

'Diversity in Rural and Remote
Communities:
Responding to Challenges &
Opportunities'



11th Biennial

National Rural Remote Social Work Conference

25 & 26 July 2013
RACV Resort, Inverloch, Victoria



Organised by the Rural Social Work Action
Practice Group (AASW Victorian Branch)

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PROGRAM DAY 1 – THURSDAY 25 JULY

Time	Session	Speaker
08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 09.40	Welcome and Official Opening	Peter Quin <i>Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group</i>
09.40 – 10.30	Keynote Speaker Keeping cool: Responding to climate change in regional Australia	Jennifer Boddy <i>Lecturer, School of Human Services & Social Work, Griffith University – Gold Coast Campus, Queensland</i>
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea	
11.00 – 11.45	Concurrent Sessions	
1	<i>Presentation 1:</i> 30 Years of SW in a Rural Community	Elizabeth Wightwick
2	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Making Resilience Possible: From Theory to Practice	Dr Venkat Pulla
3	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Cross-Fertilisation: How a Social Work Supervision Model Can Support Community Nurses	Susan Fletcher
4	<i>Presentation 4:</i> Dislocated and Disconnected: the Psychosocial Impact on Rural Families of Baby's Admission to Neonatal Intensive Care	Lisa Tonkin
11.50 - 12.35	Concurrent Sessions	
5	<i>Presentation 1:</i> Envisioning tomorrow: social work in Papua New Guinea	Cameron Rose, Catherine Flynn & Kerry Brydon
6	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Factors that sustain and grow a successful community agri-advocacy group in Victoria: a case study	Sue Webster
7	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Rural Responses to Victims of Crime Trauma	Karen Martin & Leanne Rule
8	<i>Presentation 4:</i> Views from the Veranda: Visual Metaphors for Conversation-Building in the Bush	Russell Deal
12.35 – 1.30	Lunch	
13.30 – 14.20	Keynote Speaker Traveling Across the Mountains and Canyons of Evidence	Professor Evelyne De Leeuw <i>Chair Community Health Systems Policy Deakin University – Geelong, Victoria</i>
14.25 – 15.10	Concurrent Sessions	
9	<i>Presentation 1:</i> Online Counselling & Practice: email, chat & video: security, ethics, what is involved & how it is done effectively	Marcel Koper
10	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Nature as Nurturer: A Person-As-Environment Approach to Disaster Recovery	Katrin Oliver
11	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Promoting job satisfaction and workforce retention among newly qualified community service workers: a comparison urban and regional settings	<u>Karen Healy</u> , Gai Harrison and Michele Foster
12	<i>Presentation 4:</i> Exemplars for Educating Social Workers for Rural Practice	Grace Brown
15.10 - 15.40	Afternoon Tea	

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Time	Session	Speaker
15.40 – 16.25	Concurrent Sessions	
13	<i>Presentation 1:</i> Personal Safety & Protective Behaviours Programs – Responding to Sexualised Behaviours in Primary Schools	Trish Bowler, <u>Lorraine Osborne & Lisa Sidoti</u>
14	<i>Presentation 2:</i> The Challenges & Opportunities of Technology: An Examination of the Use of Skype & Phone Supervision with Rural & Remote Practitioners	Carolyn Cousins
15	<i>Presentation 3:</i> ‘Rewards and Challenges for Community Health Counsellors in East Gippsland’: A practice and cultural ‘survival’ kit for clinicians and a framework for agencies to improve staff retention in rural and remote areas.	Cate Newcomen
16	<i>Presentation 4:</i> Working With a Social Worker Who Displays Change Resistant Unprofessional Behaviour	Jo Parkinson
16.25 – 16.50	AASW – Future Directions	Karen Healy <i>AASW National President</i>
16.45 – 17.45	RSWAPG Annual General Meeting <i>All Welcome</i>	Peter Quin <i>Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group</i>
18.30	Conference Dinner Transcendence, Positivity, Community and the Media – R.M.Williams OUTBACK magazine: a case study. 2013 Martin P. Butler Rural Social Work Scholarship presentation Venue: Cape Liptrap Room RACV Resort, Inverloch	Guest speaker: Mark Muller Editor-in Chief, RM Williams Outback Publishing – Sydney, NSW Conference Theme: Boots and Bush Hats Prize for the best dressed

PROGRAM DAY 2 – FRIDAY 26 JULY

Time	Session	Speaker
08.30 - 09.00	Registration	
09.00 - 09.10	Welcome	Peter Quin <i>Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group</i>
09.10 - 10.00	Keynote Speaker Supporting Recovery – a reflection through the eyes of a grant maker	Alexandra Gartman <i>CEO - Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal – Bendigo, Victoria</i>
10.05 – 10.50	Concurrent Sessions	
17	<i>Presentation 1:</i> The Supportive Network: Technology & Rural SW Practice	Steven Baker
18	<i>Presentation 2:</i> Mental Health Tools in the Tool Box- Mental Health First Aid Training in East Gippsland Men’s Sheds	Kelly Fitzgerald
19	<i>Presentation 3:</i> Interviewing older farming couples: from research to practice	Heather Downey
20	<i>Presentation 4:</i> The Integration of Community Development Values Skills and Strategies Within Rural Social Work Practice Manager	Froni Binns

