



30th

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PROGRAM

3 DECADES ON:

REFLECTIONS UPON RURAL EDUCATION
- ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES
AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS



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Armidale, New South Wales



WEDNESDAY

1 OCTOBER 2014

8:00 **Bus from accommodation to UNE**
– pick up at selected hotels and CBD

8:30 **Coffee / Registration**
Location: Foyer, Ground Floor, Education Building

9:00 **Opening Ceremony**
Chair: Brian O'Neill
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133
Welcome: Brian O'Neill: President SPERA
Welcome to Country: Anaiwan Elder Steve Widders
Welcome to UNE: Professor Annabelle Duncan,
Vice-Chancellor, University of New England
Opening Address: Adam Marshall MP

9:45 **Keynote Address: Student Engagement and the Fair Go Project**
Professor Geoff Munns
Chair: Brian O'Neill
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

10:45 **Morning Tea**
Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building

11:15 **Keynote Address: Closing the Gap between Equity Policy, Research and Practice in our Regional Areas, Professor Sue Trinidad**
Chair: Don Boyd
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

12:15 **Keynote Address: Internships in Western Australia, Dr Sue Ledger**
Chair: Don Boyd
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

1:15 **Lunch (Smorgasbord)**
Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building

2:00 **Parallel Session Presentation 1**
See Timetable Below

4:00 **Afternoon Tea**
Location: Foyer, Ground Floor, Education Building

4:20 **Discussion / Plenary Session**
Chair: Professor Geoff Munns / Professor Sue Trinidad / Dr Sue Ledger
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

5:00 **Welcome Reception – includes canapés / finger food and drinks (wine, beer, soft drinks).**
Hosted by Professor Steve Tobias (Head of School) School of Education and Professor John Pegg (Director) SiMERR National Research Centre
Location: Education Staff Common Room, Third Floor, Education Building

6.30 **Bus from UNE to accommodation**
– drop off at selected hotels and CBD
Dinner: Self-catered

Parallel Session Presentation 1

	E07_224	E07_205	E07_137	E07_138
THEME	Student Engagement	Pre-service / Higher Ed	Indigenous / Aboriginal Ed	Strengthening Networking / Research
Rm Ambassadors	Rinzin Wagmo	Elizabeth McNeil	Rinchen Dorji	Karma Chewang
Facilitators	Michael Preece	Joy Hardy	Genevieve Noone	John Pegg
2.00 - 2:30	Bronwyn Ellis <i>Learning Opportunities in the 'Golden Years' in a Regional City</i>	Tiffany Jones <i>Comparing rural and urban education contexts for GLBTIQ students</i>	Jeff Bailey <i>Alaska rural education issues as an analytic frame for assessing Australian rural education</i>	Michelle Bannister-Tyrrell <i>Rural returns: Exploring options and partnership possibilities for supporting gifted rural students and their teachers</i>
2.30 - 3.00	Isabel Tasker <i>Chinese Whispers? Learning Mandarin in Regional Australia</i>	Kathy Jenkins & Linley Cornish <i>Preparing pre-service teachers for rural appointments</i>	Michael McCarthy <i>Parental choice of school: Theorising how rural and remote parents choose a school</i>	James White <i>The secret to success in rural schools</i>
3.00 - 3.30	Anne-Marie Morgan & Jenny Evans <i>Teaching languages in rural settings: School and university educator perspectives</i>	Penelope Serow, Neil Taylor, Terry Sullivan, Jodana Tarrant, Greg Burnett, Dianne Smardon & Emily Angell <i>Pre-service teacher education in Nauru: Where, who, and why</i>	Jodie Kline, Sri Soejatminah, & Bernadette Walker-Gibbs <i>'Space', 'place' and 'race': Ethics in practice for educational research in ethnically diverse rural Australia</i>	Paula Jervis-Tracey, Lesley Chenoweth, Donna McAuliffe, Barrie O'Connor & Daniela Stehlik <i>Living and working in rural communities: Preparation across the professions</i>
3.30 - 4.00	Jennifer Charteris <i>Learner Agency and Assesment for Learning: Students' perceptions of learning in a regional New Zealand high school</i>	Marilyn Pietsch <i>A long way from home: Learning to teach in remote communities</i>	Rose Amazon <i>Peripheral or mainstream? Aboriginal perspectives in a rural university pre-service teacher education programs</i>	Adele Nye <i>Reciprocity and nurture: Women teachers in rural high schools in NSW</i>

THURSDAY

2 OCTOBER 2014



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8:00	Bus from accommodation to UNE – pick up at selected hotels and CBD
8:30	Coffee Location: Foyer, Ground Floor, Education Building
9:00	Review Chair: Don Boyd Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133
9:15	Keynote Address: Building on Strengths: Ways Forward in Enhancing Education in Rural Australia, Professor John Pegg Chair: Michael Preece Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133
10:15	Morning Tea Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building
10:45	Parallel Session Presentation 2 See Timetable Below
12:45	Lunch (wraps and sandwiches; fruit platters) Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building
1:30	Keynote Address: Supporting more teachers teaching the best, Martin James, AITSL. Chair: Don Boyd Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

2:30	Symposium Session/Discussion: Bush Tracks – Teaching, Leadership and Small School Principals Facilitators: Judith Miller, David Paterson, Linley Cornish, Kathy Jenkins, Joy Hardy, Genevieve Noone, Neil Taylor & Paul Reitano Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133
3:45	Afternoon Tea Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building
4:15	SPERA AGM Location: Room E07_248
4:45	Tour of Booloominbah
6:00	Pre-Dinner Drinks (canapés / finger food; wine, beer and soft drinks) Location: Southern Lawn, Booloominbah
7:00	Conference Dinner Location: Booloominbah Collection AREA Award Presentation Chair: Brian O'Neill
10:00	Bus from UNE to accommodation – drop off at selected hotels and CBD

