

ANZRSAI Newsletter

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL

An interdisciplinary international organisation focusing on understanding the growth and development of urban, regional and international systems

December 2007

President's Christmas Message

For their efforts in 2007 I want to thank all those members who actively contributed to make ANZRSAI the interesting association of people that it is and I especially want to thank my Councillors who have worked so very hard behind the scenes without much recognition to make things happen this year. Special thanks to John Martin for his time & efforts on the Executive Council for several years. Paul and James in New Zealand pulled off another great conference, well done guys!

2008 promises to be very interesting for 'regional folk' in Australia with a new Federal Government & new policy directions. I am looking forward with a fresh enthusiasm to work at promoting and pursuing things 'regional' with the new team in Canberra.

While we are on 2008, could I ask you all to please start planning now for your contribution to our 2008 Annual Conference to be held in exactly 12 months time in what has to be one of Australia's most beautiful regional cities, Adelaide, South Australia. It has been 10 years since we have celebrated with a conference in the south and I know 2008 will be a great 'vintage' conference.

ANZRSAI Council have decided to target young and emerging researchers to Adelaide next year so please start looking around for them and we will let you know early next year about the incentives that are available to encourage them to attend.

On a personal note, no matter where you are going or what you are doing over this festive period, on behalf of ANZRSAI Council and myself, I wish you and your families a safe journey if you are travelling a very Merry Christmas and peaceful and prosperous New Year.

David Fuller
ANZRSAI President

Merry Christmas

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What region is this?



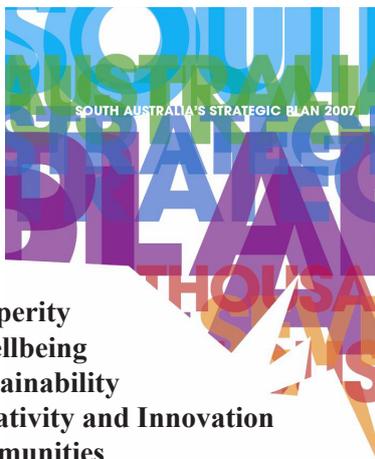
Many readers will be familiar with Australian signs that indicate distance to the next fuel stop. Now it seems that ATM stops are equally well sign-posted, even in relatively well-populated areas such as this location in central Victoria to the north of Bendigo. Of course the sign may simply be an advertising billboard for Bendigo Bank (their logo is on the sign). This banking organisation has provided a successful business model for regional communities wishing to have bank services re-established in areas where they had previously been withdrawn. Interestingly such banking enterprises have been established in urban areas which were also affected by bank branch rationalisation in the 1990s.

More information on the Bendigo Bank business model can be found at: www.bendigobank.com.au/public/community/

Regional Roundup - South Australia

Regionalisation of SA's Strategic Plan

[South Australia's Strategic Plan](#) (SASP) is an overarching policy framework for SA, designed as a plan for the whole community. It includes 98 targets for the State under six policy objectives:



1. Growing Prosperity
2. Improving Wellbeing
3. Attaining Sustainability
4. Fostering Creativity and Innovation
5. Building Communities
6. Expanding Opportunity

The process of regionalising SASP commenced in late 2006. The regionalisation of SASP refers to aligning regional targets and outcomes with the Plan.

The first step in regionalising the Plan was to create a common set of regional boundaries to provide consistency and surety for improved collaborative planning, reporting and service delivery. There are 12 State regions, four in the Metropolitan Adelaide area, three in Greater Adelaide area, and five in rural South Australia. Refer to the map outlining the [State Government regions](#).

The objective of the \$650,000 *Regional Project Fund* is to assist regional communities to undertake projects to progress the implementation of the SASP targets in regional South Australia.

The \$650,000 *Regional Project Fund* was established to provide a more strategic approach to investment of State Government funds through South Australia's regional development boards.

Eight projects put forward by Regional Development Boards will share in \$541,000 in the first round of funding.

Speaking at the Regional Development SA Annual Conference held on 15-16 November 2007 in Port Lincoln, Minister for Regional Development, Karlene Maywald, applauded the quality of all the proposals.

