Notes from the Editors

We are pleased to present this edition of the journal which particularly emphasises Australian regions and case studies.

Each of the papers presents innovative aspects to the evolution of regional science – some with new and varied methodologies, others reflecting on the application of past philosophies and techniques in the Australian context. While most are based on specific examples, their outcomes and observations can be widely applied.

Dinh and ors. paper provides new insights into the now widely used term, 'resilience'. It recognises that the term can have a range of definitions and implications, but importantly, the authors provide a measurement framework that brings together community and economic parameters that can be tracked over time.

Mckenzie's paper has provided a comprehensive approach combining quantitative and qualitative assessment of two important regional cities – Orange and Goulburn – and combines statistical analysis with in-depth interviews to establish a more holistic appreciation of regional economic performance.

Also focussed on New South Wales is the paper by Thomas and ors. This paper considers both the theory and practice of regional community based Intentional Innovation, to explore how ideas are brought to commercial realisation through a transfer of knowledge process in regional settings. The work is based on a series of workshops which gain a first-hand appreciation of what was needed to support the co-creation of new ideas in such regions.

Smidt's paper looks particularly at future workforce directions for business and of work generally in what are rapidly changing regional economies, drawing examples from Queensland.

The final paper from Wardner and Hefferan provides a review of the successful Kelvin Grove Urban Village project in Brisbane, providing a retrospective of its 12 year development history. It presents an analysis of new urbanism principles within the Australian context, noting both issues and opportunities that may arise from that approach and lessons that may be drawn to assist with its application elsewhere.

The Editors are pleased to include in this edition a review of Robyn Eversole's book 'Knowledge Partnering in Community Development'. We consider that the inclusion of such reviews and, in the future, potentially other similar contributions represent an important way of presenting current knowledge to readers. The journal will continue with its links to ANZRSAI conferences and looks forward to the publication in 2016 of papers emanating from the recent successful Sydney conference.

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