

Editorial

It has been my pleasure to have the opportunity to be the guest editor of this issue of *Sustaining Regions*. As many of our readers will know, ANZRS AI publishes both the *Australasian Journal of Regional Science* and *Sustaining Regions*. This journal is dedicated to the practical aspects of regional development and is designed as an outlet for scholarly research by practitioners and academics.

This is the first issue to be published without Andrew Beer as its editor. Andrew did an outstanding job as the editor since its inception in 2001. In addition to his editorial duties, Andrew has published widely and is highly regarded as an international expert on regional development issues. The ANZRS AI board and I personally want to thank Andrew for his dedication.

This issue features four articles by five young and young at heart academics and practitioners. The four articles cover a wide range of topics as is the norm in regional development. The first article is written by Ameeta Jain, an associated lecturer at Deakin University. She is also a Ph. D. candidate at the University of Ballarat. Her research articulates the factors that contribute to the City of Casey's rapid growth. Ameeta examines the drivers of the growth and queries if it is sustainable.

The second article by Steffen Wetzstein investigated the key governing initiatives and reflected upon the complex regional interventions that were designed to manage Auckland's economic growth. This research is especially interesting to me because it so closely mirrors my own. Steffen is a recent Ph. D. graduate from the School of Geography at the University of Auckland.

The third article is written by Brian Dollery, Ciaran Keogh and Lin Crase. Brian is Professor of Economics at the University of New England. Ciaran is employed by the Paramount Group in Hobart and Lin is a Senior Lecturer at La Trobe University. Their article should be of interest to local government officers in both Australia and New Zealand.

The fourth article was written by Dr. Rosa McManamey, who is a research assistant in the University Department of Rural Health at the University of Tasmania. Rosa won the post graduate award at the 2006 ANZRS AI conference in Beechworth, Victoria. Rosa's research on the relationship between community newspapers and social capital is refreshingly unique and should be read with interest by students of social capital.

The final article is written by Robbie Collins and Kimberley McMahon-Coleman. Robbie is the head of the Shoalhaven Campus of the University of Wollongong and Kimberley is Ph D Candidate in English Studies and teaches at the Shoalhaven Campus. Their paper offers an indigenous perspective of heritage and regional development.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite our readers to attend the next ANZRS AI conference to be held in Manukau, New Zealand at the TelstraClear Pacific Events Centre from 23 - 26 September 2007. This will be a joint conference with the Economic Development Association of New Zealand (EDANZ) and the Small Enterprise Association of Australia and New Zealand (SEAAANZ). The forthcoming

conference is expected to attract over 450 delegates from Australia, New Zealand, Europe, North America and Asia. It has the potential to be the largest ever ANZRSIAI conference. I encourage you to register soon.

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Guest Editor