



# Rural Economies

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Invites you to attend a

### **Public Lecture on rural development policy**

*"We all be rooned, but it's a great place to live: Negotiating contradictory narratives of rurality for more effective policy-making"*

**Presented by Prof Geoff Cockfield**

**Date:** Tuesday 1 October 2019

**Time:** 5.30pm – 6.30pm (includes drinks & canapés at conclusion of lecture)

**Venue:** Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre (H102)

University of Southern Queensland

*and the*

### **Rural Economies Forum**

**Date:** Wednesday 2 October 2019

**Time:** 9.00am - 5.00pm (morning/afternoon Tea & Lunch provided)

**Venue:** Allison Dickson Lecture Theatre (H102)

University of Southern Queensland

**RSVP:** RSVP [via this link](#) by Tuesday 24 September 2019

The Rural Economies Centre of Excellence (RECoE) is a collaboration between the Queensland Government and four Queensland Universities aimed at understanding and developing the State's rural economies.

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### The Public Lecture

Geoff Cockfield is the Acting Executive Director of the Institute for Resilient Regions at the University of Southern Queensland. He has a long history in the study and discussion of agricultural and rural development policies. In this lecture he will describe how rural development policy-making in Australia is confounded by the distractions of simplistic pictures, both positive and negative of life in rural areas. He will then propose some ways in which those engaged in rural development can best focus on, and understand, the most substantial issues.

### Rural Economies Forum

This forum will focus on some of the key issues in rural economic development, as identified through the work of the Rural Economies Centre of Excellence (RECoE). This is an opportunity for those engaged in rural development practice, policy and research to participate in deliberative discussions of these issues. Key themes are:

- Connectivity and the digital economy;
- Entrepreneurship, innovation and business culture;
- Developing rural tourism;
- Employment and skills in rural economies;
- Maximising the benefits of infrastructure investment;
- Enhancing agricultural value chains; and
- Low carbon futures for rural economies.

Subject to final availability, the Forum will be opened by Queensland Minister for Agriculture Industry Development and Fisheries, Mark Furner.

[Click here](#) to see the full program

