



# ***Australian Future Directions Forum***

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## **Australian Future Directions Forum – opening ceremony details**

Media are invited to attend the Australian Future Directions Forum opening ceremony at the Sebel Heritage, Yarra Valley, Sunday, 5 February 2006.

The Victorian Treasurer, the Hon John Brumby MP will open the Forum involving close to 100 of Australia's emerging young leaders. The key note address will be given by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Hon Marilyn Warren AC.

The full participant list and their 500 word statements will be released this weekend and posted on the Forum web site, [www.afdf.net.au/](http://www.afdf.net.au/). The Hon Marilyn Warren AC's speech will also be available.

The opening and closing sessions of the Forum and presentations by external speakers will be open to the media. However, working sessions will operate on Chatham House rules and will be closed to the media to facilitate open discussion amongst participants.

Copies of presentations and Forum materials will be available via the AFDF web site or at the opening and closing ceremonies from Brandon Phillips and Kim Lovely.

### **Filming and photography permitted**

**Additional background material available on [www.afdf.net.au/](http://www.afdf.net.au/)**

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

**Opening ceremony:** 4pm – 5pm, Sunday 5 February 2006

**Closing ceremony**

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

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