

# 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



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## President's Christmas Message



This time of year gives us an opportunity to reflect on what has happened in a year almost spent. From an ANZRSAI perspective 2005 provided: an excellent and enjoyable annual conference in Manukau, New Zealand, changes to online delivery of our two excellent publications (AJRS and Sustaining Regions); and, our membership being extended to the Interna-

tional Chapter of RSAI.

I want to thank all those members and especially my Councillors who have worked behind the scenes to bring these things together this year.

I look forward to working with you all again in 2006 promoting and pursuing all things 'regional'. Please start planning now for your contribution to our annual conference in Sept next year in beautiful Beechworth, Victoria.

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 all a Merry Christmas and have a safe and prosperous New Year.

*David Fuller*

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

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# GROWING REGIONS CONFERENCE

25-27 JULY 2006, HILTON BRISBANE

<http://www.dotars.gov.au/regional/growingregions>

**DON'T MISS THE GREAT EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT DETAILS!!**



**Australian Government**

**Department of Transport and Regional Services**

**The Australian Government will host the international Growing Regions Conference. This will be a unique opportunity to discover how different approaches to similar problems across the world are working in regional policy and development.**

## **SPEAKERS**

- The Hon Warren Truss MP, Australian Government Minister for Transport & Regional Services
- Commissioner Danuta Hubner, European Union Commissioner for Regional Policy
- Margaret Clark, Director, Commission for Rural Communities, Countryside Agency, United Kingdom
- Mark Drabenstott (TBC), Vice President and Director of the Centre for the Study of Rural America at the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City
- Robert Stimson, President of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI)
- Allan Fels, Honorary Professor of Business and Economics, Monash University and Dean of the Australia & New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG)
- Roy Green, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Professor of Management, National University of Ireland
- Graeme Hugo, Professor of Geographical and Environmental Studies and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Information Systems, University of Adelaide, Australia
- Mike Taylor, Secretary of the Australian Government Department of Transport & Regional Services (DOTARS)
- Jean Kittson, comedian/entertainer, Australia

## **THEMES**

- Regional and national development best practice
- Maximising economic and sociocultural opportunities in rural and remote regions
- Improving opportunities and outcomes for Indigenous communities
- Regional governance
- Regional youth issues
- New trends and approaches in regional development.

*Program details and more speakers listed on website.*

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# ANZRS AI Conference 2006

## Introducing Beechworth Victoria

*Beechworth 26 – 29 September*

### *Theme:*

### *Heritage and Regional Development*

The place of natural, built and cultural heritage in Australian society is now regarded as a major driver of regional development in cities and towns across the nation. Both Australian and international visitors are drawn to the heritage of place to satisfy their curiosity about how these places came to be; who were the people involved, what industry did they develop, how did they impact their environment and what legacy did they leave for us to experience today?

At the 2006 ANZRS AI conference to be held at La Trobe University's heritage campus in the historic town of Beechworth in the beautiful natural landscape of north eastern Victoria we will explore the role of heritage in regional development, along with the other regional development interests shared by regional development practitioners, consultants and academics.

With key note addresses from innovators in heritage and regional development, government ministers, senior government officials and others with an interest in the place of heritage in Australian society the conference will provide practical insights to any place which claims natural, built or cultural heritage as a part of their regional development.

Full details on the paper submission process will be available on the NEW ANZRS AI web site in the New Year.

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### *The Conference Venue*

In 1996 La Trobe University acquired the historic Mayday Hills hospital in Beechworth - a building dating back to 1867. Since then, the building has been renovated and restored to provide a professional development centre for conferences and other events. La Trobe at Beechworth offers accommodation, restaurant and conference facilities and will be the focus of proceedings during the 2006 ANZRS AI annual conference.

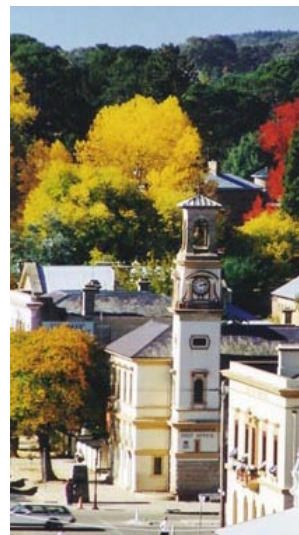


### *Information and Photo Sources:*

[www.latrobeatbeechworth.com.au](http://www.latrobeatbeechworth.com.au); [www.beechworth.com](http://www.beechworth.com)

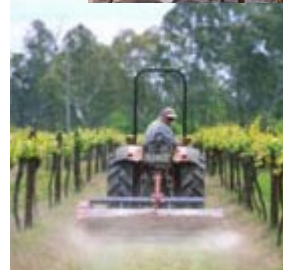


### *The Location*



Beechworth is located 320 kilometres north east of Melbourne and 40 kilometres south of Albury-Wodonga. The population at the time of the 2001 Census was 2,800.

