



WEDNESDAY 15 September 2010: Overview

9:00 Coffee / Registration

Location: Foyer, Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

9:30 Opening Ceremony

Chair: Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Member

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

- Welcome, Emmy Terry: President SPERA;
 - Welcome to Country: Henry Neill, Indigenous Employment Coordinator, USC
 - Official Opening : Dr Bruce Flegg MP, Member for Moggill, Shadow Minister for Education & Training
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10:00 Opening Address Prof Greg Hill, Chancellor, University of the Sunshine Coast

Chair: Professor Noel Meyers

Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

**10:15 Keynote Address 1: The Importance of Being Unimportant: Small Town Australia in the 21st Century
Professor Matthew Tonts, University of Western Australia**

Chair: Don Boyd, SPERA Executive

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

11:30 Morning Tea – Brasserie Function Room

11:45 Keynote Address 2: Farm Fair Voices: Messages for Sustaining Rural Education Communities

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

Chair: Shirley Richards, Professional Workplace Learning Rural & Remote Coordinator, USC

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

1:00 Lunch– Brasserie Function Room

2:00 Parallel Session Presentation 1 – Including Discussion (Building C, Ground Floor)

Room CG40	CG41	CG48
Enriching Rural Communities	Developing Professional Capacity	Enriching Rural Communities
2:00 – 2:35 Paula Jervis Tracey Managing tensions in professional statutory practice: Living and working in rural and remote communities	Bronwyn Ellis, Julie Watkinson and Janet Sawyer Promoting rural/regional sustainability through the provision of a quality higher education experience.	John Halsey Farm Fair Voices: Messages for Sustaining Rural Education Communities
2:35 – 3:10 Colin Boylan & Andrew Wallace A rural teaching and community experience: A new perspective on a longitudinal study.	Karen Noble, Henriette Van Rensburg, Barry Fields, Henk Huijser, Ron Pauley, Jennifer Bundy & Jeanette Rose	Rick Churchill, Karen Noble, Janice Jones & Michelle Mingay Running the boundaries and erecting the fences:



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	Supporting innovation in pre-service teacher education: Contextual professional learning support for academic staff.	Place-based approach to understanding graduating teacher practice 'no-go zones'
3:10 – 3:45 Janine Hatch Interaction Between Education Providers and Communities in the Wheatbelt South	Tania Broadley and Lina Pelliccione See You In Class: Promoting A Quality Program For Pre-Service Educators In Regional Locations Through A Virtual Classroom.	Nita C. Lester Relationship building: understanding the extent and value
3:45 – 4:00 General Discussion - Facilitators		

4:00 Afternoon Tea – Brasserie Function Room

4:15 Plenary Session / Construction 2011 National Summit from Day 1

Prof John Halsey/Prof Matthew Tonts/Don Boyd

Chair: Michael Preece, SPERA Executive

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

5:00 Function hosted by Professor Greg Hill, Vice Chancellor, University of the Sunshine Coast – includes finger food and drinks.

SPERA Overview – Sheila King/John Borserio , SPERA Executive
Venue?



THURSDAY 16 September 2010: Overview

8:30 Coffee - Brasserie Function Room

9:00 AITSL / PIEF (To Be Confirmed)
 Chair: Don Boyd, SPERA Executive
 Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

9:30 Keynote Address 3: Creating and Celebrating Place and Partnerships: A Key to Sustaining Rural Education Communities.
Associate Professor Simone White, Deakin University
 Chair: Professor Noel Meyers
 Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

10:45 Morning Tea – Brasserie Function Room

11:00 Parallel Session Presentation 2 including Discussion (Building C, Ground Floor)

Room CG40	CG41	CG48
Building Opportunities	Interactive Experience /Case Study	Pre-Service Experience
11:00 - 11:35 Matthew Tonts The Importance of Being Unimportant: Small Town Australia in the 21 st Century.	Tania Broadley Digital Revolution Or Digital Divide: Will Rural Teachers Get A Piece Of The Professional Development Pie?	Karen Noble, Robyn Henderson and Ron Pauley Professional Identity Development for rural and remote pre-service educators: Education Commons and its impact.
11:35 – 12:10 Simone White Creating and celebrating place and partnerships: A key to sustaining rural education communities.	Colin Boylan & Ted Munsch Lessons from collaboration a joint USA - Australia pre-service experience	Sue Trinidad , Elaine Sharplin Graeme Lock Sue Ledger Don Boyd, Emmy Terry Attraction and Retention Issues in Australian Rural, Regional and Remote Schools.
12:10 – 12:45 Adam Smith Foundation for Young Australians	Emmy Terry / Don Boyd Manea Senior College	Karen Noble, Robyn Henderson and Ron Pauley Continuing to support pre-service teacher learning from near and far: FYI (Online).
12:45 – 1:00 General Discussion - Facilitators		

1:00 Lunch – Brasserie Function Room



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1:45 Keynote Address 4: Honouring Our Strengths

Scott Gorringer, Leadership Coordinator, Stronger Smarter Institute

Chair: Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Member

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

3:00 Panel Session – Pre-service Students (University of the Sunshine Coast; Charles Sturt University, Flinders University, University of WA) Facilitators: Shirley Richards, Professional Workplace Learning Rural & Remote Coordinator, USC; Sheila King/Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Members

Chair: Don Boyd, SPERA Executive

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

4:00 Afternoon Tea – Brasserie Function Room

4:15 SPERA AGM

Chair: Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Member

Location: CG 48

4:45 Close

6:30 Pre Dinner Drinks – See Plus Restaurant

7:00 Conference Dinner (Wear a tropical item of clothing/apparel to win a prize!)

Master of Ceremonies: Gary Allen, SPERA Executive

Dinner Speaker: **Prof Matthew Tonts**



FRIDAY 17 September 2010: Overview

8:30: Coffee – Brasserie Function Room

8:45 Plenary Session / Construction 2011 National Summit from Day 2

Sheila King; Sue Ledger; Michael Preece;
 Chair: Don Boyd, SPERA Executive
 Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

9:30 Keynote Address 3 via Video Link: The Promise and the Reality: Exploring Virtual Schooling in Rural Jurisdictions

A/Professor Michael K. Barbour, Wayne State University
 Chair: Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Member
 Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

10:30 Morning Tea – Brasserie Function Room

10:45 AREA AWARD PRESENTATION

Chair: John Borserio, SPERA Executive, AREA Coordinator
 Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

11:30 Conference/Summit 2011

Don Boyd, SPERA Executive
 Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

11:45 Parallel Session Presentation 3 including Discussion (Building C, Ground Floor)

Room: CG40	CG41	CG48
Sustaining Rural Communities	Disenfranchised Youth	Curriculum & Social Networking
11:45 – 12:20 Vince Connor The praxis of building capacity in mathematics and science in a rural, non-government system of schools: Voices of teacher leaders.	Scott Gorringe Honouring Our Strengths	Ted Munsch What Should Be Measured? Assessing Teaching and Learning in Rural Schools.
12:20 – 1:05 Charles Bradley The political science of school distance education in New South Wales, examining what might be appropriate community and professional reaction to the need for sustainable, democratic renewal.	Dale Murray Edmund Rice Education Australia.... Youth+ ... A National educational initiative supporting Australia's most disenfranchised young people .	Janice Franklin Choices and chances in programs and plans for the gaining of credentials: perspectives from a small rural high school.
1:05 – 1:20 General Discussion - Facilitators		



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1:20 Historical Overview – SPERA / Closing Address

Chair: Dr Colin Boylan, SPERA Life Member

Location: Lecture Theatre 7, Building C

1:35 Lunch – Brasserie Function Room
