

The changing nature of our rural neighbourhoods

Our rural neighbourhoods are changing. The 'tree change' phenomenon is bringing an influx of new residents, but at the same time some rural communities are declining.

What challenges and opportunities do these changes bring for our local communities, businesses, governance and environment?

Come along to this free public forum to hear about the latest research on this topic and gain perspectives from local landholders and business leaders. The forum includes a feedback session to discuss future research needs.

**Wednesday,
26 NOVEMBER, 2008
9am - 3 pm
(registration from 8.15am)
CD Blake Theatre,
Charles Sturt University,
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Speakers include:

Prof Jim Walmsley (UNE),
Dr Neil Argent (UNE),
Dr Angela Ragusa (CSU), and
Cameron McKern (YCDCo)

Local and State Government, CMAs, local industry and business, NGOs, landholders, researchers and all those interested in land use change are welcome to attend.

The forum is free and catering is included. RSVP to Kris Deegan on 02 60 519 992 or kdeegan@csu.edu.au by 19 November.