

Albury-Wodonga Forum on Regional and Rural Higher Education

Monday 2 February 2015 La Trobe University Albury-Wodonga Campus

HOSTED BY LA TROBE UNIVERSITY AND CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

TIME	ACTIVITY
10.30 am – 11.00 am	Registration – Coffee/Tea served in the foyer
11.00 am – 11.15 am Main Lecture Theatre room 6101	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor John Dewar, Vice-Chancellor and President, La Trobe University <p>Opening Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Robert Griew, Associate Secretary, Higher Education, Research and International, Department of Education and Training
11.15 am – 12.45 pm Main Lecture Theatre room 6101	<p>Session 1</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Andrew Vann, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Sturt University <p>Considering regional students in the proposed higher education reforms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Professor Sue Trinidad, Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University <p>Regional universities – opportunities and challenges, a RUN perspective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr Caroline Perkins, Executive Director, Regional University Network <p>Regional and rural workforce: the role of higher education in health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adjunct Professor Susan O'Neill, CEO Albury Wodonga Health <p>Discussion facilitated by Professor Andrew Vann, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Sturt University</p>
12.45 pm – 1.45 pm Main Lecture Theatre room 6101	<p>Session 2</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr Guinever Threlkeld, Head of Campus, La Trobe University, Albury-Wodonga Campus <p>Lunch and facilitated discussion</p>
Building 3 room 3114	<p>1. Pathways to success – raising higher education aspiration and participation levels of regional and rural people</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr Vern Hilditch, Principal, Wodonga Senior Secondary College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion Leads: Dr Andrew Harvey, Director Access and Achievement Research Unit, La Trobe University; Mr Les Burr, Executive Director, Learning Innovation and Organisational Development, Wodonga Institute of TAFE; Ms Ilena Young, Program Coordinator, Future Moves Albury, Charles Sturt University
Building 3A room 3A2	<p>2. Higher education and building sustainable regional and rural communities</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor Richard Speed, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Regional), La Trobe University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion Leads: Mr Graeme Sayer, Chief Executive Officer, Murray Hume Business Enterprise Centre, Professor Jeni Warburton, John Richards Chair of Rural Aged Care Research, La Trobe University, Professor Max Finlayson, Director, Institute of Land Water and Society, Charles Sturt University
Building 3A, room 3A1	<p>3. Regional and rural workforce – the role of higher education</p> <p>Facilitator: Professor Julia Coyle, Dean of Students and Head of Campus, Charles Sturt University, Albury Campus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Discussion Leads: Mr Bernard Squire, Business Manager, Wodonga Chamber of Commerce; Dr Dianne Boxall, School of Psychology, Charles Sturt University and Ms Kristy Campbell, HR Business Partner, Crowe Horwath, Albury.
1.45 pm – 3.00 pm Main Lecture Theatre room 6101	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ms Cathy McGowan AO MP, Federal Member for Indi <p>Central Considerations in Planning for Higher Education in Regional and Rural Communities</p> <p>Panel discussion with Q and A facilitated by Ms Cathy McGowan, AO MP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Bernard Squire, Business Manager Wodonga Chamber of Commerce; Ms Samantha Clune, Postgraduate Student, La Trobe University; Mr Richard Maher, Postgraduate Student Charles Sturt University; Professor Andrew Vann, Vice-Chancellor and President, Charles Sturt University; Professor John Dewar, Vice-Chancellor and President, La Trobe University.

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Speakers

PROFESSOR SUE TRINIDAD

Director, National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University

Prior to becoming the Director of the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education, Sue was Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Humanities at Curtin during 2007-2012.

In these roles she provided academic leadership for the five schools and led the Higher Education Equity Participation Program for a large faculty which had many LSES, Indigenous and regional students. Sue is an established scholar in the areas of higher education pedagogy and change management, the use of technology and student learning. Her research covers higher education and leadership, including the use of technology for regional, rural and remote areas to provide equity access to all students regardless of their geographical location.

Sue has also been involved in consultancies, research projects and grants both in Australia and internationally, including Australian Research Council and Office for Learning and Teaching funded research. She currently sits as an advisor to the Western Australian Minister of Education on the Regional and Remote Advisory Council (RREAC). Her teaching, learning and research have been acknowledged by a number of awards including the 2001 Life Membership Award for the Educational Computing Association of Western Australia for her work with teachers, two best research paper awards in 2004 and 2006, the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence and Innovation in Higher Education in 2010; a Citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning 2014; and the PTCWA Outstanding Professional Service Award 2014.

DR CAROLINE PERKINS

Executive Director, Regional Universities Network

Caroline is a geologist by training and has a B.Sc. (Hons) from the University of Melbourne, Australia, and a Ph.D in geology from the University of New England, Australia. She has worked as an exploration geologist in Australia and Fiji, and undertook post-doctoral research in geology at the Australian National University.

She has 15 years' experience as a senior public servant working for the Australian Federal Government in higher education, research, science and radioactive waste management policy and programs. In February 2012 she was appointed as the first Executive Director of the Regional Universities Network, a group of six universities with their headquarters in regional Australia, outside capital cities. Since then she has worked to foster advocacy, facilitate collaboration, and enhance the contribution of the member universities to regional development, the nation, and internationally.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR SUSAN O'NEILL

Chief Executive Officer, Albury Wodonga Health

Susan is a highly experienced health sector executive having previously worked as Executive Director of Nursing at Cabrini Health. Here, she was responsible for the development and implementation of strategies, policies and plans to improve and manage the change management agenda, in addition to important operational and leadership functions. During this time she has overseen significant improvements in staff and patient outcomes and led the development of systems to maintain high-quality health standards. Prior to this Susan has held executive roles at the Southern Adelaide Health Service and Flinders Medical Centre.

FACILITATORS

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