



# ***Australian Future Directions Forum***

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## **Emerging leaders to present visions for Australia tomorrow**

The findings of the Australian Future Directions Forum will be made public during the closing session at the Sebel Heritage, Yarra Valley, tomorrow.

Ninety of Australia's emerging young leaders have been in closed discussions for the past three days examining future scenarios for the nation. The group will report findings and recommendations for issues that they see as important over the next 25 years.

The Forum involved individuals from all sectors of the Australian community, including business, the union movement, Federal and State public service, community groups, environmental groups, indigenous groups, rural organisations, legal organisations, religious organisations, international aid organisations, sporting organisations, ethnic groups, academia, science, medicine, the arts, the armed services, think tanks and the media.

The participants' 500 word statements are available on:  
<http://www.afdf.net.au/participants/participants.html>

Participants are free to speak to media after the outlook statement has been presented.

Other presentations delivered at the Forum were made on Australia and the world by Mr Allan Gyngell, Executive Director of the Lowy Institute, shaping a sustainable future by Professor Ian Lowe, the Chairman of the Australian Conservation Foundation, and demographic change in Australia by Mr Bernard Salt from KPMG. Copies of these speeches are available on: <http://www.afdf.net.au/keynote.html>

**Address:** Sebel Heritage Yarra Valley, Heritage Avenue, Chirnside Park.

**Closing session and presentation of key findings:** 1pm - 2.30pm, Wednesday 8 February 2006.

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