

A View from Down Under

Fostering Capable Rural Communities *An Australian Perspective*

with Dr. Jim Cavaye, Associate Professor, The University of Queensland, Australia

With a similar land mass area as the U.S., but only 10% of the population in comparison, Australia is definitely rural. Australia's rural communities face many of the same challenges as their U.S. counterparts.

This seminar will cover the challenges and opportunities in fostering rural communities, highlighting many of the parallels between the Midwest and Australia. Dr. Cavaye will discuss agricultural viability, the provision of services and maintaining volunteering in communities. He will describe innovative local economic development initiatives, the effects of mining and coal seam gas development, a growing women's movement as well as other principles of community vitality.

The Presenter: Dr. Jim Cavaye



Dr. Cavaye is an accomplished practitioner, educator and researcher in community development with 30 years' experience working with rural and regional communities.

He has assisted over 120 local communities across

Australia and internationally with community appraisals, community engagement processes, community planning and economic development strategies.

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Attend in person or online:

- **Monday, July 13, 1:00 p.m. CST**
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
East Campus Union
Cottonwood Room
- **Tuesday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. CST**
Live Adobe Connect Presentation
<https://connect.unl.edu/cavaye>

These events are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is not required.



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