"Projects supported through the fund will tackle issues such as drought and water security, strategic regional infrastructure, regional sustainability, skills development for mining, construction and engineering, and land supply.

The eight projects to receive funding are:

Barossa Regional Development Board

Waterproofing Barossa & Light Region Master Plan 2008: \$85,000 to prepare a water security plan for the Barossa and Light region. Development of the plan would involve investigation and assessment of water sources and storage options to meet both current and future requirements.

Eyre Economic Development Board

Port of Thevenard Economic & Social Impact Study & Business Case: \$60,000 to prepare a business case for the upgrading of the Port of Thevenard, particularly the deepening of the Yalata Channel and improved port infrastructure. These upgrades are needed to increase the port's loading capacity and reduce loading costs.

Kangaroo Island Development Board

KI Water Gap Recognition: \$91,000 to prepare a business case for assistance with the costs of transporting passengers and freight between Kangaroo Island and the mainland.

Limestone Coast Development Board

Growing Sustainable Businesses: \$75,000 to fund a business development and mentoring program for 15 regional manufacturing/processing businesses. Each business will undergo a full diagnostic assessment and develop an action plan to generate improved profitability.

Murraylands Regional Development Board

Monarto Precinct: \$105,000 to develop a Monarto Precinct business case. The business case would include analysis/planning on the need for extra industrial and residential land in the area between Murray Bridge, Mt Barker and Strathalbyn, as well as an intermodal transport hub and other infrastructure to support site use.

Northern Regional Development Board

Outback SA Centre of Sustainable Excellence Project: \$50,000 to research and form recommendations on affordable energy and water supply solutions for remote communities, including Indigenous communities. It aims to link remote communities to the technical resources they need to choose appropriate solutions.

Southern Flinders Ranges Development Board

Construction & Engineering Capacity Building Program: \$50,000 to establish two construction and engineering worker training centres. The training centres will be



Federal Government Regional Policy



“All Australians should be able to participate fully in the life of the nation, no matter where they live.

Local communities are the nation building core of the future – nurturing the next generation of Australians.

Regional Australia offers enormous opportunities. Australia’s regions play a vital role in our economic development as a nation”

*Regional Development for a Sustainable Future
ALP Regional Policy Statement November 2007*

With the election of a new Federal Government led by “Kevin ‘07” Rudd, regional policy will have a new look. For a guide to ALP policies affecting regional Australia check the website at:

www.alp.org.au/policy

The key policy document is entitled *Regional Development for a Sustainable Future*. Other more detailed initiatives and policy statements released during the election campaign include:

General

- Rural health
- Indigenous economic development strategy
- Climate change and primary industries policy

Victoria

- Geelong innovative regions centre
- Gippsland Lakes communities
- Bendigo defence industry
- Maryborough health services
- Moe community hub

Queensland

- Queensland growth corridors
- Strathpine GP super clinic
- Education plans for Townsville

New South Wales

- NSW bush transport
- Evocities project for regional NSW

Northern Australia

- NT communities
- Trades training in far north Queensland schools
- Cairns multi-sport stadium
- Urban water plan for Cairns

Western Australia

- Peel-Kwinana growth corridor
- Swan Riverside regional park

South Australia

- Northern Adelaide growth corridor
- Callington Flour Mill

Tasmania

- Penguin medical centre
- King Island recreation & food trails
- Burnie waterfront
- Launceston regional tennis centre
- Dennes Point Community Hall

UDIA National Congress 2008
3 - 6 March 2008, Crown Towers Melbourne, Victoria
Register online at www.udiacongress.com.au

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Copy me!

Feel free to make copies of the ANZRS AI Newsletter for your office colleagues or others who may be interested in learning more about regional issues or about the ANZRS AI.

Manakau conference reflections

The 2007 ANZRS AI Conference was held in Manukau City, New Zealand on 23-26 September. It was held in conjunction with the Small Enterprise Conference, jointly sponsored by ANZRS AI, the Small Enterprise Association of Australia and New Zealand (SEAA NZ) and the Economic Development Association of New Zealand (EDANZ).

