

# STRATEGIC REGIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE FUTURE CONFERENCE

CONNECTING TO THE 21ST CENTURY

29 OCTOBER 2010, GLASSHOUSE ARTS AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, PORT MACQUARIE NSW



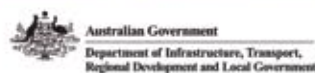
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What is leadership in rural and regional Australia? How do leaders emerge and what social and institutional structures foster the development of effective leaders?

This conference timing and location (in Port Macquarie) through the forethought of the international Regional Studies Association's (RSA) Network and Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (NSW) could not be more pertinent with the current focus on Regional Australia generated by the recent election.

The Regional Studies Association is Europe's premier organisation for regional development and supports a number of research networks aimed at generating new knowledge and disseminating those ideas to the policy and practitioner community. The conference brings key thinkers on leadership from Finland – Dr Markku Sotarauta and the UK, Dr Chris Collinge to Australia. Regional Development Australia Mid North Coast (RDA MNC) has drawn an analogy with the European Union in the context of the seemingly contrasting desire to retain localism with globalisation to generate - "Connecting our people, coasts and valleys" within the region, nationally, and globally.

Regional Australia requires renewed leadership to action and provide effective governance for the vision of social, environmental, cultural and economic sustainability in the 21st century. This conference is a forum for policy makers, academics and leaders.

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# THE CONFERENCE AGENDA - FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2010

**9.00am**      **Conference Registration**

**9.30am**      **Welcome to Country and Opening remarks from the chair**

**9.35am**      **Keynote: European and Australian Insights into Regional Leadership: Translating International Experience**

Prof Andrew Beer, Housing, Urban and Regional Environments Research Group Discipline of Geographical and Environmental Studies School of Social Sciences Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The University of Adelaide

**9.55am**      **Keynote: Connecting People, Coast, Valley and Plains**

Rob Oakeshott MP, Federal Member for Lyne

**10.25am**      **International Keynote: Strategic Leadership for Knowledge Cities**

Dr Marku Sotaruta, Director, Research Unit for Urban and Regional Development Studies (Sente), The University of Tampere, Finland

**10.50am**      **Morning Tea**

**11.10am**      **Panel Discussion: The Role of Tertiary Education in Regional Leadership**

Chair: Elizabeth McGregor, Institute Director, TAFE NSW - North Coast Institute

Panellists:

Prof. Steve Garlick, University of Newcastle

Dr. Ruth Schubert, Director, Education Programs and Services, TAFE SA Regional

Michael Close, General Manager, Enterprise and Training Company

Jeremy Buultjens, Director, Regional Futures Institute, Southern Cross University

Mark Burdack, Charles Sturt University, Director of Corporate Affairs

Dr Bruce Burnett, Queensland University of Technology

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**12.10pm**      **Keynote: Creating Regional Wealth**

Michael Pascoe, Media and Finance Commentator

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**12.40pm**      **Networking Lunch**

**1.25pm**      **A Bold Australia – Demographic Trends and Their Impact on Regions**

Andrew Howe, Senior Demographer, Australian Bureau of Statistics

**1.50pm**      **International Keynote: The Leadership of Luck? Planning and Spontaneity in the Local Innovation Process.**

Dr Chris Collinge, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, Birmingham University, UK

**2:25pm**      **Panel Discussion: Self Investment to Build Community Wealth**

Chair: Michael Pascoe, Media and Finance Commentator

Panellists:

David Cant, Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane Housing Cooperative

Alison Page & Fiona Webb, Saltwater Freshwater Arts Alliance

Neville Parsons, CEO, Holiday Coast Credit Union

Will O'Neill, Senior Team Leader, KPMG

Peter Tregilgas, Executive Officer, Regional Development Australia - Mid North Coast

**3.20pm**      **Panel Discussion: Leadership and Connectivity**

Panellists include representatives from Regional Councils and Regional Development Australia

**4.10pm**      **Panel Discussion: Leadership and the Big Issues**

Chair: Peter Croll, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Southern Cross University

Panellists:

Cath Dwyer, Project Director, ABC Open

Uta Dietrich, Sustainable Northern Rivers, North Coast Area Health Service

Fiona Waterhouse, Chief Executive Officer, Spectrum Renewable Energy (Australasia) Pty Ltd

**4.40pm**      **Closing remarks from the chair**

**4.45pm**      **Speed Networking and Cocktail Reception**

This is an exciting, quick and highly effective way to meet fellow conference delegates and speakers in a 30 minute session. These brief meetings are the starting point for conversation and networking which is where long-lasting and profitable business relationships begin. The cocktail reception will follow.

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**6.00pm**      **Conference ends**

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Councils
- State and Federal Government Departments
- Business organisations (such as the Chamber of Commerce)
- Universities and Education Institutions
- Non-Government Organisations
- Regional Development Organisations
- Financial institutions
- Business Leaders
- The Media

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Online: [www.glasshouse.org.au](http://www.glasshouse.org.au)

See the Glasshouse Box Office information online for details of ticket purchase and collection.

## PRICE

\$55 includes GST and Booking Fee

Ticket Price includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation.

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Mercure Centro Hotel, 103 William Street, Port Macquarie

Bookings: T: 1300 786 989 E: [reservations@centrohotel.com.au](mailto:reservations@centrohotel.com.au)

Quote 'Future Conference' when booking to obtain the special negotiated rates.

Location: 2-3 minutes walk from conference venue

Observatory Apartments, 40 William Street, Port Macquarie

Bookings: 02 6586 8000

Location: 10-12 minutes walk from conference venue and the CBD

or contact Greater Port Macquarie Visitor Information Centre on 1300 303 155

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