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Papers in Regional Science

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Maximising coverage of spatial demand for service

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Road investment and regional productivity growth: the effects of vehicle intensity and congestion

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Using circular statistics to explore the geography of the journey to work

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Knowledge transfers and innovation: The role of labour markets and R&D co-operation between agents and institutions

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Adapting to water scarcity

Orion Sanders, Tim Goesch and Neal Hughes
ABARE *Issues Insights* 10.5 March 2010

This paper reviews possible adaptations to declining water availability and increased frequency of extreme drought events in the Murray-Darling Basin. Sustainable diversion limits will replace existing water sharing plans in 2014 in Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia, and in 2019 in Victoria. An Environmental Watering Plan be available in 2011. The paper explores the potential response of irrigators using observations of recent responses. It describes the effect of drought, identifies the major reforms, outlines the range of options available to irrigators and reports on the adaptation options used during the current drought. It evaluates current policies and suggests ways to facilitate further adaptation.

See www.abare.gov.au/publications/insights

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Ready for Tomorrow: Regional Development Victoria Blueprint

Ready for Tomorrow: A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria, (Blueprint) was released by Ms. Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Regional and Rural Development, Victoria in June 2010. This article consists of several extracts from Blueprint and from www.rdv.vic.gov.au/about-us/blueprint (RDV) which are reproduced by permission from the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development.

The complete document can be downloaded from this site and offers a guide for regional practitioners which may assist Regional Development Australia committees.

‘Ready for Tomorrow: A blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria is a \$630.7 million plan ‘...to generate new opportunities and build a prosperous and sustainable future for regional and rural Victoria.

It ‘...contains five strategies to drive long-term benefits for regional Victorians.

‘Each strategy includes a suite of actions, including initiatives to help grow regional industries and create jobs; programs to build the skills of the regional workforce through better education and training opportunities for young people; new investment in vital regional infrastructure; and specific support to preserve the culture and amenity of the small towns that give regional Victoria much of its distinctive character.

‘Strategy 1: Investing in skills and young people – \$110.1 million

‘Strategy 2: Backing jobs and industry – \$99.4 million

‘Strategy 3: Building infrastructure, connecting communities – \$203.9 million

‘Strategy 4: Supporting the regional and rural way of life – \$158.4 million

‘Strategy 5: Planning better regions – a new partnership – \$58.9million’ RDV

‘The Victorian Government is investing \$630.7 million† to generate new opportunities and build a prosperous and sustainable future for regional and rural Victoria. (Blueprint p. 6)

‘Ready for Tomorrow – A Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria includes new initiatives that will create more jobs, improve tertiary education opportunities, boost support for businesses and industries and secure the regional and rural way of life.’ (Blueprint p.6)

What went before?

(The following text is from Blueprint pp. 8, 10)

‘In December 1999, the Victorian Government established the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF), which has transformed the face of regional Victoria by

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rebuilding infrastructure, developing new facilities and services and creating thousands of jobs year after year.

‘This commitment was further strengthened by the establishment in 2003 of Regional Development Victoria, a dedicated statutory body to facilitate economic, infrastructure and community development to support prosperity and growth in regional Victoria.’ p.8

‘Following its initial focus on restoring health, education and community services to regional Victoria, the Victorian Government released a major regional economic statement in 2005: Moving Forward – Making Provincial Victoria the Best Place to Live, Work and Invest. The statement provided \$502 million for new infrastructure, services and support in regional areas.

‘Moving Forward included a new Provincial Victoria Growth Fund – operating alongside an expanded Regional Infrastructure Development Fund – to support regions in managing growth and adapting to change. It also included a boost to the Make it Happen in Provincial Victoria campaign to attract more people to live, work and invest in regional locations.

‘In 2008, the Government released the Moving Forward Update, which allocated \$68 million to support greater competition in regional industries, increase skill levels and respond to the effects of drought and a changing climate. Over the past five years, the investment delivered through Moving Forward has given regional Victoria a sound foundation from which to meet future challenges by:

- providing essential economic infrastructure to underpin long-term jobs and business growth;
- providing social infrastructure to improve liveability, including new arts and cultural facilities;
- boosting the skills, services and support needed to capture new opportunities and investment;
- attracting more people to live and work in regional areas;
- supporting small towns to retain their services and residents;
- joining local councils in upgrades of roads, airports, industrial estates, community halls and other facilities;
- and
- resourcing regional communities to plan for the future and improve the well-being of residents.