One issue with this approach is that regional science aspects, particularly the academic elements, can be overshadowed and this may have affected the relatively low turnout of members this year. However, I personally found the mix of regional science, small business and practitioners at this conference very stimulating.

For me, it cut across three long term research areas and reinvigorated my interest in practical regional studies. One of the most enjoyable elements was the discussions over copious food tables with a wide range of New Zealanders whom I found to be a particularly open, friendly and well informed bunch. There were a number of significant elements in this conference that might be worth considering for future ANZRS AI conferences.

First, I was impressed with the calibre of the Government representatives who attended and spoke at the conference. These included the Minister of Small Business and the shadow spokesperson in this area. There were also senior representatives from a number of Government departments including the Ministry for the Environment and the Ministry of Economic Development. These people did not just do a formal opening, but presented lengthy policy papers with substantial relevant content. The only other conference where I have seen such high level public representation was a major international conference in Italy. We should attempt to incorporate more of this type of policy content into our conferences, which would assist researchers to focus towards emerging issues, and would enhance both our relevance and grant success.

Second, I was impressed with the high profile that was given to environmental issues at this conference. New Zealand has clearly adopted a sustainable framework to national development and is well advanced in implementing this throughout their economic structure. These issues are not longer debated in New Zealand, they are about doing it, both nationally and at the level of the firm. It would be good to include a sustainable development / environmental stream in our future conferences, and focus on identifying suitable people to present keynote and plenary sessions.

Third, I was impressed with the high profile given to indigenous people at this conference. This was not just confined to exhibitions at the opening and sidelined to parallel sessions. Rather, Maori and other indigenous people were highlighted throughout the conference. In particular, the issue of indigenous entrepreneurship was show cased in major panel sessions and also in plenary sessions of case studies in small business. The message on indigenous issues was much more positive, focusing on 'can do' success stories than we are accustomed to in Australia. Again, it would be good to include

a stream in the next conference relating to indigenous issues in Australia, and focus on identifying suitable speakers for keynote and plenary sessions.

Fourth, I was amazed that the high profile women had at the conference. Women presented 7 of the keynote and plenary sessions, still in a minority to the 10 presented by men, but certainly closer proportions than normally seen at Australian conferences. The featured women included chairs of two of the three sponsoring organisations, a Minister, CEOs of two business organisations and two senior departmental representatives. Yet again, it would be good if we could emulate this performance by giving suitable women a higher profile in our future conferences.

Overall, this was one of the better conferences that I have attended in a long academic life. Combining with other organisations has its advantages and disadvantages, and probably should only be done on an irregular basis. Running our own conferences ensures that the ANZRS AI image does not get lost. However, combining with an organisation such as EDAA in order to boost practitioner attendance would be worth considering, and the Manukau experience shows that it should enhance the overall quality of the experience.

*Ann Hodgkinson
ANZRS AI Council Member NSW*



Photo Source: www.pacific.org.nz/home/pou_kapua.html

New books

Otago University Press has just released a new book which may be of interest to ANZRSAI members.

Working on the Edge **A Portrait of Business in Dunedin**

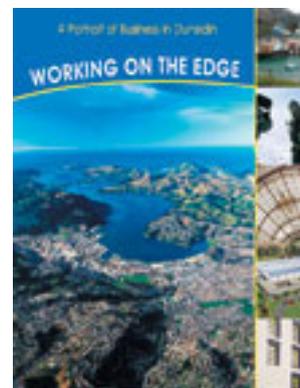
Edited by Kerr Inkson, Victoria Browning, Jodyanne Kirkwood

The 2-drawer dishwasher, graphic modelling of yacht races, collectible dolls, specialised engineering products - Dunedin has a long list of international business success stories.

As one of the most southern cities in the world, Dunedin offers an exciting place to live but a challenging location for business success. This is the first book to look in detail at how such businesses succeed on what might be seen as the periphery and its case studies will be illuminating for anyone 'working on the edge' anywhere in the world.

