



## News, Conferences and Happenings

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26th Australia & New Zealand  
Regional Science Association  
International Annual Conference,  
29 September-2 October, 2002,  
Surfer's Paradise

### *Public-Private Partnerships: Investing in Regions*

Papers to be presented should embrace the following four themes

#### *Resource Issues*

#### *Regional Modelling and Analysis*

#### *Economic, Technical and Structural Change*

#### *Recent Developments in Regional Policy*

which provide the basis for the theory and practice of Regional Science and a series of workshop activities. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

- Service and Project Delivery  
PPP: New Models in Service and Project Delivery
- Financing Regional Development Projects  
PPP: The New Role of Governments in Regional Investment  
Private versus Public Investment  
Leaderships and Partnerships  
Regional Investment Attraction Strategies  
Regional Tourism and Hallmark Events
- Investment and Regional Growth  
Innovation and Investment  
Investing in Community Capacity Building

Investing in 'Green' Projects  
Investment in Soft Infrastructure

- Regional Economic Development Planning, including:  
Land-Use Planning and Transport  
Investing in Education, Housing and Health
- Regional Industry Policy/Analysis including:  
Regional Economic Developing Planning  
The Role of Business in Regional Development  
Regional Clusters and Networks
- Regional and Inter-regional Modelling, including:  
Input-Output Analysis  
Computable General Equilibrium Modelling  
Spatial Modelling and Data Analysis
- Urban and Regional Policy, Regional Growth and Disparities
- Labour Markets, Migration and Population

### *Who Should Attend?*

Attendance is a must if you work in:

- Local Government
- Regional Banks
- Regional Development Organisations
- State and Federal Government Departments
- Universities – or you are a student interested in these fields
- Private Investors/Business Angels

### *Keynote Speakers*

Dr Robert Guild who is currently Economic Infrastructure Adviser, Development and Economic

Planning Division, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Suva, Fiji. He secured his PhD in International Development, School of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Southern California. His research interests lie in transportation analysis, geographic information systems for urban modelling, and urban and rural economic development.

Robert is a former New Zealand Vice President of ANZRSI and winner of the Section's "Paper of the 1998 Tanunda Conference Prize".

Dr Audrey Clarke is engaged as Director of Research and Training for ACCRA, a United States organization of local economic development practitioners. She is currently involved in research on entrepreneurship policy at the State level.

Professor Brian Holly is Project Review Coordinator for the US Census Bureau. In this capacity, he manages the review and approval process for all internal and external proposals to use confidential Census micro-data for demographic and economic research. Brian is a geographer by training, who has found his way into economics and is located in the Bureau's Center for Economic Studies, which is considered as an internal think tank.

Mr David Millhouse, the founder of Millhouse IAG Limited and of Corporation Builders, has a quality academic background with degrees in science, business and law, complemented by an exemplary performance in new company generation from science and technology. He is an expert in capitalisation planning for emerging growth companies, and is experienced in the raising of capital in the public and private equity markets in Australia and other countries, including Singapore and Canada. He was the Foundation General manager of UniQuest Ltd, the technology commercialisation vehicle of the University of Queensland. David has conducted business assignments in the United States, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom, Singapore, Japan, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Australia.

You will find more on the conference website:  
[www.uq.net.au/~zzanzrsa](http://www.uq.net.au/~zzanzrsa)

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## The 'New Regionalism' in Australia: A new model of work, organization and regional governance?

25-26 November, 2002

The 'New Regionalism' is a multi-disciplinary school of thought, which suggests that globalisation leads capital, labour, institutions and technologies to be increasingly locally clustered or held in geographical agglomerations. It has become a powerful driving force in academic analysis and policy development in Western Europe and North America, while in South-east Asia its acceptance is increasing through the auspices of organizations like the OECD. Moreover, there is increasing evidence to suggest Australian regional development policy makers are adopting the analytical and practical implications of the 'New Regionalism'.

The increasing influence of the 'New Regionalism' in regional development policy belies its contested conceptual status. It incorporates a powerful mixture of prescription, description and analysis and holds important implications for political institutions, the nature of work, the future of trade unions and community activism, regional development and governance structures. While there is a growing but belated interest in the importance of 'place' by Australian industrial relations academics, there has been little debate over the 'New Regionalism' in the Australian or wider South-east Asian context. The purpose of this conference is to help stimulate this debate.

Given the broad, international and inter-disciplinary implications of the 'New Regionalism' and globalisation debates, we hope that this conference will draw contributions from a range of disciplines including sociology, geography, economics, management and industrial relations. Potential areas for papers to address may include: Clusters, networks and local agglomeration; Local economic development policy and practice; Governance structures; Knowledge economies, learning regions, skills and training; Work organization; Regional trade union organization; Community development and organization; Labour markets, discrimination and social exclusion; State restructuring.

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## Australian New Zealand Society for Ecological Economics 2002 Conference, 2-4 December 2002 University of Technology, Sydney (Broadway campus)

*Theme: Strategies into action: regional and industry policy applications of ecologically sustainable development.*

You are invited to participate in the 2002 ANZSEE conference.