‘A progress evaluation of Moving Forward by Price Waterhouse Coopers in 2009 found that many programs delivered through the statement have been highly effective and should be continued. The evaluation identified that a key strength of Moving Forward is that it empowers local communities to identify priorities and enact local change.’ p. 10

‘How Ready for Tomorrow was Developed

(The following text is from *Blueprint* p. 64)

‘In June 2008, the Premier set a new direction for regional planning in Victoria. A Ministerial Taskforce for Regional Planning was established to oversee the preparation of a statewide plan for the future development of regional Victoria. A key component of this approach was the development of long-term regional and sub-regional plans, which articulate a common vision and series of actions to support sustainable communities.

‘Over the ensuing eighteen months, the Taskforce led an extensive consultation process across regional Victoria, involving:

- meetings and discussions with regional leaders, business people and communities;
- a series of Regional Exchange Forums with local leaders and Victorian Government Ministers; and
- the release of a Discussion Paper – Provincial Victoria: Directions for the Next Decade – and the examination of responses to the paper.

‘This was supported by research undertaken by Regional Development Victoria, involving:

- identification of future drivers of growth and trends in regional Victoria;
- reviewing current regional development policies and programs;
- development of a series of working papers on key areas of regional planning and development;
- consultation with regional development experts; and
- establishment of cross-government working parties to develop new policy initiatives.

‘A process embracing strong local involvement and collaboration across all levels of governments was established to ensure a better co-ordinated approach for regional development. The Government built upon existing regional planning arrangements to ensure each state government administrative region had an effective Regional Planning Committee.

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'Ready for Tomorrow, a Blueprint for Regional and Rural Victoria and customised regional strategic plans for each region are the culmination of these tasks.' (Blueprint p. 64)

The Ministerial Taskforce chair by Jacinta Allan MP, Minister for Regional and Rural Development consisted of seven ministers and a parliamentary secretary. (Ed.)

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ABS National Regional Profiles

Looking for data about regions? The ABS has recently released the latest National Regional Profile (NRP) - data snapshots for over 2,000 regions across Australia, with five years of data where it is available.

The profiles contain a range of data organised into 'economy', 'population/people', 'industry' and 'environment/energy' headings. The data is from the ABS and other sources, for geographic areas such as Statistical Local Areas and Local Government Areas right up to state/territory and Australia. The data is presented for all years on common boundaries, making it easy to compare data over time.

Examples of data available include average taxable income, estimated resident population by age and sex, age of motor vehicles, water use on Australian farms and selected Government pensions and allowances.

This latest NRP has a very new look 'entry' page, which uses an interactive map and list to find your region of interest.

The National Regional Profile is available directly from the ABS Home Page <http://www.abs.gov.au/>.

ABS Australian Statistical Geography

In July 2011, the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will progressively replace the current Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) with the new Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) as its geographical framework.

The ASGS brings all the regions ABS uses to output data under the one umbrella. The regions are divided into two broad categories:

1. ABS structures - those regions which are defined and maintained by the ABS.
2. Non ABS structures - those regions defined and maintained by other organisations, but for which ABS outputs data.

ABS structures are a hierarchy of regions based on mesh blocks.

You can find more information about the ASGS and other developments in ABS Geography from this page on the ABS website:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/websitedbs/D3310114.nsf/home/Geography>

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Australian Federal Budget 2010-11:

This article contains editorial comment and edited highlights from the Foreword to the Ministerial Statement 'Stronger Rural and Regional Communities' at http://www.budget.gov.au/2010-11/content/ministerial_statements/rural_and_regional/html/ms_rural_and_regional.htm

'Rural and regional Australia is critical to the Australian economy, generating 60 per cent of our export income and driving Australia's resource and agricultural industries.' However regional expenditure commitments in the Budget appear to be peripheral to national programs.

