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The next Statewide Community Economic Development Conference is scheduled for 4-6 May 2010 in Broken Hill. This conference is hosted by the NSW Department of State and Regional Development in partnership with Regional Development Australia - Far West and Broken Hill City Council.

The theme of the conference is: 'Communities in Transition'. Under this theme, the conference will be exploring the economic crisis, peak oil, climate change and other issues that currently face communities, and how communities can effectively transition in order to address these pressing issues.

Keynote speakers

Keynote speakers will be Professor Robert Manne; leading author and publisher, who will talk about how our communities have historically coped with economic change, to better understand our future prospects; Professor Janis Birkeland will tell us how to plan for sustainable lifestyles in regional towns; Julie McCrossin will facilitate an interactive session that brings the strands of transition together; and business journalist, Michael Pascoe will give an analytical report on our regional economic outlook.

In addition to the opportunity to hear from academics and professionals, this 'value for money' conference showcases successful businesses, events and projects implemented by community and economic development practitioners. Attendees can select, based on their interests, a number of concurrent workshops across a range of topics. Field trips and social activities provide the chance to network and experience the uniqueness of Broken Hill.

A diverse delegate list

Over 200 delegates are expected to attend the conference representing local councils, economic development organisations, progress associations, chambers of commerce, community based associations, government departments, tourism organisations, event organisations, private businesses, higher education institutions and consultancy firms. A large number of regional communities, particularly from NSW, will also be represented at the conference.

Accommodation bookings

Industry & Investment NSW is currently holding a number of accommodation bookings for Conference attendees. You can secure your accommodation by contacting Crystal (Tourism Officer) at Broken Hill Visitor Information Centre on telephone number 08 8080 3560 or by email tourist@brokenhill.nsw.gov.au

Conference registrations

A detailed conference brochure and registration form will be available from this website by mid February 2010. If you would like to be included on the mailing list for a hard copy of the brochure, either email anne.pitchers@business.nsw.gov.au with your postal details or phone Anne on 02 9338 6712.

Conference cost

This conference is one of the best value for money conferences available. Individual conference registrations are \$650 (GST inclusive) and community organisations registrations are \$200 (GST inclusive).

The registration fee includes:

- all conference sessions and conference materials
- morning and afternoon refreshments each day
- lunch on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Tuesday welcome dinner – beverages not included
- a field trip
- Wednesday conference dinner – pre-dinner beverages only included
- coach transfers to social functions.

Getting there

REX has daily flights from Sydney and Dubbo to Broken Hill and return. Visit www.rex.com.au for flight details. Conference attendees can access the conference fare by calling 131713 and quoting the password "conference".

The conference fare is \$320.10 one way Sydney to Broken Hill and \$273.20 Dubbo to Broken Hill, the fares are subject to any fare increase before ticketing. Travel is valid between 01 May and 10 May 2010.

The following fare conditions apply:

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"From the speakers, and their topics, to the venue, the food, even the social activities - it was all a 5 STAR event."

Dr Jay Gomboso
Vice President, Bungendore
Chamber of Commerce &
Industry.

"That was one fabulous conference. The keynote speakers were all excellent value, the workshops equally so. I will certainly attend again in 2010."

Julie Briggs
Manager - Communications
& Marketing
Narrandera Shire Council

- Pay within 48 hours of booking
- Flight Changes are permitted up to 72 hours before scheduled departure, applicable fees apply
- Name changes are permitted free of charge
- Fare is Nonrefundable
- Cancellation 7 days prior to departure the full fare will be held in credit for 12 months
- Cancellation within 7 days will forfeit the fare.

For information on CountryLink's train/coach daily services to Broken Hill visit www.countrylink.info.

Sponsorship opportunities are outlined in the [sponsorship prospectus](#).

2008 Community Economic Development (CED) Conference
The 2008 CED Conference was held in Moama from 4-6 May 2008. The CED Conference attracted the largest number of attendees on record, bringing together 269 people to explore the latest developments in promoting sustainable economic growth in regional areas. From the 90 forms completed by delegates, 86 per cent of respondents rated the 2008 conference overall as 'very useful'.

For more information

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