

## PROPOSED PROGRAM

This conference will be preceded by a Small Cities Conference to be held on Tuesday 28 and Wednesday 29 September at the same venue.

### Wednesday 29th Sept 2010

6.30pm Welcome Reception

### Thursday 30 Sept 2010

8am Registration

9am Introductions

9.30am Keynote addresses

10.30am Morning Tea

11am Keynote Addresses

12.30pm Lunch

1.30pm Concurrent Sessions

3.15 pm Afternoon Tea

3.34pm Concurrent Sessions

5.30pm Close

6.30pm Conference Dinner

### Friday 1 October 2010

9am Keynote addresses

10.30am Morning Tea

11am Concurrent Sessions

12.45pm Lunch

1.30pm Concurrent Sessions

3.15pm Morning Tea

3.45pm Final sessions

5pm Conference Closes

## REGISTRATION

The Conference will be held at La Trobe University Bendigo Campus on Thursday 30 September and Friday 1 October 2010.

Registration will open in May 2010.

To be placed on the mailing list to receive notices, updates and registration forms please provide your full contact details to the Conference Manager, Patricia Ibbotson, [p.ibbotson@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:p.ibbotson@latrobe.edu.au) or phone 03 5444 7859.

A welcome reception is planned for the evening of Wednesday 29th September and a conference dinner will be held at the magnificent Bendigo Town Hall on Thursday 30th September.

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## Third National Country Towns Conference 2010

## The Sustainability of Australia's Country Towns

### CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



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## **The Sustainability of Australia's Country Towns**

In 2000 and 2005, the Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities (CSRC) at La Trobe University in Bendigo hosted Conferences on Australia's country towns. The first on the future of and the second on the changing nature of country towns. In 2010 the CSRC will host the third in this series of conferences with a focus on the sustainability of Australia's country towns. We call on both academics and practitioners to submit abstracts for this conference with the opportunity to have their papers included in the book which will be published as a result of the conference.

In 2000 the attention was on the very existence of Australia's country towns based on the belief that the globalization agenda would see many simply swallowed up as the world moved to one market economy. How wrong that view was.

In 2005 our closer examination showed that there was great diversity in Australia's country towns and that their changing nature reflected many things to do with the very nature of these towns themselves and the context that they found themselves in.

In 2010 the sustainability agenda is writ large across Australian Communities and in our country towns in particular. Driven by immediate concerns of environment—from disasters of fire and flood to fundamental changes driven by long term climate change, such as the recognition that south eastern Australia's long term future will be hotter and dryer, communities are working with governments to build resilience, decrease vulnerability to assure a sustainable future.

At the 2010 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.



## **Call for Abstracts**

If you would like to contribute to the debate and development of our understanding of the sustainability of Australia's country towns, please submit your abstract (maximum of one A4 page) to [john.martin@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:john.martin@latrobe.edu.au) by Thursday 15th April 2010.

Papers presented at the conference will be considered for publication in an edited book:

“The Sustainability of Australia's Country Towns”.

As they will be refereed they must be submitted to the editors (Trevor Budge and John Martin) by Friday 30 July 2010.

For further details please contact

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