9th Biennial National Rural Remote Social Work Conference
Rural Social Workers Practice Group
Victorian Branch - AASW
Australian Association of Social Workers

‘Rural Communities Inspiring Social Care’
30 and 31 July 2009
Mercure Hotel, Geelong

PROGRAM

Program Day 1  Thursday 30 July 2009

8.30am–9.15am
COFFEE & REGISTRATION

9.15am–9.30am
WELCOME – Peter Quin, Convenor, Rural Social Workers Practice Group

9.30am–10.20am
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Desley Hargreaves, National Manager Social Work Services - Centrelink
"The place of the Commonwealth in service delivery - a changing landscape"

10.20am–10.50am
MORNING TEA

10.50am–11.40am
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Otway
Kate Incerti and Martin Butler
“I am not really a policy worker”

Barwon
Heather Downey and Carmel Shellie
Looking beyond – Local solutions to social and economic issues in small rural communities – Place Based servicing initiatives

Kardinia
Helen Wilson and John McCormack
Family Friend or Blow In: Offering a visiting social work service to rural centres in Victoria

11.40am–12.30pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Otway
Susan Brumby
‘She’ll be right, stoic, silly or service deprived’? Questions from the Sustainable Farm Families Program

Barwon
Jan Watson
Journaling – A Way of Exploring and Connecting

Kardinia
Helen Hickson
Critical Reflection online: Can a blog support isolated practitioners?

12.30pm–1.30pm
LUNCH
1.30pm–2.20pm
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Rosemary Green**, Associate Professor, Ballarat University and
**Grace Brown**, Lecturer, School of Social Work and Social Policy, LaTrobe University, Bendigo
*Inspiring rural practice: Australian and international perspectives*

2.20pm–3.10pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Otway**
**Beverley Bryant, Victoria Jones, Russell Murray, Kylie Musto, Sue Pittman**
‘Rural Oncology Social Work: Articulating our Service’

**Barwon**
**Martin Butler**
Community Development, Social Care, Initiatives within a Rural Narrative Framework

**Kardinia**
**Nicole Johnson**
Young women’s experiences of familial breast cancer in non metropolitan Victoria

3.10pm–3.40pm
AFTERNOON TEA

3.40pm–4.30pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Otway**
**Lesley Pitt**
Woolsheds, Wet Weather Gear and the West Coast: Social Work Practice in Taranaki

**Barwon**
**Margaret Alston and Kerri Whittenbury**
Social Impacts of Drought and Declining Water Availability in the Murray-Darling Basin.

**Kardinia**
**Anne Giljohann, Shane Brabazon, Jennifer Wilson, Sally Cody, Rosie Petschack, and Evelyn Chittleborough**
Emerging Challenges for Rural Specialist Bereavement Counsellors

**Ante**
**Cathy Crawford and Belinda Vincent**
The Challenges Survivors Face: Women’s Stories

4.30pm
RSWPG Annual General Meeting
Barwon Kardinia room

6.30pm CONFERENCE DINNER

Welcome Cocktail Party compliments Mercure Hotel
Join in the fun and wear your favorite inspiring ‘Rural’ hat!

**Guest Presenter:**
**Susan Brumby**, “*Listening, Reflecting and Involvement in Social Care*”
MHM, Director National Centre for Farmer Health, Western District Health Service and Deakin University

**Inaugural Martin P. Butler Rural Social Work Scholarship presented to Tess La Fontaine**
Program Day 2  Friday 31 July 2009

8.30am–9.00am
COFFEE & REGISTRATION

9.00am–9.10am
WELCOME – Peter Quin, Convenor, RSWAG

9.10am–10.10am
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Jeff Young, Acting Director, The Bouverie Centre, Victoria's Family Institute
Rural people hate counselling until they have it: Practice wisdom from the drought

10.10am–11.00am  CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Otway  Erin Hokin
The perception of health: young adults with a physical disability perception and evaluation of their health status and wellbeing.

Barwon  Carol Dore
A Social Work Model of Community Singing

Kardinia  Belinda Coates, Andrea Lockhart, Susan Culhan
An early intervention approach: Problematic sexual behaviour and sexually abusive behaviour in children and adolescents

Ante  Grant Doxey and Dr. Patricia McNamara
More than a dollar: Responding to psycho-social needs identified by Rural Financial Counsellors in rural and remote areas

11.00am–11.30am  MORNING TEA

11.30am–12.20pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS
Otway  Geraldene Mackay
Social Work Clinicians in Corrections Victoria: A Rural Perspective.

Barwon  Cathy Hickey
‘Planning for the Future’ Workshop Series - Community Development among older parent carers

Kardinia  Jacqueline Martin
Workforce Innovation

Ante  Fran Smullen
‘What is it we (mainstream) do’ that prevents people from Indigenous and culturally diverse community members coming to mainstream services
12.20pm–1.10pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Otway  Victoria Jones  
Inspiring Social Care: Everyday Conversations about Grief in Rural Communities

Barwon  Dr. Jan Pascal  
Breast Cancer and Well-Being: Psychosocial Experiences at an Environmental Retreat.

Kardinia  Dr. Uschi Bay  
Coastal settlements, sustainability and rural social work

Ante  Dr. Maria Dasari  
The Problems Faced by International Students in Melbourne, Australia: A Comparison of International Students within the first year of their arrival and second year.

1.10pm–2.00pm  LUNCH

2.00pm–2.50pm  KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robyn Mason, Lecturer, Social Work Department, Monash University  
A Future for Rural Social Work: Developing a framework for working in uncertainty

2.50pm–3.40pm  CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Otway  Geraldene Mackay and Dr. Jan Pascal  
A reflective narrative of our post post-graduate PhD journeys.

Barwon  Julie U’Ren  
Women’s Contribution to Community Action in a small rural Community

Kardinia  Leigh Philpott  
Virtual Teams and Virtual Therapy: Real opportunities to address real rural and remote issues in social work practice.

3.40pm–4.00pm  CONFERENCE CLOSE

Thank you for your participation, your feedback is appreciated
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