

Conference Theme

“Back to Basics – Communicating in Today’s World”

In today’s world of virtualisation and high technology, where everything is “instant” and available almost at the snap of our fingers, it is vital for our emotional and mental well-being that we maintain a real connection to those around us – to our staff, to our school communities, and to our own families and friends.

More and more, the feeling of isolation in the midst of the frenetic pace of work and family schedules, is becoming pervasive. Constant effort is required to slow down and “smell the roses” so as not to lose sight of the important goals and values of ourselves and of our school communities.

Conference Program

	SUN 28 SEP	MON 29 SEP	TUE 30 SEP
8:45am		Opening & Welcome	<i>Bruce Wilson</i> The future of schools and schooling
9:15am		<i>Dr Rose Marie Prosser</i> The challenges of living in contemporary society	Workshop 2
9:45am		<i>Dr Graeme Pearman</i> Our Environment – Clarity and Reality	
10:00am		MORNING TEA	MORNING TEA
10:45am		<i>Dr Keith Suter</i> Global Change – Do we have a Future ?	<i>Rachael Robertson</i> Antarctica – Extreme Leadership
11:15am		Workshop 1	<i>Rob Dickinson</i> Conference Reflection
12:00pm		LUNCH	LUNCH
12:30pm			
1:00pm			
2:00pm	Registration and sponsor displays open	Team Activity	Sponsor Prize Draws
3:00pm		<i>Dave Staughton</i> Understanding Yourself and Others	DEPARTURE
4:30pm		AFTERNOON TEA	
5:00pm		Free Time	
6:30pm	Pre-Dinner Drinks	Pre-Dinner Drinks	
7:30pm	Dinner	Dinner	
8:30pm	<i>Larry Burn</i> Opening Speaker	Entertainment	

Speakers

Once again we have assembled some of the country’s greatest speakers to inspire and inform!



Larry Burn

Mr Larry Burn is an experienced Catholic educator. Larry has worked as a teacher, deputy principal and principal at a range of schools in the Melbourne and Ballarat dioceses, including St Bede’s College (Mentone), Mercy Regional College (Camperdown), and Marcellin College (Bulleen). In his current appointment as Director of Catholic Education for the diocese of Ballarat, Larry is responsible for the 64 schools (53 primary and 11 secondary) of the diocese, as well as 53 CEO staff.

As the chairperson of the CECV Grants Allocation Committee (Secondary) Larry is also responsible for the committee that manages recurrent funding allocations to Victorian Catholic secondary schools.

Rose-Marie Prosser

Dr Rose-Marie Prosser is an experienced Catholic educator who has worked at both the secondary and tertiary levels, as well as in teacher development. She has degrees in science, chemistry, education and theology

As a secondary school teacher she taught religious education and chemistry at Siena College (Camberwell) and Genazzano College (Kew), and also spent six years at the Catholic Education Office working in the area of faith development of teachers.

Rose-Marie is currently a lecturer in Practical Theology at the Yarra Theological Union in the spirituality and scripture units. She also works with schools and parishes throughout the state, helping teachers and adults in the areas of scripture, spirituality and theology.



Graeme Pearman

Dr Graeme Pearman is noted multiple award winning scientist and committed environmentalist. A science advisor to USA Vice President Al Gore, Dr Pearman consulted to Al Gore on the notable documentary The Inconvenient Truth. Dr Pearman is recognised as a national and international expert in research and the impacts of the increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the global atmosphere.

Through work as Chairman of START International (Washington) and with the International Council of Science he has been involved in building research capacity internationally. He has contributed to over 150 scientific journal papers primarily on aspects of the global carbon budget. In 2004 he left CSIRO to run his own consultancy company. He is currently Interim Director, Monash Sustainability Institute, Monash University, and contracts to both private and public sector organisations.

Keith Suter

Dr Keith Suter is one of the world’s great thinkers and communicators. A foremost speaker on global issues, as well as a highly regarded social commentator, strategic planner, writer and broadcaster, Dr Suter appears regularly on radio and is also the global issues / foreign affairs presenter on Channel 7’s “Sunrise” program. Keith has an extraordinary mind and extensive knowledge; his expertise covers International Affairs, Law, Society, Leadership, Business, and the Future.

Keith is a member of the most prestigious global think tank in the world, The Club of Rome – comprised of only 100 members including people such as Mikhail Gorbachev, Bill Gates, Al Gore and Jimmy Carter. The Club of Rome meets regularly to discuss and analyse the social, political, economic, and environmental issues of the day and how those issues impact on us now and into the future.



Dave Staughton

Mr Dave Staughton exudes big energy and big passion! He is funny, frenetic and fired-up when it comes to producing long-term sustainable business results with positive people. David motivates people to move beyond their comfort zone, try new things and get much more out of life. Dave achieves genuine results through improved business leadership, strategy implementation, sales & marketing and most of all improving TEAMWORK !

David has over 20 years experience in a broad range of industries including Mining, Retail, Marketing, Hospitality, Franchise, Travel, Tourism & Consulting. He’s been passionate about business since working in the family hardware store at age six.

Bruce Wilson

Mr Bruce Wilson is one of the most significant educators on the national scene in Australia. He has been involved as a key player in most national initiatives in the past two decades. He has specialised in curriculum policy and development, but has ranged widely across most educational functions. Bruce was, until early 2005, Chief Executive of Curriculum Corporation. He led the company through major management changes, including the adoption of rigorous project management methodologies and commercial financial management.

Bruce is now Director of The Education Business, a private consulting company specializing in school education, curriculum and the intersection between education and business. He has been influential in shaping national debate on issues including curriculum, assessment and reporting, pedagogy and online curriculum resources.



Rachael Robertson

Ms Rachael Robertson returned to Australia after 12 months in the Antarctic in 2005, where she successfully led the 58th Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to Davis Station. She is only the second female to ever lead a team at the Station and one of the youngest ever leaders.

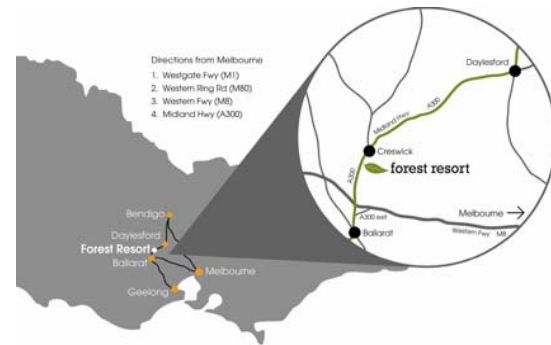
This leadership role is truly a very unique experience - nine months of total isolation. Antarctica in winter is totally inaccessible which means once the last ship leaves at the end of February, no one can leave the base under any circumstance (not even if you are dying) until the ship returns in November. As Station Leader Rachael was responsible for all aspects of life on Station, from the safety and welfare of over 80 expeditioners to the delivery of the Australian Government’s \$10m science program. In any circumstance, this would be a very tough role, however for a female in a very male dominated environment, this certainly added to the challenge!

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