Regional Australia requires renewed leadership to action and provide effective governance for the vision of social, environmental, cultural and economic sustainability in the 21st century.

The International Regional Studies Association’s (RSA) Network, Regional Development Australia – Mid North Coast and The University of Adelaide have bought together key thinkers on leadership for a one day conference on at the Glasshouse in Port Macquarie on 29 October.

The timing and location of the Strategic Regional Leadership for the Future conference could not be more pertinent with the current focus on Regional Australia generated by the recent election.

The conference program includes presentations and panel discussions from 24 experts on leadership including Dr Markku Sotaruta from Finland, Dr Chris Collinge from the UK and other esteemed speakers from Australia including Rob Oakeshott, leading media commentator, Michael Pascoe and Pam Christie, Deputy Director-General of TAFE and Community Education, Andrew Beer from The University of Adelaide and Andrew Howe from the ABS.

The presenters will discuss what leadership is in rural and regional Australia, how leaders emerge, and what social and institutional structures foster the development of effective leaders. The international speakers will draw an analogy with the European Union in the context of the seemingly contrasting desire to retain localism with globalisation to generate “Connecting our people, coasts and valleys” within the region.

To view the full conference program visit www.rdamidnorthcoast.org.au/conference.

Bookings: www.glasshouse.org.au or 02 6581 8888
Cost: $55 including GST and booking fee. Includes refreshments, lunch and conference documentation

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