Australian Government Budget spending in regions, extends across rural and regional transport, water, energy, health, education and communications infrastructure.

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Much of this is driven by national programs rather than specific regional programs.

The \$42 billion Nation Building and Jobs Plan supported investments in rural, regional and urban infrastructure.

The Australian Government Minister for Population will over the next 12 months consider what action is needed to accommodate Australia's long term needs.

The Australian Government Plans to invest \$22 billion in rural and regional road, rail and port projects across Australia, from 2008-09 to 2013-14.

The Budget investment of \$996 million in equity in the Government-owned Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for a package of rail projects across rural and regional Australia.

The Australian Government is providing an additional \$1.2 billion through the Apprentices Incentives Program to develop a significantly more skilled Australian workforce.

The Education Revolution will continue building school infrastructure, modernising digital education resources and providing national consistency in education.

The shift in roles and responsibilities in the Australian health system will make the Commonwealth the major funder of the Australian hospital system. The National Health and Hospitals Network represents the largest reform to the health system since the inception of Medicare.

The 2010-11 Budget delivers further investments of \$2.2 billion over four years in areas such as better access to General Practitioner (GP) and primary health care, the nursing workforce, modernising our health system through personally controlled electronic records, and fundamental changes to the way the health system works. These investments bring the Government's total reform investment package to \$7.3 billion over five years.

As part of these reforms, the Government is working to ensure funding reflects higher costs in rural and remote Australia; improving services in rural, remote or regional communities; and supporting the rural health workforce.

The National Broadband Network will dramatically improve broadband for households, particularly for people living in rural and regional Australia.

The Government is providing \$652.5 million over four years to establish a Renewable Energy Future Fund as part of the Government's expanded \$5.1 billion Clean Energy Initiative. It will provide additional support for the development and deployment of large and small scale renewable energy projects, including partnerships with the private sector in early stage investments and to leverage private funds to support the commercialisation of renewable technologies.

A new infrastructure fund for the states and territories will commence in 2012-13 with an initial contribution of \$700 million and will be worth more than \$5.6 billion over the decade. This will include state investment in infrastructure in rural and regional communities, especially in the resource-rich states.

Some Budget expenditures are regionally focused.

This Budget year, the Government will provide around \$1.6 billion in funding this year which will go to rural and regional councils through Financial Assistance Grants and the Roads to Recovery program.

The Government will continue to support productivity, research and innovation in Australia's primary industries to help meet future challenges, including climate change and drought, biosecurity and global food security.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) committees are working closely with stakeholders across all of our regions to promote solutions to local issues and to develop regional plans to help guide the future direction of our communities.

No funds are given but the statement claims:

In just two years, the Australian Government has developed and delivered a comprehensive range of policies and programs designed to equip rural and regional communities to deal with global and local challenges. In the years ahead, we are committed to ensuring that our investments are well-targeted, that our

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partnerships are meaningful and productive and that our engagement with local communities delivers the best possible results for rural and regional Australia.

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Regional Development and Local Government

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Minister for Tourism

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Parliamentary Secretary for Infrastructure,
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Regional Development and Local Government

Gary Gray
Parliamentary Secretary for Western and
Northern Australia

Website www.budget.gov.au/2010-11/content/ministerial_statement/rural_and_regional/html Accessed 3 June 2010

Thanks to The Cockatoo

The last edition of the ANZRS AI Newsletter featured several extracts from recent editions of The Cockatoo made available by agreement. This agreement continues but space has limited the number of articles in in this edition.

For more from The Cockatoo go to www.investmentinnovation.wordpress.com

Helen Hughes' strong critique of Pacific aid

Because of (or despite) her huge experience (she is 80+ years old), Emeritus Professor Helen Hughes has launched a stinging critique of efforts to address poverty, poor health and education levels in the South Pacific. Her latest views, consistent with her longstanding analysis, include:

Living standards in villages are worse than when the first Europeans arrived. All measures of development have deteriorated. Independence sowed the seeds of the Pacific nations' demise because aid flows per capita became the highest to any developing region.

By the 1990s, MPs and senior public servants were appropriating all the gains - disproportionate shares of aid went to pay Western expatriates and the rest was absorbed by the urban elites.

