbourhood Renewal – Growing Victorian Together (10.15 – 10.45)</p> <p><i>Question time</i> (15 mins)</p> |
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| 11.00 | Morning tea | Morning tea |
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### *McKay Lecture Theatre*

### *HS. 104/05*

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| 11.30 | <p><b>The Creative Community and its Innovative Edge</b> <i>(Chair - Maureen Rogers)</i></p> <p><b>Terry Cutler:</b> Meeting the challenge of building creative and innovative industries and communities (11.30 – 12.00)</p> <p><b>Judy Spokes:</b> The Art of Engagement (12.00 to 12.25 )</p> <p><b>Daniel Teghe &amp; Jim McAllister:</b> Anakie Gemfields c.2004: a community reinventing itself to capitalise on its cultural capital (12.25 – 12.50)</p> <p><b>Tamara Marwood:</b> Process of Fourcast - making art work in regional communities (1.00 to 1.30)</p> | <p><b>Local Governance - their changing role in rural community development</b><br/><i>(Chair - _____)</i></p> <p><b>John Martin</b> – Local Government in the Australian Country Town: New Challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (11.30 to 12.00)</p> <p><b>Ray Goldie:</b> Community management – is it an alternative to elected council? (12.00 to 12.30)</p> <p><b>Anne MacGarvey:</b> Victorian local government and women’s political participation in small towns (12.30 to 1.00)</p> <p><b>Kevin O’Toole:</b> E-Government and rural Australia- spinning a web around community? (1.00 to 1.30)</p> |
| 1.30  | Lunch  | Lunch  |

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| Chair | Barry Brockley   | Kevin O'Toole   | Maureen Rogers  | Jerry Courvisanos  | John Martin  | Yola Collins  |
| 2.30  | <b>Helen Sheil:</b> From the margins to mainstream: the other transforming knowledge and wisdom          | <b>Victoria Reynolds:</b> 'Obstacle Course'-some factors affecting smaller communities' project development | <b>Jill Briggs:</b> Drought revival and survival in north east Victoria   | <b>Glenys Butler:</b> Sustainable communities: the important role of local government in building social capital | <b>Geoff Robbins:</b> How the process of community planning can act as a key catalyst for future sustainability of small towns.              | <b>Mary Jo Fortuna:</b> The community newspaper – a voice for the people  |
| 3.00  | <b>Jacqui Ewart:</b> Media matters, using local media to maintain small town culture and characteristics | <b>Liz Wright &amp; Louise Ross:</b> Lockington District Business   | <b>Steve Johnston:</b> Reinventing Childers: small town recovery after tragedy                                  | <b>Sue Kilpatrick:</b> Community efficacy and social capital   | <b>Dick Osborn:</b> From local to sustainable governance – connecting decision making roles and responsibilities through accounting practice | <b>Ray Goldie:</b> The trials and tribulations of starting a successful community newspaper                       |
| 3.30  | <b>Jenny Hogan:</b> Community Leadership Programs  | <b>Ken Mansell:</b> Pure indulgence forever? – dilemmas of Daylesford and district                          | <b>Kim Webber:</b> The importance of mental health to sustainability and prosperity of small rural communities. | <b>Carolyn Theodore &amp; Ian Gibson:</b> Social capital, leadership, and community participation in Gippsland   | <b>Frank Vanclay:</b> Using Cultural Heritage to Promote Natural Resource Management   | <b>Jesse Harman &amp; David Clarke:</b> Stories from the back paddock – community building in the Pyrenees shire. |
| 4.00  | Closing session McKay Lecture Theatre  |   |   |  |  |   |