The conference will explore how regional strategies (local to national and beyond) and industry (ie sectoral) policies can help create an ecologically sustainable economy.

The conference will have keynote speakers, contributed papers, workshops and discussions. It will give an opportunity to report on ecological economics work done and to explore the agenda for future work.

Everyone who is interested in the creation of an ecologically sustainable economy is welcome to participate. You don't have to be an economist or an ecologist – or a member of ANZSEE!

The registration fees are:

Non-member \$350

ANZSEE members \$300

Student and concession \$150

To find out more about the ANZSEE 2002 conference or to register, visit the conference website at:

<http://incres.anu.edu.au/anzsee/ANZSEE2002.html>

If you are interested in:

Setting up a stall at the conference to provide information, sell books/services, etc. or

Running a follow-on training course or field trip

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If you want to be informed about the ANZSEE 2002 conference you can subscribe to an announcement list. You don't have to be registered for the conference to be on this list. To subscribe, send a message to:

[ANZSEE2002-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:ANZSEE2002-subscribe@yahoo.com)

The ANZSEE society homepage is:

<http://incres.anu.edu.au/anzsee/>

'Ecological economics: the knowledge-based for creating an ecologically sustainable economy'.



## Connecting Clusters

Cairns, Great Barrier Reef Region, Australia is hosting The Competitiveness Institute's 5<sup>th</sup> Global Conference from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 October 2002.

Sessions are being built around specific clusters, while also looking at key generic issues such as:

Cross cluster collaboration;

Driving real outcomes;

Governance and leadership;

Performance measurement;

Clusters as local economic development systems.

The speakers are by invitation - drawn from each of the three chapters of the Competitiveness Institute - the Americas, Europe/Africa/Middle East and the Asia Pacific. This is to ensure you get full value in tapping the ideas and experience of the world experts.

High level officials from the key international development agencies will also provide their perspectives - not to mention our country's leaders.

Additional activities will include a half day pre-conference workshop on 'An Introduction to Clustering' and an optional 1? day showcase tour of niche clusters with a global reach.

If your job or interests lie in economic or social development, generating investment and jobs, or addressing the interface between economic-social-environmental objectives, then this is your 'must do' conference for this year!

Key Dates:

May 2002 - Registration brochure available online

October 9-11 2002 - The Competitiveness Institute 5th Global Conference

Cairns - where different cultures come together. The gentle breeze blows through the fronds of the coconut palm above. You sip slowly on your mango dacquiri and feel the warm rays of the sun dancing upon your skin. Relaxing back in your chair, you know life couldn't possibly get any better. You're in tropical Cairns!

But your generous mood is because you have just experienced a truly thought-provoking, stimulating work session about how to develop industry collaboration. You met people from other nations grappling with the very same problems - and you agreed to compare notes and even arranged an industry exchange visit!

A vibrant, cosmopolitan city in the heart of the Asia Pacific area, Cairns is easily accessible with over 95 international flights per week. A world class infrastructure includes an abundance of 3, 4 & 5 star hotels, casino, restaurants and a myriad of tour and shopping facilities.

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Full details available on the conference website:  
<http://www.regocentre.com/tci.htm>

## The Foundation for Young Australians

The Foundation for Young Australians and its predecessor organisations, The Queen's Trust and the Australian Youth Foundation have a proud tradition of resourcing and supporting locally based and initiated projects. The Foundation for Young Australians seeks to continue this incredibly successful grant allocation by distributing \$800,000 via its State & Territory Committees. These funds are available for initiatives that enhance youth participation or create opportunities for the development of young people aged 12-25 years.

The focus of The Foundation is on initiatives that result in meaningful change for young people. The Foundation is committed to supporting initiatives that have an impact on the community by creating opportunities for young people:

- to participate fully in their community;
- to be empowered;
- to address issues that they are passionate about;
- to act as catalysts for change within their communities;
- to enhance self esteem through building a sense of belonging and ownership of destiny;
- to break entrenched cycles by opening up new, positive opportunities and experiences for young people;
- to develop a sense of 'connectedness' by creating significant and sustainable relationships with family, peers, school and communities; and/or
- to develop knowledge, skills and talents to enhance young people's contribution to the development and growth of their peers and broader community.

The Foundation is supportive of youth participation in all areas of initiative development, decision making and implementation.

The Foundation is calling for applications that create exciting opportunities for young people. Funding usually \$8,000-\$15,000 but amounts up to \$30,000 may be applied for. Research has to be in an area of initiative development, decision making and implementation in youth areas. Further information is available from website:  
[www.youngaustralians.org](http://www.youngaustralians.org)

## South Australian Regional Community Information Service (SARCIS)

A pilot website has been developed for the provision of information to regional communities. The pilot site delivers a mix of tourism, economic, social, infrastructure and other data to regional communities in the local governments of Tatiara, Alexandrina, Le Hunte and the Adelaide Hills. Importantly, it allows residents and other users to upload information they wish to share with their communities. Persons wishing to find out more can visit the website at:  
<http://arcims.ssn.flinders.edu.au/>