Case studies include international operations and small business, while the discussion covers issues of distance, infrastructure and economic development frameworks.

Working on the Edge is available now and can be ordered from your local bookseller.



Business Studies, Management
Paperback, 240 x 170 mm, 272 pp
ISBN 978 1 877372 53 7, \$40.00
Publication Date: November 2007

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DIPARTIMENTO DI STUDI
GEOECONOMICI LINGUISTICI STATISTICI
STORICI PER L'ANALISI REGIONALE



SAPIENZA
UNIVERSITÀ DI ROMA



“Spatial Econometrics Advanced Institute”

Rome, 26th May - 25th June 2008

**First
announcement
and call for
participation**



Organized by the “Spatial Econometrics Association”

Directed by *Prof. Giuseppe Arbia, PhD Cantab.*

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL:

To provide a solid background to Master, PhD students and young researchers interested in the analysis of spatial data with particular reference to economic applications.

VENUE:

University of Rome “La Sapienza”, *Dipartimento di Studi Geoeconomici Linguistici Statistici Storici per l'Analisi Regionale*, Via del Castro Laurenziano, 9.

STRUCTURE of the SCHOOL:

- * 4 weeks 3 hours teaching + 2 practical classes per day
- * 70 hours of teaching + 30 hours of computer lab
- * final evaluation via exams (not compulsory)
- * practical experiences using *Matlab* routines, *Spacestat* and *Geoda*.

PRE-REQUISITES

A degree (at least three years) either in economics, mathematics, statistics, quantitative geography, regional planning or similar. A mathematical background is strongly recommended. In particular it is assumed that the candidate has essential basis in calculus, probability, statistics and econometrics. Students will be provided with precise textbook references for those who want to start the program and do not possess the pre-requisites (see below). Upon demand a pre-course on basic probability, statistics and econometrics could be organized in the week 19th to 23rd of May.

DEADLINES AND TIMETABLE:

December 15th 2007

January 15th, 2008

February 15th, 2008

May 26th - June 22nd, 2008

Deadline for expression of interest

Deadline for formal applications

Notification of acceptance

Courses

Call for Papers

International Geographical Union IGU Commission on The Dynamics of Economic Spaces



Chair: Richard Le Heron
School of Geography & Environmental Science, The University of Auckland

Vice Chair: Michael Taylor
Department of Geography, University of Birmingham

Call for Papers

Globalising Worlds: Geographical Perspectives on Old and New Value Chains, Commodity Chains, Supply Chains Conference

Auckland, New Zealand 27 June – 1 July, 2006
(this meeting precedes the IGU Regional Meeting in Brisbane)

We especially invite papers in the following areas:

- Re-territorialisation of core-periphery relations
- Emergence of new core-periphery relations
- International perspectives on value chain and supply chain management in different sectors
- New international/spatial division of labour
- Foreign direct investment in developing and developed countries
- Dilemmas of national and international regulation, governance and policies relating to TNCs and other entities
- Frontiers in commodity chain theory – contrasting views from agriculture, industry and services
- Models of commodity, value and supply chain systems
- Alternative and/or sustainable value and supply chain systems
- Travelling experts, theories and practices
- Community, enterprises, regions and commodity, supply and value chain relations
- Resource peripheries and globalising processes
- Regional development beyond clusters
- Entrepreneurship and innovation in a globalising world

Visit the conference website www.sges.auckland.ac.nz/conferences/igu_conference_2006 for details

One page abstracts are required by 24 February 2006!

Please submit electronically by email to Local Organisers:

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Call for Papers

Entrepreneurship and Innovation Organizations, Institutions, Systems and Regions

Danish Research Unit for Industrial Dynamics
25th DRUID Celebration Conference 2008
Copenhagen Business School, Denmark, June 17-20

DRUID is now inviting to its 25th conference which will be a milestone event and ambitious in its quality and scope. Prior to the conference a number of “DRUID Fundamentals” will be running in parallel during June 17, where highly merited scholars will be addressing basic current challenges within “Strategy and Organization”, “New Economic Geography”, “Open and Proprietary Innovation Regimes”, “Entrepreneurship” and “Innovation and the Creative Process”, among others. All DRUID Fundamentals are open at no additional costs for conference participants (registration required).

