



Place & Purpose 2009

Applying landscape science to Natural Resource Management

A Symposium of the Spatial Sciences Institute Biennial International Conference

30 September – 1 October 2009

Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia

This is the second Place and Purpose Symposium that will bring together people interested in the latest developments and research on Natural Resource Management and Planning. The Symposium builds upon the success of the first event held in Bendigo 2007 and provides the opportunity to interact with the expertise and technology of the Spatial Sciences Institute (SSI).

The Symposium is being organised by the South Australian Landscape Science Cluster with support from SSI's Spatial Information and Cartography Commission and will feature two days of quality presentations from key note speakers, regional NRM personnel and researchers. The first day is designed to highlight the context, experiences and new developments in tools and processes being applied in regions around Australia. A feature of the afternoon sessions will be a focus on the application of remote sensing to assist planning and monitoring in regions. The second day of the Symposium will feature keynote speakers who will bring national and international perspectives to the developing science of integrated landscape management. These speakers will be complemented by presentations on new technical developments and tools that can be applied to better planning and management of these complex regional systems with changing climate.

The Landscape Science Cluster has formed in South Australia to promote the development of new and improved technologies to help improve the condition of our natural resources. The Cluster brings together government agency, regional and research representatives who want to explore new and more effective ways of achieving the ideals set out in State and National policy aimed at improving and maintaining the condition of our natural resources.

Featured keynote speakers include:

Dr Graham Harris, Director Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University UK
"Seeking sustainability within complex regional NRM systems"

Dr Andrew Campbell, Managing Director Triple Helix Consulting, Queanbeyan NSW
"Managing Australian landscapes in a changing climate"



Dr Nick Abel, Research Group Leader, CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems, Canberra
"Building resilience in our social - ecological systems"

Dr Ted LeFroy, Director Centre for Environment, University of Tasmania
"What can previous actions tell us about how to improve resource condition in the future?"

Prof Steve Dovers, Director-Elect, Fenner School, ANU Canberra
"Human-environment relations in environmental science and policy"

Prof Henry Nix, Former Director – CRES, ANU Canberra
"The context and future of Landscape Science"

Prof Snow Barlow, Head Agriculture and Food Systems, University of Melbourne
"Climate change, sustainable agriculture and environmental management: Examples of regional implications"

Richard Thackway, Manager Vegetation Information, Land & Forest Sciences, Bureau Rural Sciences
"The integration of knowledge gained through the NLWRA on NRM indicators, monitoring protocols and methodologies"

Useful Links:

Place and Purpose Symposium. Bendigo 2007

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/vro/vrosite.nsf/pages/placeandpurpose>

Spatial Science Conference

<http://www.ssc2009.com/>

Lower Murray Landscape Futures

<http://www.landscapefutures.com.au/>