

## Key Note Speakers



### Dr Peter Ellyard

Dr Peter Ellyard is a futurist, strategist and a leading international conference speaker. He is a graduate of Sydney University (BSc.Agr) and of Cornell University (MS, Ph.D). He is currently Chairman of the Preferred Futures

Institute and the Preferred Futures Group, which he founded in 1991. He also Chairs the Sustainable Prosperity Foundation.



### Dr Maarten Stapper

Dr Maarten Stapper has lived, studied and worked in the Netherlands, Canada, USA, Iraq, Syria, and, since 1982, in Australia. He has an Agricultural Engineering Degree from Wageningen University, the Netherlands, in farming systems and catchment

management in semi-arid tropics. He has a PhD from the University of New England, Armidale, in wheat production systems, linking crop physiology with agronomy and daily weather in simulation modelling.



### John Mongard

John Mongard specialises in community planning and has been focussed over the last twenty years on regional sustainability. Climate change, peak oil and ageing are key drivers in his work with communities. Public space is quickly morphing to integrate food production and John is facilitating

this transition in many places throughout Australia.

You can read more about the key note speakers by visiting [www.gwydirshire.com](http://www.gwydirshire.com) or [www.bingara.com.au](http://www.bingara.com.au) and following the links.

## “Our Place” Country Town Living 2025 A Forum for our Future

The Forum is jointly hosted by Gwydir Shire Council and Vision 20/20. We recognise that change is taking place at an accelerating rate.

The Forum seeks to identify some of the changes that are coming, and to put us in a positive frame of mind to look for the opportunities.

For our Shire, this is the start of a process to rethink our Vision out to 2025. For our visitors, we trust that the forum will assist them in planning for their future.

The Forum has a fantastic array of speakers to stimulate our thinking, and then an innovative workshop on the second day to apply those ideas to a local framework.

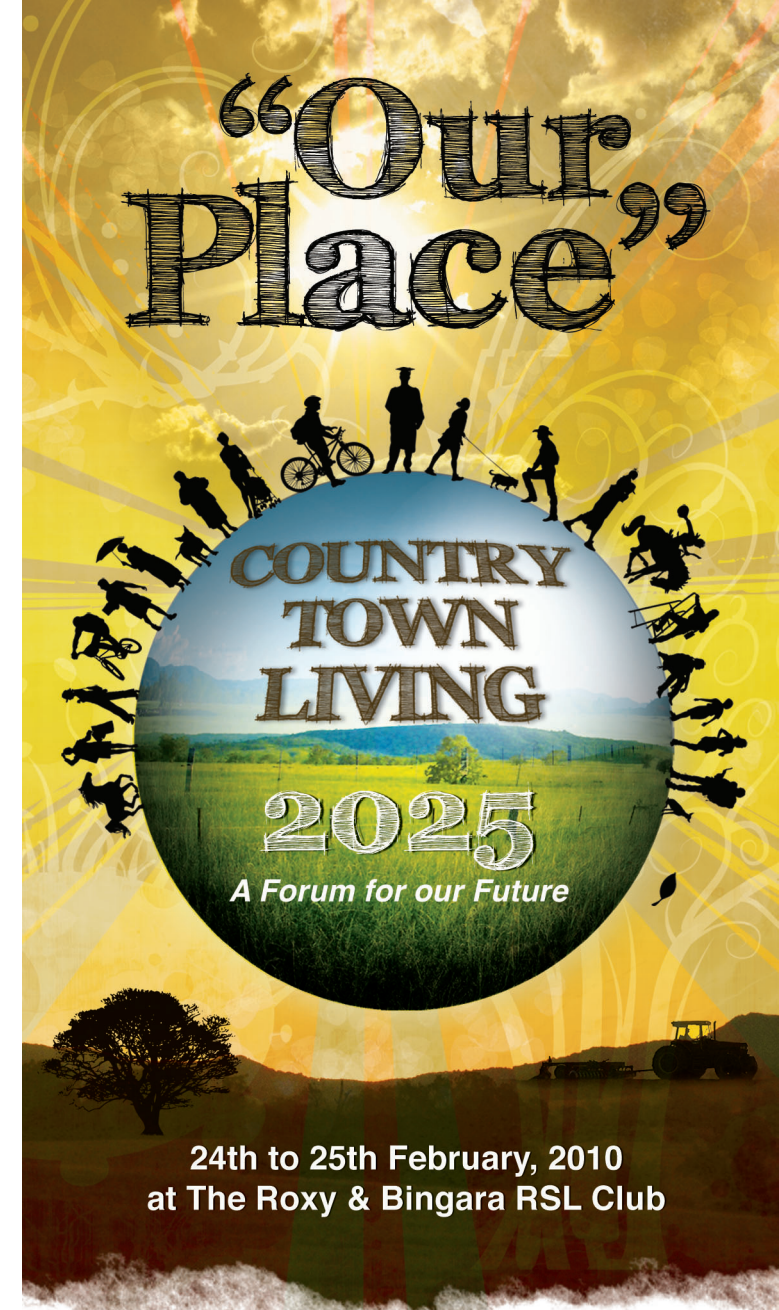
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24th to 25th February, 2010  
at The Roxy & Bingara RSL Club