The conference intends to map theoretical, empirical and methodological advances, contribute insights and stimulate civilized controversies in industrial dynamics.

Themes include:

- Opportunity, recognition and development
- Mobility - labor, capital, knowledge
- Technological change and development
- Innovative regions and growth
- Complex adaptive systems
- Creativity, experimentation and organization
- Distributed innovation and knowledge solutions
- Emergence and growth of markets and industries
- Organizational behavior and corporate strategy
- Knowledge Creation, Accumulation and Exchange
- Institutional performance and change
- Industry evolution and organizational change

Registration

The conference website will be open for registration by January 1st, 2008.

Email

celebration2008@druid.dk

Deadline for papers

February 29, 2008

Website

www.druid.dk/celebration2008

ANZRSAI membership

If you know of people who would like to join ANZRSAI,
please download a membership form from the website:

www.anzrsai.org

Membership fees 2005-06
(GST Inclusive)

Standard AUD \$ 160.00
Emeritus AUD \$ 108.50

Student AUD \$ 87.50
Institution AUD \$ 337.50

Conference Calendar

January 2008

ANZALS Leisure & Recreation Conference
Australian & New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies
January 9-11, Melbourne, Australia
www.staff.vu.edu.au/anzalsconference/

February 2008

Western Regional Science Association Annual Meeting
February 17-20, 2008, Hawaii
<http://geog.arizona.edu/wrsa>

March 2008

RSAI World Congress
“Integration, Emerging & Lagging Regions, Sustainability”
March 17-19, Sao Paulo Brazil
Abstract deadline: October 30, 2007
www.aber.fea.usp.br/rsai2008

Southern Regional Science Association
Annual Meeting
March 26-30, Arlington, Virginia
www.regionalscience.org/srsa/

April 2008

International Conference
“A Suburban World? Global Decentralization and the New Metropolis.”
April 6-8, Reston, Virginia, USA
Abstract deadline: April 30, 2007
www.mi.vt.edu

Association of American Geographers
Annual meeting
April 15, Boston

May 2008

Tourism and Leisure
2nd International Colloquium
May 5, Chiang Mai, Thailand

The Art and Science of Impact Assessment
International Association for Impact Assessment
May 4-10, Perth Australia
www.iaia.org

Community Economic Development Conference
May 4-6, Moama, NSW
www.business.nsw.gov.au/community/ced+conference/

Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference
Innovation in the Northwest
May 14, Tacoma, Washington

International Conference on Applied Economics
May 15, Kastoria, Greece

Canadian Regional Science Association
May 20-24 Quebec City, Canada
http://eratos.erin.utoronto.ca/crsa-acsr/anmeeting_en.htm

May 2008 (...cont)

RSA Annual International Conference
“The Dilemmas of Integration and Competition”
May 27-29, Prague, Czech Republic
www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk/

June 2008

Innotown. Eighth International Innovation Conference
June 2-4, Ålesund, Norway
www.innotown.com

An Enterprise Odyssey: Tourism - Governance and Entrepreneurship
June 11, Cavtat, Croatia

International Workshop in Economic Geography
June 20, Barcelona, Spain

Mid Continent Regional Science Association
June 7-9, Kansas City
www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa/annual_conference.htm

December 2008

ANZRSAI Annual Conference
University of Adelaide, Australia

July 2009

ANZRSAI and PRSCO conference
July 19-22, Gold Coast Australia
www.uow.edu.au/conferences/PRSCO2009/home.html

Website of Interest

<http://www.oecd.org/department/>

OECD Local Economic and Employment Development Programme (LEED)

The LEED Programme identifies, analyses and disseminates innovative ideas for local development, governance and the social economy. Governments from OECD member and non-member economies look to LEED and work through it to generate innovative guidance on policies to support employment creation and economic development through locally based initiatives.

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