



Program

Day 1 - Monday 11th July

*Capital Theatre
View Street, Bendigo*

Master of Ceremonies: Johnathon Ridnell – ABC Regional Radio

10.00 – 12.30	Registrations and Light refreshments
12.30 – 1.00	Welcome presentations: - Djarra leaf ceremony - Conference welcome – Prof Raymond Harbridge
1.00	Bruce Haddon – <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	The Boys from Donald – <i>Living with salt innovations (dare to dream with Phil Dyson)</i>
2.30	Afternoon tea
3.00	Dr Sev Ozdowski - <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	Chris de Araugo <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	David Briggs – <i>Regional Arts Victoria, presents the role of the arts in community development</i>
4.45	The Hon Jacinta Allen MP
5.00	Dr Maureen Rogers – <i>Round up and close</i>
6.00 – 7.30	Civic Reception with Mayor Rod Fyffe <i>La Trobe University, Visual Arts Centre, View Street, Bendigo</i>

Day 2 – Tuesday 12th July

*La Trobe University,
Edwards Road, Bendigo*

McKay Lecture Theatre

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

Concurrent Sessions

Day 2 – Tuesday 12th July - *Concurrent Sessions*

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

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

Day 3 – Wednesday 13th July

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McKay Lecture Theatre

8.30	<p>Community Processes Fostering Participation and Engagement <i>(Chair – Helen Sheil)</i></p> <p>Rhonda Galbally: The reality of community for the future survival of Australia’s country towns (8.30 to 9.15)</p> <p>Sue Hackney: Engaging rural communities to promote sexual diversity and challenge homophobia (9.15 to 9.45)</p> <p>John Richardson: Campbell Town revitalization project – the key to our success is community participation (9.45 to 10.15)</p> <p>Harald Klein: 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

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

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