

## **Rural studies study group sponsored session**

### **Non metropolitan ageing: people and places**

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As demographic profiles are increasingly dominated by older populations, interest in the issues brought about by the ageing phenomenon has grown. Ageing people and places in non metropolitan regions have not escaped the interest of researchers, particularly as some non metropolitan regions are ageing at a faster rate than the capital cities. Despite the diversity of non metropolitan regions, many share issues around service provision, transport and housing. Moreover, residential mobility patterns such as sea-change and tree-change populations bring both new prospects and complexities to some regions. Undoubtedly, the ageing population will transform the non metropolitan Australian landscape. This session would like to unearth the trends, challenges and opportunities that population ageing will bring to non metropolitan people and places.