

Deakin University presents a two-day conference on

# Universities as settings for health and wellbeing: improving capacity for quality of life and social inclusion



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Deakin Waterfront Campus, Geelong, Victoria

## Featuring



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## Registrations

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Universities have long been identified as settings for promoting health and wellbeing, and promoting a holistic notion of people as members of civic society. Recently, in both Australia and the United States, this focus has faced numerous threats, including: funding cuts, corporatisation, and international competition, a loss of student vitality, and loss of community citizenship.

University-community partnerships are critical for:

- > community interventions that seek to improve the health of communities;
- > urban regeneration programs; and
- > the delivery of health and social services.

Healthy partnerships are critical to the representation of the university as a community member, engaged with its civic responsibilities. Partnerships are also critical to the preparation of students via clinical and community placements and student projects.

This Conference will explore international best practice in promoting community health and wellbeing through innovative forms of university-community engagement. The program aims to stimulate a national campaign to change the way Australian universities think about, and engage with, their communities.

We aim to:

- > Explore how universities can engage in action to promote, and document civic participation and wellbeing
- > Develop innovative, locally-relevant models of university-community engagement
- > Strengthen the research and policy agenda in Universities as a Setting for Health
- > Establish joint Australian/US research programs around the topic of health promoting universities

## Prof Judith Ramaley

Prof Ramaley is currently a Member of the Board of Directors for the American Association for Higher Education (AAHE). Professor Ramaley has served as president of the University of Vermont and president of Portland State University. She has also been a Fellow of the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at the University of Maine. Previously, she was assistant director for education and human resources at the National Science Foundation. Throughout the four decades of her academic career, Professor Ramaley has published extensively in the areas of community engagement, building academic communities, higher education reform, large scale institutional change and research engagement. We are honoured to host Prof Rameley, and use her visit and expertise to catalyze discussion and action among a wide range of participants from the government, university, health, student, non-government and other sectors.

## Mara Adelman PhD

Dr. Adelman conducts research on social support systems, community-building, and cross-cultural communication. She is trained in network analysis and ethnography, Dr. Adelman pursues the relationship between social networks and personal well-being. Dr Adelman serves on the advisory board for a national movement to promote 'Great Places.' Her long-term passion is to create a state-of-the-art College for Lifelong Learning. Recently, Dr. Adelman applied her research on community into developing year-long series of 'salons' at Seattle University that serve to promote the 'engaged intellectual life'. See <http://www.seattleu.edu/academicalsalons/index.htm>