



SUMMIT 2011

Rural Futures Matter: A Sustainable Australia

21 - 23 September 2011 Flinders University, Adelaide



Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia

www.spera.asn.au

Wednesday 21 September 2011

8:15 Coffee / Registration

Location: Foyer, School of Education Building, Flinders University

8:45 Opening of Summit and Opening Ceremony

- Welcome by Professor Bob Conway, Dean of School of Education, Flinders University
- Welcome by John Borserio, Vice President SPERA
- Welcome to Country by Uncle Lewis
- Official Opening: Mr Richard Vickery, Mayor of Tatiara

Chair: Prof John Halsey

Location: 1.01

9:30 Critical Input 1: Australia's Demographics to 2050 and Beyond

Professor Graeme Hugo, Professor of Geography and Director of the National Centre for Social Applications of Geographical Information Systems, The University of Adelaide

Chair: Don Boyd, SPERA

Location: Room 1.01

10:00 Morning Tea

10:30 Keynote: Why Sustainable Rural Communities Matter

Professor R. John Halsey, Sidney Myer Chair of Rural Education and Communities, School of Education, Flinders University

Chair: Marja van Breda, Flinders University

Location: Room 1.01

11:30 Processing and Action Groups

12:15 Lunch

Rural Futures Matter:
A Sustainable Australia



1:00 Parallel Session – Critical Input Themes:

Room	3.24	3.25	2.08	2.18
Theme	Demographics	Demographics	Globalisation & Sustainability	Accessible, Affordable Quality Education
Presenters	Myron A. Eighmy, Thomas E. Hall	Shirley Richards	Janice Franklin	Tania Broadley
1:00-1:40	The role of the extension service in rural/frontier disaster	Coast to country: An initiative aimed at changing pre-service teachers' perceptions of teaching in rural and remote locations	The local beneath the nation and global - institutional education, credentialed natural resource management (nrm) and rural community (un) sustainability	Enhancing professional learning for remote educators by rethinking connectedness
Theme	Demographics	Globalisation & Sustainability	Globalisation & Sustainability	Accessible, Affordable Quality Education
Presenters	Lisa Marie McDonald, Sara Stephens, Mexie Butler	Josephine Ryan, Mellita Jones, Caroline Walta	Dr Colin Boylan	Mexie Butler
1:40 – 2:20	Exploring place: Young people, their research and rurality	A sustainable and supportive practicum in rural and regional locations	Promoting rural education: The role of the Society for the Provision of Education in Rural Australia	The top half of riverdance: Can broadband really expand rural learning opportunities?
Theme	Demographics	Globalisation & Sustainability	Globalisation & Sustainability	Accessible, Affordable Quality Education
Presenters	Dr Janet Sawyer, Ms Bronwyn Ellis	Dr Susan R Robinson	Dr Maxine Cooper	Joy Penman
2:20 – 3:00	An Investigation into why students from regional South Australia choose to study business programs in the capital city	Freedom, aspiration and informed choice in rural higher education: why they are saying "no"	Teacher professional learning in rural areas: A case study of a community of learners in a virtual professional experience program in a small rural community	Research ready program: A first in South Australia

3:00 Afternoon Tea

3:15 Critical Input 2: Sustainability and Globalisation - Partners or Protagonists?

Professor Matthew Tonts, University of Western Australia Institute of Agriculture

Chair: Paula Jervis-Tracey, SPERA Executive

Location: Room 1.01

3:45 Processing and Action Groups

4:30 Processing Groups Reports and Draft Recommendations

Chair: Prof John Halsey

Location: Room 1.01

5:15 Close of Day One

5:30 – Reception hosted by Flinders University

Thursday 22 September 2011



8:15 Coffee

8:45 Day 1 in 500 words or less

Chair: Prof John Halsey
Location: 1.01

9:00 Keynote: Changing the Educational Delivery Paradigms

Mr Daniel Birch – Director of Discovery 1 School, Christchurch, New Zealand

Chair: Garry Allen, REFA
Location: Room 1.01

9:30 Critical Input 3: Accessible, Affordable Quality education in Rural Australia

Professor Jo-Anne Reid, Associate Dean, Teacher Education, Charles Sturt University
Professor Simone White, Associate Dean and Head of School, Faculty of Education, Monash University

