

Notes from the Editors

In this edition, we have attempted to exhibit the remarkable diversity that is included in regional studies. Topics range from the impact of natural events through to labour and human resource issues and statistical and demographic analysis. A mixture of Australasian and international research has been included.

We aim always to link this journal with the wider Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association and with one of its other key activities – its annual conference. On that basis, a notable paper from the 2014 ANZRSI conference in Christchurch has been included. This paper by Akbar and Ors. considers flood effects on regional property markets. While based on flooding events in central Queensland in 2010/2011, the growing frequency of such disasters make this work timely and relevant to many coastal regional communities.

The attraction and holding of professionals in regional areas is always challenging. Adapa's paper explores an important component of this – the career enablers for women in accounting firms in those regional locations.

In a not unrelated paper, Angelopoulos and Ors. test the location decisions of 'creative workers' and consider that some contemporary theories in this area appear less than robust in the Australian context.

This edition also includes an internationally based paper by Jordan, D. which investigates the location criteria for product innovation and entrepreneurship within a Vietnamese case study.

The final paper by Wilson, T. is relevant to regional population projections considering specifically forecasting errors over a five year period and the implications for prediction intervals.

The upcoming 2015 ANZRSI conference in Sydney from 1 – 4 December has a theme of Global Cities and Global Regions: 'Sustainable Futures?'. It is planned to include key papers from that important conference in 2016 editions of the journal.

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