

The School of Law, University of New England, presents

Rural Crime and the Law

A conference on rural crime, law and practice, and the criminal justice response.

November 29th-30th 2018, at UNE School of Law, Armidale NSW 2350

The University of New England, School of Law in collaboration with UNE Criminology invites you to a conference that will provide a rich and diverse program with country hospitality that is just a little different from most conferences. The purpose of the conference is to examine the efficacy of current laws and policy relating to rural crime and the criminal justice response to identify what works and what does not, where the gaps exist between the law and community expectations, and seek ways to improve practice by all stakeholders in rural Australia.

Invited speakers include:

- **Professor Russell Hogg:** Queensland University of Technology;
- **John Nicholson SC** (Retired Judge of the District Court of NSW);
- **Magistrate Chris Bone** (retired);
- **Mr Steve Bradshaw:** former Assistant Commissioner NSW Police, and
- **Dr Willie Clack:** University of South Africa, farmer and SA Meat Industry leader.

Conference Highlights:

- **Welcome:** An informal welcome at Booloominbah UNE Wednesday evening, the 28th November.
- **Conference Dinner:** 29th November 2018: Booloominbah UNE.
- **Workshop on crime prevention on farms:** 30th November 2018: in conjunction with NSW Police to be held at the UNE Smart Farm: with presentations on DNA testing and GPS tracking for stock.

Who should attend: This conference will be of particular interest to academics, police, lawyers, magistrates, environmentalists, community leaders, government agencies and policy makers as well as farmers, irrigators, agribusiness, and mining company representatives. We envisage a vibrant discussion focusing on laws concerning property rights around trespass, illegal hunting, mining rights, water rights, Indigenous rights, environmental laws and regulation, firearm regulations, biosecurity, and the challenges for the criminal justice system operating within rural areas.

CLE: Legal practitioners may claim one (1) point per hour for their CLE.

For more information and to register: <https://www.une.edu.au/rural-law-conference>

Call for Papers: Proposals for sessions and abstracts (max 250 words) are invited for individual papers (20 mins) or panels on any aspects of relevance to four key themes. One is rural crime as offences against pastoral, agricultural and aquaculture industries. The second concerns the issues around the policing of rural crime, and the third concerns the laws and policy and practice relating to rural crime including the legal and criminal justice response in prosecuting and punishing offenders. The fourth takes a criminological approach to consider the social context in which various social and crime problems occur within rural communities. **Abstracts are due 1 October 2018:** outcomes will be advised by 29th October 2018. **To submit your abstract please email:** ebarclay@une.edu.au.

Delegates wishing to have their paper considered for a special edition of the International Journal of Rural Law and Policy on rural crime are asked to also provide an extended abstract of 1500 words by 15th November 2018 to Dr Same Varayudej Email: svarayud@une.edu.au. Full manuscripts will be due for submission via the journal website, by 15th January 2019. For more information and guidelines for authors, please go to the IJRLP website see: <http://epress.lib.uts.edu.au/journals/index.php/ijrlp/announcement/view/133>.