
Richard A. Stayner

Program Leader

Academic Qualifications

Bachelor of Commerce, University of Queensland, 1967.

Major areas: accounting, economics, economic statistics.

Master of Agricultural Economics, University of New England, 1970.

Dissertation on the economic effects of education in the farm sector.

Diploma in Financial Management, University of New England, 1985.

Small business management, entrepreneurship.

Employment History

2000 - Program Leader, Institute for Rural Futures, UNE

1995- 2000 Acting Executive Director, The Rural Development Centre, UNE.

1985-95 Project Director/Senior Project Director, The Rural Development Centre, UNE.

1985-86 Editor, Inside Australia, The RDC's magazine of rural issues.

1976-85 Lecturer, Graduate School of Librarianship, Monash University.

1974-75 Lecturer, Department of Economics, University of Queensland.

1972-73 Research Fellow, Agricultural Adjustment Unit, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England.

1967-71 Junior Research Fellow and Tutor, Department of Agricultural Economics, UNE

University Teaching Experience

2007: (University of New England)

Economics 201/301 - Lecturer, Intermediate Microeconomics

Economics 335/435 - Lecturer, Commodity Markets

2005-07: (University of New England)

Economics 329/429 - Lecturer, Natural Resource Economics

1976-85: (Monash University)

Lecturer responsible for several units in the economics of information, and in the management of library and information services.

Tutor, Department of Economics.

1974-75: (University of Queensland, Department of Economics)

Lecturer in Urban & Regional Economics

Tutor in Operations Research

1972-73: (University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK)
Tutor in Agricultural Economics

1967-71: (University of New England)
Tutor, Departments of Agricultural Economics and Economics

1965: (University of Queensland)
Tutor in Economic Statistics

Higher Degree Supervision and Examination

Supervised and examined numerous higher degree and honours students at University of New England and Monash University.

External examiner of Doctoral and Masters theses, University of Melbourne.

Research Experience

Since coming to the Rural Development Centre in 1985 (from 2000, the Institute for Rural Futures), Richard has undertaken research on a wide range of issues related to rural industries and communities. These include:

- economic development studies of rural towns and regions;
- community impacts of structural changes in the mining and forestry industries;
- evaluation of the continuing effects of government-funded community development projects in Australian rural communities .
- impact of the drought on rural towns in NSW;
- entry to the occupation of farming;
- sources and impacts of change in Australian rural towns;
- rural local government revenue and expenditure;
- attitudes of irrigators to changes in irrigation management;
- regional development implications of long-distance commuting (fly in/fly out) in the mining industry.
- value-adding by Australian farmers
- use of e-commerce by rural non-farm businesses
- commercial potential of native species on Australian farms

Prior to 1985, Richard carried out research in agricultural economics, and in the economics and management of library and information services, at the University of New England, the University of Newcastle-upon Tyne, Queensland University, and Monash University.

Publications

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- Stayner, R. (2003). 'Guyra, New South Wales', Chapter 3 in Chris Cocklin and Margaret Alston (eds). *Community sustainability in rural Australia: a question of capital?* Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. Wagga Wagga, Centre for Rural Social Research, Charles Sturt University.
- Stayner, R. and Doyle, B. (2003) 'Adding value to your farm products.' Ch. 3 in *Options for change: new ideas for Australian farmers*, edited by Richard Meredith. Rural Industries Research & Development Corporation, Barton, ACT.
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- Stayner, R. and Foskey R. (2001). *An audit of the provision of services in a rural region*. Institute for Rural Futures, University of New England, Armidale.

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- Stayner, R.A. (1995). *Farm sector linkages to regional economies*. Parliamentary Research Paper No 13 1995-96, Parliamentary Research Service, Dept of Canberra.
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- Stayner, R.A. and Lees, J.W. (1995). *People on farms*. TRDC Publication No. 195, The Rural Development Centre, University of New England, Armidale.
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- 2 July, 2003. Land & Water Australia, Joint RDC Evaluation Workshop: Evaluating the Non-market Benefits and Costs of Research and Development. Canberra.
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- 4-6 December 2001. 'Changing landscapes: economic dimensions.' 2nd International Symposium on Landscape Futures, UNE, Armidale.
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- 11 May 2001. 'Changes in agriculture affecting regional economic development.' Presentation to the IRF/AARES Workshop: Getting Smarter on Regional Development. Armidale,
- 9 August 1999. 'Rural communities and people in Australia.' Invited paper to the Symposium: The food and agricultural sectors of Australia and Japan: Similarities and differences. Customs House, Brisbane.
- November 1996. Submission to the mid-term review of the Rural Adjustment Scheme, (Mr Jim McColl, Chair). Department of Primary Industries and Energy.

Team and Committee Involvement

Member of the team that conducted the review of the Rural Adjustment Scheme for the Department of Primary Industries and Energy, and author of Chapter 3 of the Report on that review. (Synapse Consulting (Aust.) 1992)

Member of the Commonwealth Government's Special Rural Task Force on the impact of the Social Security assets test on rural customers. (1997)

Member of the NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation's Independent Advisory Committee on Socio-economic Analysis. (1998-99).

Member of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Rural and Regional Statistics Advisory Group. (2001 - present).