Egregious corruption became the norm, mirrored by high crime and rural violence.

Once it was obvious that aid agencies were central to Pacific economic stagnation and political collapse, Alexander Downer, then Australian foreign affairs minister, sought to push AusAID back to the growth policies that had led to the remarkable economic-social development of East Asia.

The World Bank, ADB, UNDP and other multilateral & bilateral aid agencies have failed to persuade Pacific politicians to make the decisions essential for economic development.

Refuge has been taken in the hyperbole of the Millennium Development Goals: "end poverty; universal education, gender equality, child health; maternal health; combat AIDS; environmental sustainability and global partnership".

The Millennium Development Goals were initiated by NGOs with social entitlement agendas. They believe growth-oriented economies such as Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Botswana, Mauritius, Chile etc. set a bad example.

The final irony is that Guam, New Caledonia and French Polynesia - so-called imperial administrations - have delivered much higher standards of education, health, infrastructure etc.

(Helen has a reputation for calling a spade a shovel. We hereby offer the right of reply to our colleagues in the UN! – Editor The Cockatoo)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES (See also the **Second Call for Papers for the ANZRS AI Annual Conference at the end of this newsletter**)

NatStats 2010 Conference

15-17 September 2010, Sydney. For more information visit www.nss.gov.au/natstats2010

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4th Desert Knowledge Symposium and Business Showcase

Desert Australia: The National Interest and Global Context
9-11 November 2010

Alice Springs Convention Centre

Northern Territory, Australia

www.desertknowledgesymposium.com

The program consists of a Science Day followed by a two-day Symposium encompassing four themes:

- Settlements: Patterns, services and viability
- Enterprise and Livelihoods
- Energy Futures and Climate Change
- Governance and Capacity

The Organising Committee invites you to participate in the Symposium by submitting an abstract. Authors are invited to make a submission in the form of: Oral abstract with written journal paper, Oral abstract only or Poster abstract.

Abstract submission closes: Wed 7th July

Early bird registration opens: Wed 14th July

Authors notified of acceptance: Wed 21st July

The Place of Leadership in Urban and Regional Development



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

First Research Seminar: Leadership in Urban and Regional Development: Exploring the Debates and Challenges

23rd - 24th November 2010 – Centre for Urban and Regional Studies (CURS) organised in association with the Centre for Leadership at the University of Birmingham (CLUB)

Deadline for abstracts: 1 September 2010

(Full papers are welcome but are not required)

For further information:

http://www.curs.bham.ac.uk/events/RSA_network.shtml

Network Organizers

— Dr. John Gibney, University of Birmingham. UK.

— Professor Markku Sotarauta, University of Tampere. Finland.

— Professor Andrew Beer, University of Adelaide. Australia.

Third National Country Towns Conference 2010

Presented by the Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities and the Community Planning & Development Program

At this, the third Country Towns conference we will explore how the diversity of country towns across the nation are responding to the call for a sustainable future. We will use the many different perspectives to build a framework that shows the choices communities have working together and with governments to realize this outcome.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN IN MAY 2010

For more details please contact the Conference Manager Patricia Ibbotson on 03 5444 7859 or p.ibbotson@latrobe.edu.au

Regional Studies Association WINTER CONFERENCE 2010

***Regions and the Environment
Friday 26th November 2010, London***

CALL FOR PAPERS

At first glance, 2010 has not so far been an auspicious year for regional environmental policy. Global recession, Copenhagen failing to live up to expectations, and public scepticism about stronger environmental policies tell only part of the story. An altogether more positive outlook is painted by political pronouncements on green jobs, a Green New Deal, environmental technologies, fuel poverty, energy savings, improved eco-standards for new housing, and targets for zero carbon housing. This political climate brings challenges of ensuring that money is used wisely and outcomes are carefully evaluated.

It is timely to ask some searching questions about recent environmental policy approaches and the future of environmental policy at all geographical scales, not least the regional and local level.

The Regional Studies Association Winter Conference 2010 on Regions and the Environment presents an opportunity to discuss and debate these issues, to establish the research requirements and to address the concerns of practitioners and policymakers.