Chair: Marja van Breda, Flinders University
Location: Room 1.01

10:00 Processing and Action Groups

10:45 Morning Tea

11:15 Critical Input 4: Resource Companies and Their Legacy

Mr Paul Wand AM, Chair of Ninti One: CRC for Remote Economic Participation

Chair: Dr Graeme Lock, SPERA Executive
Location: Room 1.01

11:45 Processing and Action Groups

12:30 Lunch

1:00 Parallel Session – Critical Input Theme

Room	3/24	3/25	2.08	2.18
Theme	Legacies / Resource Companies	Globalisation & Sustainability	Leadership / Human Resources	Inclusivity / Choice
Presenters	Charles Bradley	Milena Barbagallo, Helen Boon	Prof Sue Trinidad	RoseMarie Koppe
1:00-1:40	Political courage is the only hope for the Australian Labor Party if it is to contribute to socially just rural educational futures in a sustainable nation	Beliefs and education for sustainability in rural and regional Australia. Perceptions of sexuality education in Queensland schools: Metropolitan, regional and rural	Going bush: Preparing pre-service teachers to teach in regional Western Australia	APC- IPF Project – building capacity and sustainability through indigenous parent education in rural and remote communities
Theme	Legacies / Resource Companies	Leadership / Human Resources	Inclusivity / Choice	Inclusivity / Choice
Presenters	Dr David Curtis	Dr Graeme Lock	Assoc Prof David Russell	Dr Aaron Drummond, Mike Lawson, Prof John Halsey, Marja van Breda
1:40-2:20	Tertiary education provision in rural Australia: Is VET a substitute for, or a pathway into, higher education?	Loneliness of the long distance principal: Tales from remote Western Australia.	The PISCE (Primary Industry Centre for Science Education) story	The effectiveness of a university mentoring project in peri-rural Australia
Theme	Globalisation & Sustainability	Leadership / Human Resources	Inclusivity / Choice	Inclusivity / Choice
Presenters	Sue Ledger	Dr Paula Jervis-Tracey, Prof Lesley Chenoweth, A/Prof Donna McAuliffe, A/Prof Brian O'Connor, Prof Daniela Stehlik	Prof Neil Anderson	Louise Bostock, Helen Boon, Lauren Belcastro, Helen Boon
2:20-3:00	Global influences in small remote school: An Indonesian perspective	Managing tensions in professional statutory practice: Living and working in rural and remote communities	Design thinking: Employing an effective multidisciplinary pedagogical framework to foster creativity and innovation in rural and remote education	Pre-service teachers' literacy self efficacy and literacy competence Student motivation for naplan tests

3:15 Critical Input 5: Leadership and Human Resources

Tara McKnight, Head of Human Resources, Bank SA

Chair: DR Tania Broadley, SPERA
Location: Room 1.01

3:45 Processing and Action Groups

4:30 Processing Groups Reports and Draft Recommendations

Chair: Prof John Halsey
Location: Room 1.01

5:00 SPERA AGM

7:00 for 7:30 Summit Dinner at The Graduates Restaurant, Regency Park

Host: Professor John Halsey, Sidney Myer Chair of Rural Education and Communities, Flinders University

Host: John Borserio, Vice President, SPERA

MC: Gary Allen, REFA

AREA Awards Presenter: Mr John Borserio, Vice President SPERA

Friday 23 September 2011



9:00: Coffee

9:15 Day 2 in 500 Words or Less

Chair: Prof John Halsey
Location: Room 1.01 C

9:30 Keynote: Youth for the Future Symposium – A snapshot of young people working and living in rural areas:

- rural professions that are alive and prospering
- levels of engagement in local communities
- workable solutions and recommendations towards a strong rural future

Speakers from SA, WA, QLD and USA

Chair: Dr Aaron Drummond, Flinders University
Location: Room 1.01

10:30 Morning Tea

11:00 Critical Input 6: Rural Australia: Making it Work!

How innovation, hard work and community clout reinvigorated local towns and areas. Presenters from Cowell & Mypolonga in South Australia, and the Esperance Goldfields and Wheatbelt in Western Australia
Chair: Samantha Schulz, Flinders University
Location: Room 1.01

12:00 Processing Group Reports and Draft Recommendations

Chair: Prof John Halsey
Location: 1.01

1:00 Lunch

1:30 Polishing Recommendations and Media Release(s)

Chair: Prof John Halsey
Location: 1.01

2:45 Close of SUMMIT

Rural Futures Matter:
A Sustainable Australia



Society for the Provision of Education for Rural Australia

www.spera.asn.au