



## 2017 CLAIR Forum

CLAIR and UTS:CLG cordially invite you to this year's CLAIR Forum  
in cooperation with Junee Shire

### *"Regional Activation"*

Date: **Wednesday 22 February**

Time: **1:30pm to 5:20pm**

Venue: **Junee Athenium Theatre**

89 Broadway St, Junee, NSW 2663

*Light refreshments will be provided and entry is free of charge*



For registration, please [click here](#) and follow the instructions  
(URL: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2017-clair-forum-tickets-30315280821>)

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On 14-15 November, staff members of CLAIR visited Junee Shire, which is located in the southern part of New South Wales, in order to inspect possible venues for the next CLAIR Forum which focuses on regional activation. Mayor Neil Smith, along with other councillors and the General Manager James Davis of Junee Shire, introduced some venues for the Forum and talked about industries in the region and the issues they face.

Junee Shire, which has a population of about 6,000 people, is tasked with resolving issues such as its aging society and attracting regional migration, not unlike the problems facing Japanese municipals.

As such, we have decided that this year's CLAIR Forum will be held at Junee Shire.

***Please come along and join us for the Forum!***

# What is this year's theme?

CLAIR Forum is an annual one-day seminar organised and sponsored by UTS and CLAIR.

This year's theme is "Regional Activation".

Japan is currently facing the combined threat of an aging population and a decrease in rural/regional population. Furthermore, with rapid population decline amongst other issues seriously affecting some areas in larger cities, it is crucial that these problems be dealt with accordingly.

As Australia also faces a similar issue with population gaps between metropolitan and regional areas, we believe it would be of great benefit to discuss solutions explored by both our countries, especially the idea of regional activation to promote population growth in more rural areas.

In order for the audience to gain an understanding of Japan's approach to its population problem, the forum will be split into two sessions, where the first session will focus on solutions to counter the decrease in regional populations and the second session will be case studies focusing on the approach taken by specific local governments in Japan.

## What is CLAIR?

The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR) was jointly established by Japanese prefectures and municipalities in 1988. With its head office in Tokyo, CLAIR's international offices are located in New York, London, Paris, Singapore, Seoul, Beijing and Sydney.

CLAIR facilitates the international activities of Japanese local governments, gathers information on local development efforts of other countries and helps communicate the Japanese local government system to the world.

Our Sydney office supports Japanese government officials in Australia and New Zealand by facilitating visits and exchange programmes, liaising between local governments and researching local government systems for the benefit of Japanese prefectures and municipalities.

Overall, CLAIR provides support for the international strategies and activities of Japan local governments in their pursuit of internationalization.

\*CLAIR stands for Council of Local Authorities for International Relations.