The conference organisers are keen to attract papers and sessions which address a broad active research and policy agenda, including

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contributions from any discipline which can offer insights at local and regional levels. Papers which are collaborative, international or multi-disciplinary are especially welcome.

For themes, further information and to submit please go to:

www.regional-studies-assoc.ac.uk

SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD Scholarship in Regional Planning

Australian Postgraduate Award (Industry)

The project associated with this scholarship aims to encourage future planning professionals to become equipped with an understanding of how indigenous values can make a meaningful contribution to regional planning processes.

This scholarship will be awarded to one full-time student enrolled to complete a PhD over the first two years of an ARC linkage project plus an additional year.

Successful applicants will conduct research to contribute to identifying and incorporating indigenous landscape values into regional – planning processes.

The value of this scholarship is \$AU 27,222 (minimum per annum, tax-free), to be used for living expenses. This scholarship is paid fortnightly for the period of 3 years.

This scholarship is for study in Australia for those who

- Have achieved undergraduate Honours 2A or equivalent, or Masters by research in indigenous studies and/or regional planning; and
- Are currently enrolled in, or have just commenced, a Doctor of Philosophy program.

Interested candidates are invited to send an expression of interest and their CV to:

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For more information, please see <http://www.griffith.edu.au/environment-planning-architecture/urban-research-program/newsevents/2009>

IWC Water Leader Scholarships

<http://www.watercentre.org/education/programs/scholarships/iwc-scholarships>

Full and partial-tuition scholarships are now available to study International WaterCentre's (IWC) Master of Integrated Water Management.

Part-time/distance study option is available

Full scholarships - AU\$39,960

Partial scholarships

Scholarships open May 1 – August 1

Program starts February 2011

Eligible applicants will have:

- A completed undergraduate degree in a related field of study from an internationally-recognised institution
- Demonstrated English language proficiency (As required by the University of Queensland)
- Practical experience in a related field is preferred

The Master of Integrated Water Management (MIWM) program takes a multi-disciplinary, whole-of-water cycle approach. It is a co-badged and co-taught degree by The University of Queensland, Griffith University, Monash University and The University of Western Australia.

The program equips students with the integration, leadership and managerial skills to become part of an elite group of water leaders with sustainable and holistic solutions to global water and climate change challenges.

The program commences February 2011 and can be completed in 12 or 18 months full-time or 3 years in part-time/distance study mode.

Apply: <http://www.watercentre.org/education/programs/scholarships/iwc-scholarships>

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eJlaglAJneY>

Contact us: admin@watercentre.org

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ABOUT ANZRSAI

Robert Stimson Elected as a Fellow of Regional Science Association International

The Council is delighted to report that our colleague, Professor Bob Stimson from the University of Queensland, is one of ten scholars who have been elected as Fellows of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) from 2010.

The list of elected RSAI Fellows in 2010 is very impressive, including Professor Paul Krugman from Princeton University. Bob is the first person from our region ever to receive this prestigious honour, which is richly deserved.

Bob has been a long-serving member of ANZRSAI from its earliest days, and continues to serve on our current Council. Bob organised our 2008 conference in Adelaide, and we were very pleased when he accepted our invitation to give the welcome keynote address at the Pacific Regional Science Conference we hosted in 2009; his presentation on the history of the Association was a highlight of those three days.

This announcement by RSAI is wonderful news and the Council has been pleased to pass on to Bob its congratulations for this international recognition of his work and of his standing as a world-class scholar in regional science. If you would like to send Bob a personal message, his email address is r.stimson@uq.edu.au.

We hope to involve Bob in our own conference later this year, where we can give further recognition to his achievement. The conference will be held in Melbourne, 7-10 December 2010 (see www.anzrsai.org for more details).