Parallel Session Presentation 2

	E07_224	E07_248	E07_137	E07_104
THEME	Student Engagement	Policy / Place	Partnerships / Higher Education	Pre-Service
Rm Ambassadors	Rinzin Wagmo	Elizabeth McNeil	Rinchen Dorji	Karma Chewang
Facilitators	Linley Cornish	Jeff Bailey	Sue Ledger	Michael Preece
10:45 - 11:15	Jodie Kline & Simone White <i>Advancing rural renewal through teacher education: Evaluating the impact of RRRTEC three years</i>	Aaron Drummond & R. John Halsey <i>Rural leadership preparation associated with higher job satisfaction</i>	Brian O'Neill, Maria Hoare & Renee Howard <i>Successful networks in the bush: Collaboration in teaching and learning between rural P-10/12 schools in Central Queensland</i>	Abdel K. Halabi <i>Examining the satisfaction levels of rural accountants with their further education and CPD needs</i>
11:15 - 11:45	Rachael Adlington <i>Exploiting the distinctiveness of blogs to overcome geographic isolation</i>	Bruce Pietsch, Tony Dowden & John Williamson (UTAS) <i>Principals of remote NSW central schools: Work intensification and isolation</i>	Judith Miller, John Haynes & Jim Pennington <i>A partnership aimed at enhancing Health and Physical Education at a rural school: Impacts on students, teachers and, academics</i>	Sue Gregory <i>Authentic and engaging virtual practice teaching for rural and remote students</i>
11:45 - 12:15	Margaret James <i>A practical approach to developing relevant Indigenous language and literacy resources: The case of Lockhart River</i>	Ros James & Alan Wiley <i>Designing resources for rural communities to facilitate lifelong learning</i>	Hannah Hurtado & Sandra Walsh <i>Implementation of a Bachelor of Education in regional South Australia</i>	Mitchell Parkes, Sue Gregory, Rachael Adlington, Peter Fletcher, Nicolas Gromik & Rosemary Torbay <i>Bringing people together while learning apart: Creating online learning environments to support the needs of rural and remote students</i>
12:15 - 12:45	Deidre Clary, Susan Feez, Amanda Garvey & Rebecca Partridge <i>From little things big things grow: Enhancing literacy learning for secondary students in rural and regional Australia</i>			Frances Quinn & Terry Lyons <i>Rural first year university science students: As engaged, aspirational and motivated as anyone – but different science 'choices' in Year 12 and university</i>

FRIDAY

3 OCTOBER 2014



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8:00 Bus from accommodation to UNE – pick up at selected hotels and CBD

8:30 Coffee
Location: Foyer, Ground Floor, Education Building

9:00 Review
Chair: Don Boyd
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

9:15 Keynote Address: Reviewing the 2011 Summit and recommendations, Professor John Halsey
Chair: Don Boyd
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

10:15 CONFERENCE 2015

10:30 Morning Tea
Location: Room E07_224 Lobby, First Floor, Education Building

11:00 Parallel Session Presentation 3
See Timetable Below

1:00 Review of Conference
Chair: Dr Christine Reading
Location: Lecture Theatre 1: Room E07_133

1:15 Close: Dr Geoffrey Fox, Deputy Chancellor, University of New England
Chair: Brian O'Neill

1:30 Lunch (Boxed lunch)
Location: Foyer, Ground Floor, Education Building

Parallel Session Presentation 3

	E07_224	E07_248	E07_137	E07_138
Theme	Student Engagement	Curriculum/Pedagogy	Pre-Service	Policy / Place
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Facilitators	Cathy Jenkins	Paula Jervis-Tracey	Jodie Kline	Michael Preece
11:00 – 11:30	Sandra Walsh & Cate Hudson <i>Regional women, education and the transformational nature of a foundation studies program</i>	Britt Gow & Meg Mappin <i>Blended learning to improve student outcomes in rural and regional environments</i>	Daphne Mulholland & Brian O'Neill <i>The sum of our yesterdays: Reflections of teacher training and teaching in small rural schools in the past</i>	Susan R. Robinson & Judy Nagy <i>Rural and regional disadvantage and access to higher education</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Alfred Masinire <i>Preparing teachers to teach in rural schools: Insights from the Bushbuckridge Rural Teaching Experience Program in South Africa</i>	Sue Gregory, Mathew Hillier, Lisa Jacka & Scott Grant <i>Using virtual worlds in rural and regional educational institutions</i>	Sue Ledger & Paula Jervis-Tracey <i>Rural Induction / Internship Spaces: Crossing Borders</i>	Tania Broadley & Romana Martin <i>"Any other way and I would be external: An enrolled to registered nursing program through distributed learning"</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Cathy Cupitt & Sue Trinidad <i>Reaching kids in the bush: Student engagement, aspiration and motivation to go to university</i>	Rose Mutuota <i>Inclusion of people with disabilities in rural schools in Kenya</i>	Robert Whannell & Steve Tobias <i>Improving mathematics and science education in rural Australia: A practice report</i>	Vincente Reyes <i>International aid, education reform and the paradox of implementation: A case study of rural Philippines</i>
12.30 – 1.00	Sarah Fletcher, Don Boyd & Sue Trinidad <i>Regional secondary school students study choices: Planning future directions</i>	Barbara Bannister, Michelle Bannister-Tyrrell, Linley Cornish & Sue Gregory <i>Creative use of digital technologies: Keeping the best and brightest in the bush</i>	Marguerite Jones <i>Traversing the terrain: How an intern teacher transformed acute dissonance into authenticity in a rural school</i>	



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