



An invitation

It is with pleasure that we invite you to join us at APEN's 5th International Conference in one of the most beautiful parts of Western Australia right on the sands of Geographe Bay at Busselton.

The APEN International Conference delivers a dynamic program and is the catalyst for bringing many like-minded professionals together in a single forum that guarantees an environment of ideas, skill development, networking and information exchange to return to your work place with renewed motivation to drive practice change within your communities.

The APEN philosophy of fostering skills that allow us to facilitate and drive change at both a community and industry level, is one that brings benefit to all who choose to be involved.

We welcome all practitioners to the 2009 APEN International Conference and all those involved in driving change and seeking new ways to achieve change within their communities.

Our invitation is extended to local government (particularly community development officers), community health professionals, community educators, community volunteering groups, youth workers – the list goes on – to join with the APEN membership that comprises largely agricultural and natural resource management practice change extension specialists, to share in our learning at APEN. Community participation in this year's conference is particularly appropriate as this year's theme is aimed specifically at changing communities.

Our invited keynote speakers are dynamic professionals who are outstanding leaders in their field of achieving change. We can all learn from their shared experiences and apply the learning's to our own field of expertise. With well over 100 abstracts received from within and outside our APEN membership, the concurrent sessions will offer a fantastic range of practical presentations within your theme of choice.

Come and join with us, for APEN's 5th International Conference – Shaping Change in Communities.

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Conference Convenor

