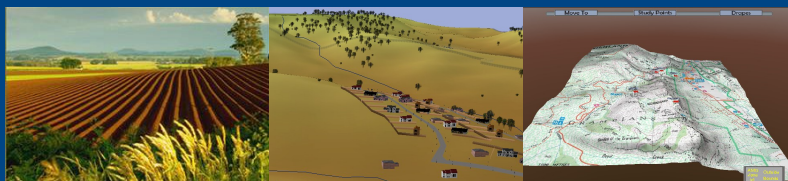


# PLACE & PURPOSE –



## SPATIAL MODELS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

30 May – 31 May 2007, The Capital, Bendigo Victoria

### FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### THEMES

- *Environmental reporting, priority setting and indicators*
- *Peri-urban land use change*
- *Landscape visualisation technology*
- *Knowledge management frameworks*
- *Modelling ecology at the landscape scale*
- *Land use change and impact modelling*
- *Agriculture and whole farm/property planning*

*Place and Purpose* will present spatial tools and approaches for analysing natural, agricultural and urban landscapes to assist in decision making. *Place and Purpose* is an initiative of the Our Rural Landscape project 'New Dimensions for Agricultural Landscapes'. *Place and Purpose* provides an opportunity to interact with developers of the models and tools in hands-on workshops and demonstrations, and to be introduced to state of the art landscape visualisation products.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

##### INTERNATIONAL

**Professor Keith Clarke** from the University of California Santa Barbara, is the author of SLEUTH, a model that uses local and expert knowledge to explore future land use change scenarios.

**Professor Richard Klosterman** from the University of Akron, Ohio, is the author of 'What If?™', a GIS based collaborative planning support system.

##### NATIONAL

**Dr. David Pullar** from the University of Queensland is an expert in spatial analysis and modelling of urban and regional landscapes.

**Dr. Neil Barr** from the Victorian Department of Primary Industries is a leader in rural sociology in Australia.

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#### INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

You can be involved in this innovative conference by having an exhibit, giving a demonstration or running a workshop. Contact the organising committee to find out how you can showcase your models, tools and methods in natural resource management and planning.

**FORMAT**

- ◆ Exhibits for showcasing tools
- ◆ Hands-on demonstrations
- ◆ Interactive workshops
- ◆ 3D virtual reality studio
- ◆ Panel sessions
- ◆ International and national keynote speakers

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Policy makers, CEOs, planners, academics, applied researchers, spatial scientists and catchment managers are all encouraged to attend.

**BENEFITS**

With a national focus, and a conference dinner and post-conference study tour also planned, the conference is designed to maximise networking opportunities and interaction with the models and tools, their developers and expert users. So whether you are interested in presenting your work at the conference, or simply exploring the variety of spatial models and tools available, *Place and Purpose* will be a great showcase of new research and knowledge.

**COST**

Registration for Day 1 of the conference including dinner \$300

Registration for Day 2 of the conference \$250

Early bird registration before 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 for 2-days of the conference & dinner \$450

Registration for 2-days after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2007 for 2-days of the conference & dinner \$500

Costs for the post-conference study tour on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June will be advised shortly.

Registration will commence from January 15<sup>th</sup> 2007 via the website

[www.dpi.vic.gov.au/vro/placeandpurpose](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/vro/placeandpurpose)

**PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITY**

All papers presented at the conference will be published on CD-Rom. A number of papers will be invited to contribute to an edited book, aimed to further promote and disseminate the development and application of spatial tools and models for landscape analysis.

**LOCATION**

The conference will be held at The Capital in Bendigo. Bendigo is a thriving city located in the centre of Victoria, only 90 minutes from Melbourne. Bendigo has a rich goldfield heritage, with restored Victorian-era buildings and a flourishing central cafe and restaurant district. The Bendigo region is renowned for its high quality locally produced wines. For further information visit [www.bendigotourism.com.au](http://www.bendigotourism.com.au) OR [www.bendigowine.org.au](http://www.bendigowine.org.au).

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