Paul Dalziel
ANZRSAI President, 2009-10



NT Councillor: Professor Rolf Gerritsen

Rolf Gerritsen has a doctorate from the Australian National University. He is currently the Research Leader, Central Australia, at Charles Darwin University. Rolf has taught at various universities, the longest period being a decade at ANU in the Graduate Program in Public Policy. He also worked as Director of the Australian Centre for Regional and Local Government Studies (at Canberra University) for five years, as a Ministerial staffer at both the Commonwealth and Territory levels, and ran his own research consultancy for a number of years. Between 2002 and 2006 he was Director Social/Economic Policy in the Chief Minister's Department in Darwin. Before joining CDU, he was the "Outback Livelihoods" project leader in the Tropical Savannas CRC. Rolf's principal current research interest is regional development, with a focus on disadvantaged, remote and Indigenous areas. His secondary research area is government policy and service delivery. He is the author of over 70 academic publications in a variety of public policy fields, as well as about 20 consultancy reports, regional plans, strategic plans, etc. Rolf has published several papers on the NT's intergovernmental finances and public policy. He is currently leading a project on the new Shires in the NT under the aegis of the Australian Centre of Excellence in Local Government.

While a consultant, Rolf specialised in outback regional development. During this period he

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conducted numerous regional development projects for the Barwon-Darling Alliance (a coalition of the Murdi Paaki Regional Council of ATSIC and the Shires along the Darling River), the Capricorn Regional Organisation of Councils in Qld (a structural integration exercise), and the Cue Alliance (of Shires in the Murchison River catchment in WA), as well as for State and Commonwealth agencies.

Later this year two new papers by Rolf will be published – on the role of Aboriginal expenditure in Central Australian Gross Regional Product and on the economic trajectory of remote inland Australia.

ANZRSAI Council Notes

Council discussions in May have been focused on arrangements for the Annual ANZRSAI Conference. Conference Convenor and Vice President Paul Collits is working very hard (with help from President Paul Dalziel) to make this conference a success. The second call for papers is attached to this Newsletter with all the details you need to plan your attendance.

The financial position of ANZRSAI remains strong.

Council is interested in finding ways to share or reduce the burden on the volunteer editors of our journals. Thanks to Christine Smith, who edits Australasian Journal of Regional Studies, and Paul Collits, who edits Sustaining Regions, ANZRSAI makes a respected contribution to learning and practice in regional science and management. A sub group of Council will discuss ways and means to sustain this contribution into the future.

ANZRSAI also seeks to sustain and build relationships between research and practice in regions. There has been some discussion of a mid-year, one-day conference targeted at practice workshops and practitioner presentations. The market support for such a venture has yet to be determined. Starting in March 2009, a Council Member has conducted a series of five informal network meetings in Adelaide. These meetings have attracted into a lively discussion a small group of researchers, regional practitioners, consultants and policy officers.

Council is interested in your suggestions and they can be forwarded via www.anzrsai.org

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34th Annual Conference of the Australia and New Zealand Regional Science Association International

Rydges on Swanston Melbourne, Australia, 7-10 December 2010

SECOND CALL FOR PAPERS

Following our successful hosting of the Pacific Regional Science Conference last year, ANZRSAI is calling for presentations at our 34th annual conference, which will take place at the Rydges on Swanston Melbourne hotel, 7-10 December 2010. This is a wonderful venue in easy walking distance from the Melbourne central business district and the famous cafes and restaurants of Lygon Street. The conference theme is:

Innovation and Regions: Theory, Practice and Policy

The committee invites contributions from academics, practitioners and policy advisors on any aspect of regional science for presentation at the conference. The programme will include *academic papers* (which may be peer reviewed), *PowerPoint presentations* and *special sessions* on topics in regional science theory, regional development practice or regional planning policy. The conference includes an Awards Dinner at the venue on Thursday 9 December, at which the following awards will be made.

- The John Dickinson Memorial Award for Best Paper in AJRS
- The Award for Best Paper in Sustaining Regions
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper
- The ANZRSAI Award for Best Conference Paper by a Student

The home page for the 2010 conference is hosted at the Association's own home page at www.anzrsai.org. There are two separate websites available to submit an abstract and to register, as follows:

A. To submit an abstract, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=abstract&forceHB=1&id=180>

B. To register for the conference, please go to:

<https://www.conferenceonline.com/index.cfm?page=booking&object=conference&id=15319&categorykey=0815D35A%2D1DD6%2D4BC9%2DBF15%2D762FC2189981&clear=1>

Please note: Abstracts must be submitted by 3 September and early bird registration ends on 24 September.