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10.50 - 11.20	Morning Tea	
11.20 – 12.05	Concurrent Sessions	
21	<i>Presentation 1: Trauma – Informed Welfare Practice in the Youth Homelessness Sector</i>	Susila Naidu
22	<i>Presentation 2: Critical Links: Responding to the Challenges of Service Access for Rural Children Living with a Developmental Disability</i>	Alison Payne
23	<i>Presentation 3: Developing a social work professional identity whilst navigating a complex human service field.</i>	<u>Natasha Long</u> , J. Lehmann & R. Townsend
24	<i>Presentation 4: Think global, act local: a good place to start</i>	Lanie Pianta
12.10-12.55	Concurrent Sessions	
25	<i>Presentation 1: You'll need to go to hospital in Melbourne: The experiences of country patients and families at Monash Medical Centre</i>	L Green, H Morris, G Bawden & F McDermott
26	<i>Presentation 2: Nurturing the profession: Developing a social work specific space in a rural setting</i>	Anna Langley
27	<i>Presentation 3: Challenges and Opportunities of Refugee Resettlement in the Riverina</i>	Dr Ndungi wa Mungai & B. Cain
28	<i>Presentation 4: Evaluation into How Children & Young People in a Rural Community Can Be More Effectively Supported When Their Parent is Struggling With a Mental Health Issue</i>	Michael Naughton
12.55 - 13.45	Lunch	
13.45 – 14.35	Keynote Speaker Social work: Half asleep in the dawning of Medicare Locals?	Ian Watt <i>Primary Care General Manager Gippsland Medicare Local – Gippsland, Victoria</i>
14.40 –15.25	Concurrent Sessions	
29	<i>Presentation 1: GriefLine –Responding to Rural Australia's need for support</i>	Catherine Cini & Angela Karanikolos
30	<i>Presentation 2: Reflections and Explorations on Working with Refugees and Asylum Seekers in a Regional Community Health Service</i>	Helena Moore , Charmaine Brianta, & Lynne Healy
31	<i>Presentation 3: The Challenges and Opportunities of Social Work in a rural HARP Program: Successfully working with complexity</i>	Karen Brodie & Helen Baker
32	<i>Presentation 4: Children's voices about their experiences of shared time, post-separation</i>	Christina Sadowski
15.30-16.15	Concurrent Sessions	
33	<i>Presentation 1: Healthcare Carers: How does the teamwork work?</i>	<u>Michelle Butler</u> , Dr Anske Robinson & Dr Eleanor Mitchell
34	<i>Presentation 2: Goulburn Valley Refugee Pathways Project</i>	Rashidi Sumaili
35	<i>Presentation 3: Getting Better at Drug & Alcohol Service Delivery in Aboriginal Communities in Western NSW: What Have We Learned & Where To From Here for Social Workers & Rural Health Professionals</i>	<u>Alice Munro</u> & Dr Rod MacQueen
36	<i>Presentation 4: Who Counsels the Children? And What do we do about it?</i>	Charlotte Brewer
16.15 – 16.30	Close	Peter Quin <i>Convenor, Rural Social Workers Action Practice Group</i>

National Keynote Speakers



Jennifer Boddy

**Lecturer, School of Human Services & Social Work, Griffith University
Gold Coast Campus, Queensland**

Dr Jennifer Boddy is a Senior Lecturer in Social Work at Griffith University, Queensland. Jenny is keen to embed environmental social work issues into core courses on the socio-political context of social work practice, research methods, and social work theory. Her specific interest is the impact of the environmental fallout of climate change on disadvantaged populations.



Professor Evelyn De Leeuw

**Chair Community Health Systems Policy
Deakin University, Geelong, Victoria**

Evelyn de Leeuw is Chair in Community Health Systems and Policy for the Faculty of Health at Deakin University, focusing her teaching and research efforts in areas such as urban health, and the nexus between research, policy and practice. She has worked with local, national and international government agencies on five continents in framing, defining and implementing strategies for Healthy Cities.



Mark Muller

**Editor-in Chief, RM Williams Outback Publishing
Sydney, NSW**

Mark Muller is Editor-in-Chief of R.M.Williams Publishing, which produces the award-winning R.M.Williams OUTBACK magazine, OUTBACK Tracks, OUTBACK Stations and Australia In Style. The company is devoted to telling positive stories from and for rural and regional Australia. Raised in Penola, South Australia, he has degrees in Philosophy and English, and Journalism.



Alexandra Gartman

**CEO, Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal
Bendigo, Victoria**

Alexandra's skills, vibrant energy and focus on positive change for people in rural and regional Australia ably assist her in her role as CEO of FRRR to address the wellbeing of rural, regional and remote communities throughout Australia. As CEO she continues to interact and engage with governments, industry, business, NGOs and communities.



Ian Watt

**Primary Health General Manager, Gippsland Medicare Local
Gippsland, Victoria**

Ian has been a health industry consultant since 2009; was National Manager – GP Advocacy and Support and National Policy Manager for the RACGP and CEO of Brisbane North Division of General Practice. Ian contributed widely to the national health policy reform debate preparing discussion and position papers, and has published widely. He is well regarded within the health industry.

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