The town has experienced many changes in recent decades. From the economic restructuring, high unemployment and out-migration of the early 1990s, the town has been revitalised by tourism and other development. It now attracts high numbers of weekend and holiday visitors as well as being a popular retirement destination.



## Web Site Review



### *Clusters Asia Pacific - [www.capinc.com.au](http://www.capinc.com.au)*

The mission of Clusters Asia Pacific (CAP) is "to improve the competitiveness of industries and localities within Australia and New Zealand by enhancing cluster-based development initiatives."

The website has a range of resources which may be of interest to ANZRSAI members. For those unfamiliar with the concept of industry clusters, the website includes a useful introduction. Monthly newsletters can be down loaded from the site and the following hardcopy reports can be purchased via the website:

*Innovation & the Knowledge Economy* (AUD\$30.00) outlines how the City of Playford, in northern Adelaide, is developing local solutions to addressing issues of globalisation. The report includes case studies on best practice supply chain management, entrepreneurship, clusters, cities and a practical guide to building business networks, by national and international experts.

*Clusters, Innovation & Investment* (AUD\$22.00) reports on the latest developments and thinking on industry clustering from around the world. This book is relevant to policymakers, industry practitioners, businesses and research agencies. Topics include: the importance of clusters; Scottish approaches; 'Linking Clusters' initiative and overview of Aust.-New Zealand clusters.

*Food for Thought* (AUD \$22.00) was prepared by Rod Brown of Australian Projects Development and Rodin Genoff from the City of Playford. The project covered a region from Northern Adelaide into the Barossa, Clare Valley, Adelaide Hills and Riverland. After interviewing over 100 companies and stakeholders 24 action agendas were developed covering environmental management, economic infrastructure, market development and industry development. The report concludes with a chapter on innovation. The authors found that most innovation undertaken by small to medium sized enterprises is incremental in nature.

## *ANZRSAI membership*

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

**[www.anzrsai.org](http://www.anzrsai.org)**

### **Membership fees 2005-06 (GST Inclusive)**

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Standard</b>    | <b>AUD \$ 160.00</b> |
| <b>Student</b>     | <b>AUD \$ 87.50</b>  |
| <b>Emeritus</b>    | <b>AUD \$ 108.50</b> |
| <b>Institution</b> | <b>AUD \$ 337.50</b> |

## ANZRSAI membership goes global



### *The RSAI*

*The Regional Science Association International (RSAI) is an international community of people interested in the regional impacts of economic and social change. It serves as an umbrella organisation for three major organizations in North America, Europe and the Pacific and these in turn contain country-specific organisations such as ANZRSAI.*

*The current President of RSAI is Bob Stimson from the University of Queensland (refer March 2005 edition of the ANZRSAI Newsletter for more on Bob). He has been involved in the development of universal membership arrangements for ANZRSAI members which will come into effect from 2006. The benefits to members of these new arrangements are outlined below by Bob.*

### *Benefits of RSAI universal membership*

Under the new arrangements, members of ANZRSAI become integrated into an international community of over 3,500 regional scientists and can participate in the three supra-regional organizations of RSAI - the Pacific region (PRSCO), the North American region (NARSC), and the European region (ERSA). There are in excess of 30 country of regionally-specific sections of RSA that are incorporated within those supra-regional groupings, and new sections have recently been formed and are in the process of being nurtured in Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Through an arrangement with Blackwell Publishing, members of RSAI will receive from Blackwell an email with their PIN and when they activate that PIN they will have automatic access on-line to articles in *Papers in Regional Science* and the *RSAI Newsletter*, and access to the RSAI Web Site.

On-line access will also be available to an expanding array of RSAI services which are currently being developed or planned. This will include a new international journal that focuses specifically on policy and practice in regional science and regional development.

With the upgrading of the RSAI web Site, members will be able to link to the web sites across the international community of regional science organizations.

All this for an annual capitation fee of just 10 Euros built into your membership subscription to ANZRSAI.