### Presenters include:

- Internationally renowned Futurist - Dr Peter Ellyard
- Agricultural Revolutionary - Dr Maarten Stapper
- Award winning Landscape Architect - John Mongard

## PROGRAM

### Wednesday 24th February

**9:30am** - Welcome and Registration, Morning Tea - MC Rick Hutton  
Welcome to Country, Bingara Central School student  
Welcome with Cr Catherine Egan – Deputy Mayor of Gwydir Shire

**10:00 am- Presentation 1- Futurist, Dr Peter Ellyard, “The Country Town of 2025”**

**11:30 am** - Comfort Break

**11:40am - Presentation 2 – Agricultural Scientist Dr Maarten Stapper  
“Future Farming Challenges & Opportunities”**

**12:30pm** - LUNCH at the Roxy

**1:30pm - Presentation 3 – Award winning Landscape Architect, John Mongard  
“Feeding, Greening, Caring”**

**2:20pm - Presentation 4 “Snap Shot Presentations”**

- “The Future of Regional Banking” New England Mutual
- “The Gwydir Learning Region and Trade Training Centres” with Rod Smith - Gwydir Shire Council
- “Mungindi Regenerated” with Cr Sue Price - Deputy Mayor Moree Plains Shire Council
- “Future Regional Tourism” with Bill Mabey - NSW Department of Industry & Investment.

**3:20pm** - Afternoon Tea

**3:40pm - Open Forum** – Garry McDouall Chairman. All presenters

**4:30pm** -Close of Sessions

**4:45 pm - 5:30 pm** - Optional visit to “The Living Classroom” site

**6:30pm-** Cocktails at The Roxy

**7:30pm** - Dinner at the Roxy

**8:30pm - Dinner Speaker - “The ROXY Story – Past, Present and Future” with Ms Sandy McNaughton  
Dessert Tea/Coffee**

### Thursday 25th February

**7:30am** - Breakfast – Bingara RSL – Welcome with Frances Young, President V2020  
**Guest Speaker Margaret Bridgeford, CEO Resource Consulting Services  
“Why is it so difficult to Change?”**

**9:30 am** - Workshop Session #1

**10:30am** - Morning Tea

**11:00am** - Workshop Session #2

**12:00 noon - Summary with Pieter Verasdonck** - NSW Dept of Industry and Investment  
**12.25 - Close with Gwydir Shire Council Mayor Cr John Coulton.**

**12:30pm** - Light lunch and Depart.

## “Our Place” Bookings

**There are 3 sessions - the Wednesday Forum, the  
Dinner, and the Thursday Workshop:**

**Cost:** *Gwydir Shire residents:*

Forum & workshop for \$25 each, Dinner \$35.

*Non - Gwydir Shire residents:*

\$50 per session. Cost includes all meals and drinks.

### Our Place Booking Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

Organisation: .....

email: .....

Would you like to be on our email list? Yes  No

Ph: ..... Mob: .....

Are you a Gwydir Shire Resident?: Yes  No

Sessions: Forum  Dinner  Workshop

*Please indicate the number attending each session in the box*

Total cost: \$

Payment: Cheque:  Credit Card  Cash   
EFTPOS available

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Bingara NSW 2404

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[www.bingara.com.au](http://www.bingara.com.au) and follow the links

All tickets and receipts can be collected at the door.

*Booking & payment due in full by Monday, February 22.  
50% cancellation fee after that date.*