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Abstract Submission:

The programme committee welcomes contributions in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, an academic paper or a special session (made up of three presentations). Papers that are submitted in full by the 1st of October will be double-blind peer reviewed for publication in formal conference proceedings on the ANZRSAI website. Papers submitted to the conference may also be submitted to the Association's journal, the *Australasian Journal of Regional Science*, which is ranked as a tier B journal by the Australian Research Council.

In all cases, the first step is to submit an *Abstract* giving a brief introduction to the content of the contribution or proposed special session. The Abstract should be no more than 150 words, explaining the topic of the contribution and its main points or conclusions. The Abstract should make clear that the topic is suitable for a conference of people engaged in regional science theory, practice or policy. Decisions on submitted abstracts will be made within **three weeks** of receipt.

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The Committee welcomes papers on any aspect of regional science, but is particularly interested to receive papers reporting research or case studies on any of the following:

- Innovation and regional development
- Entrepreneurship and regional development
- Population policy, urbanisation and the “big Australia” debate
- Global cities in the twenty first century
- Metropolitan and regional planning
- Regional governance
- New regional structures in Australia
- Drivers of regional growth and decline
- Local economic development
- Networks, clusters and regional development
- Regional policies in Australia and New Zealand
- Sustainability and natural resource management
- Rural futures
- Human capital and regional development
- Liveability and population attraction strategies
- Regional labour markets
- Urban and regional economics
- Regional impacts of climate change and climate policy

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Conference Registration:

The 34th Annual Conference will open with a cocktail reception at the conference venue on Tuesday 7 December. This will be followed by two and a half days full of stimulating plenary addresses, a plenary panel, parallel sessions of submitted papers and the conference dinner on Thursday 9 December. This is an opportunity for ANZRSAI members and others interested in regional science or regional policy to share experiences and network with each other, to keep up-to-date with the latest developments in regional research, and to address important issues in regional planning.

At the time of issuing this second request for papers, the programme of plenary speakers is still being finalised. Once this is finalised, details will be published on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org.

Registration for the conference includes morning tea, lunches and afternoon tea as well as admission to all plenary and parallel sessions. There are two social events: an opening cocktail reception on the evening of Tuesday 7 December and the ANZRSAI Awards Dinner on Thursday 9 December. There is also an option for participants to include their annual ANZRSAI subscription (which includes subscription to the Regional Science Association International) with their conference fee.

Standard Registration for full conference	\$625.00
Early Bird Standard registration (must be paid before 24 September)	\$525.00
Student or Emeritus Registration for full conference	\$250.00
Registration for one day of the conference	\$300.00

Conference Cocktail Reception (Tuesday 7 December, 6.00pm) \$30.00

ANZRSAI Awards Dinner (Thursday 9 December, 6.00pm) \$120.00

Standard annual ANZRSAI Subscription for 2011 \$160.00

Emeritus annual ANZRSAI Subscription for 2011 \$60.00

Student annual ANZRSAI Subscription for 2011 \$30.00

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Conference Accommodation

There is a wide range of accommodation options available close to the conference venue of Rydges on Swanston. The conference organisers have arranged for reduced accommodation rates of \$180 per night at Rydges on Swanston, and this is also the venue for the conference dinner on 9 December. A description of the hotel can be downloaded from:

http://www.rydges.com/images/pdf/RVCARL/gen_factsheet.pdf

Details on how to book this special rate, and details of other accommodation options, will be posted on the conference website at www.anzrsai.org by the end of July.

Indicative Timetable

The indicative timetable for submitted papers and registration is as follows:

3 September 2010	Final date for submission of abstracts
24 September 2010	Final date for early bird registration Draft conference programme on website
29 October 2010	Final date for submission of full paper by authors wanting their contribution to be peer reviewed for the conference proceedings
12 November 2010	Final date for conference registration for paper presenters, for paper to be confirmed in the programme
26 November 2010	Final conference programme on website
7 December 2010	Conference opens

Queries about abstracts can be sent to the programme coordinator at the address below:

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