*Bob Stimson, President RSAI*

The RSAI website contains further information on the organisation as well as news, links and resources.

**[www.rsai.org](http://www.rsai.org)**

# Conference Calendar

## February 2006

Local Government Association of Queensland Economic and Regional Development Conference  
February 22-24, Yeppoon, Australia.  
[www.lgaq.asn.au](http://www.lgaq.asn.au)

45th annual meeting of the Western Regional Science Association  
February 22-25, Santa Fe, USA.  
[www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html](http://www.u.arizona.edu/~plane/wrsa.html)

## March 2006

Canadian Community Economic Development Network National Conference on Community Economic Devt & the Social Economy  
March 15-18, Vancouver, Canada.  
[www.ccednet-rcdec.ca](http://www.ccednet-rcdec.ca)

Southern Regional Science Association 45th annual meeting  
March 30-April 1, Florida, USA.  
[www.srsa.org/](http://www.srsa.org/)

## May 2006

Nordic Network of the Regional Science Association Conference for policy-makers and researchers  
May 4-5, Balestrand, Norway.  
<http://web.hisf.no:16080/konferansar/index.php?cf=1>

International Workshop on Spatial Econometrics and Statistics  
May 25-27, Rome, Italy.  
[www.unich.it/conferencerome2006/](http://www.unich.it/conferencerome2006/)

Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers  
May 29-June 2, Lakehead University, Ontario, Canada.  
<http://geography.lakeheadu.ca/CAG2006/>

## June 2006

International Council for Small Business World Conference  
June 18-21, Melbourne, Australia.  
[www.icsb2006.org/](http://www.icsb2006.org/)

Changing Foresight Practices in Regional Development - Global Pressures and Regional Possibilities  
June 7-9, Turku, Finland.  
[www.tukkk.fi/tutu/conference2006/](http://www.tukkk.fi/tutu/conference2006/)

International Conference on Regional and Urban Modeling  
June 1-3, Brussels, Belgium.  
[www.ecomod.net/conferences/regional\\_urban\\_modeling\\_june\\_2006/regional\\_urban\\_modeling\\_2006.htm](http://www.ecomod.net/conferences/regional_urban_modeling_june_2006/regional_urban_modeling_2006.htm)

Mid-Continent Regional Science Assoc. 37th Annual Conference  
June 8-10, Indianapolis, USA.  
[www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa](http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/mcrsa)

9th Uddevalla Symposium 2006, - "Entrepreneurship and Development - Local Processes and Global Patterns,"  
June 15-17, Fairfax, Virginia, USA.  
[www.symposium.htu.se](http://www.symposium.htu.se)

## August 2006

SEGRA – Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia, 10th annual conference  
August 28-30, Launceston, Australia.  
[www.segra.com.au/segra/index.html](http://www.segra.com.au/segra/index.html)

46th ERSa Conference  
August 30-September 3, Volos, Greece.  
[www.prd.uth.gr/ersa2006](http://www.prd.uth.gr/ersa2006)

## September 2006

Centre for Public Policy University of Melbourne - Governments & Communities in Partnership: From Theory to Practice  
September 25-27, Melbourne, Australia.  
[www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/conference06/index.html](http://www.public-policy.unimelb.edu.au/conference06/index.html)

## October 2006

Brazilian RSA "Learning Regions & Regional Development."  
October 15-17, Foz do Iguaçu City, Brazil.  
[www.aber.fea.usp.br](http://www.aber.fea.usp.br)

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## *National Conference in Theory, Methods and Applications of Spatially Integrated Social Science*

May 2006 – University of Melbourne

### **THEME: Making SISS Research Relevant to Society**

The Australian Research Council Research Network in Spatially Integrated Social Science (ARCRNSISS) brings together researchers and graduate students to develop Australia's capacity and capability to apply spatial theories and methods to the analysis of people and places and the quality of life of Australians.

The National Conference is the Network's major annual event to showcase to the public our research effort. The theme for the 2006 National Conference, to be held at the University of Melbourne, is Making SISS Research Relevant to Society.

The conference will feature a number of leading Australian and overseas thinkers and practitioners in applying spatially integrated approaches to the study of social, economic and behavioural issues challenging our society.

The ARCRNSISS 2006 National Conference – Melbourne also provides the opportunity for the Network's Paradigm Forums and Applications Working Groups to develop their research agendas and for researchers and graduate students to present summary outcomes of current SISS research effort in Australia.

Register on-line at  
[www.siss.edu.au](http://www.siss.edu.au)

