INVITATION
Free Event

The CRC-Remote Economic Participation (CRC-REP) “Points of Connection” discovery forum will be held:

Wednesday 14th November 2012
9.00am to 1.00pm
School of Education, Flinders University, Lecture Theatre 1.01

The purpose of this forum is to profile the work of the CRC-REP and to promote interdisciplinary research opportunities. The program will consist of four twenty minute presentations:

- An overview of the CRC-REP Research and Partnerships
  Professor Murray McGregor, General Manager Research, Quality and Innovation, Curtin University

- An outline of the CRC-REP Remote Education Systems project
  Associate Professor John Guenther, Principal Research Leader, Flinders University

- A snapshot of the CRC-REP Aboriginal Community Research Teams
  Sam Osborne, Senior Research Fellow CRC-REP, UniSA

- An introduction to the CRC-REP Regional Economies – Enduring Community Value from Mining
  Professor Fiona McKenzie, Principal Research Leader, Curtin University

After morning tea there will be an opportunity for researchers to connect with each other, and to consider and generate potential research ideas.

RSVP: Please register your attendance online: www.flinders.edu.au/events/ by Friday 9 November COB. If you require further information please contact Marja van Breda on 8201 7529 or marja.vanbreda@flinders.edu.au
Speakers

An overview of the CRC-REP Research and Partnerships
by Professor Murray McGregor

Murray McGregor is Professor of Agribusiness at Curtin University of Technology (Perth, Western Australia), having gained his PhD in Farm Management in 1987 through Lincoln University (New Zealand) and has held research posts in New Zealand, Scotland and Australia. Murray’s major research interests focus on the application of systems thinking to remote area socioeconomic systems, agribusiness supply chains, farm management and rural development. He led the Australian Government’s Natural Heritage Trust research project ‘Cross-jurisdictional management of feral camels to protect NRM and cultural values’. Murray is a former Director and Professor of Agribusiness at Muresk Institute of Agriculture at Curtin University of Technology. From 2003, he was seconded to the Desert Knowledge CRC where he was leader of the research theme Integrated Systems for Better Desert Livelihoods and, from 2005, General Manager Research.

An outline of the CRC-REP Remote Education Systems Project
by Associate Professor John Guenther

John Guenther, Flinders University, is Principal Research Leader, Remote Education Systems, and has a particular focus on improving educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote communities. He has a strong background in adult learning, social capital and community wellbeing, combined with expertise in data collection systems and tools and analysis. John’s aim is to develop innovative strategies and models that apply to educational practice and policy in remote Australia.

A snapshot of the CRC-REP Aboriginal Community Research Teams
by Sam Osborne

Sam Osborne is a Senior Research Fellow at UniSA, based at the CRC REP (Cooperative Research Centre for Remote Economic Participation. As part of the Remote Education Systems Project, he works developing Aboriginal Community Research Teams to undertake research in their own communities using a PAR (Participatory Action Research) method. Having worked in Aboriginal Education in South Australia since 1995, he has worked across urban and remote schools including Ernabella Anangu School from 2002 to 2008 where he worked in Deputy Principal and Principal positions.

Since that time, Sam worked as a Central Australian consultant for the Principals Australia Institute Dare to Lead project as well as undertaking a range of projects in research, consulting and interpreting in Central Australia. He is currently studying part time towards his PhD focusing on remote educational leadership at VU (Victoria University).

An introduction to the CRC-REP Regional Economies—Enduring Community Value from Mining
by Professor Fiona McKenzie

Professor Fiona Haslam McKenzie was educated in Western Australia and the United States and has a varied academic background including a PhD in political geography. Fiona is the Principal Research Leader for the Regional Economies – Enduring Community Value from Mining program, within the Co-operative Research Centre - Remote Economic Participation (CRC REP) and a professorial fellow at the Curtin University Graduate School of Business. She also leads the CSIRO Minerals Down Under Regions in Transition Project 2009 -2012 and is the Curtin University representative on the CSIRO Minerals Future Cluster Management Committee. In 2011 she was appointed to the Regional Development Australia Fund Advisory Panel (Commonwealth Department of Regional Development, Local Government, Sports and Arts).