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URGENT BUSINESS

7.00 PM, TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021

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REPORT
CM/10.1/21.05

Subject: National General Assembly of Local Government - Attendance by Councillors

TRIM No: A13/0314

Author: Evan Hutchings, Executive Manager, Governance and Risk

Director: Karen Mobbs, General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Nominates interested Councillors to attend the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government to be held at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from Sunday, 20 June, to Wednesday, 23 June 2021, and determines the method of attendance.
2. Meets the applicable registration fee, and travel, accommodation, meal and incidental expenses, in accordance with its Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy for those Councillors nominated to attend the Assembly.
3. Determines the voting delegate in the event that more than one Councillor is nominated to attend the Assembly.

1. Executive Summary

Council has been advised by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) of its 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) to be held at the National Convention Centre, Canberra, from Sunday, 20 June 2021, to Wednesday, 23 June 2021.

The ALGA advises that the NGA is the premier local government event that brings together representatives from councils across Australia to develop local government policy ideas, meet with key federal politicians and hear from renowned experts on the key issues affecting local government in Australia.

A copy of the NGA program is attached.

2. Introduction/Background

Nil.

3. Relevant Council Resolutions

Nil.

4. Discussion

The cost of registration to attend the conference sessions in person for the three days (Monday to Wednesday) is \$1,099. Registration for individual days is also available, with these costs being \$529 for

each of the first and second days and \$280 for day three. Accommodation ranges from \$160–\$375 per night for each of the three nights for Councillors attending the Assembly. These costs, as well as travel, meals and incidental expenses for each Councillor attending, will be met by Council for any Councillor attending in accordance with its Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

It is noted that the second day of the conference (Tuesday, 22 June 2021) clashes with a scheduled Council meeting. Should a Councillor wish to attend the conference but also be able to attend the Council meeting in person, an option is available for 'virtual' attendance at the Assembly. The cost of full virtual registration is \$689. Single-day virtual registration is also available for the Monday and Tuesday at a cost of \$489 per day.

Should Council resolve to nominate more than one Councillor to attend the conference, it will be required to determine which of these will be the voting delegate, as each council with delegates attending is allocated one vote only for voting on motions submitted to the Assembly.

5. Financial impact statement/Time frame/Consultation

Under the Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy, Council allocates up to \$15,000 per year (excluding GST) to fund attendance at conferences and similar events.

No additional consultation is required on this matter.

6. Conclusion

This report facilitates the nomination of interested Councillors to attend the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from Sunday, 20 June, to Wednesday, 23 June 2021.

The attending Councillors' expenses will be met in accordance with Council's Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy.

The date of the Assembly clashes with the June 2021 Council meeting; however, 'virtual' attendance at the Assembly is available, providing the ability to also attend the Council meeting in person should a nominated Councillor choose to do so.

7. Attachments

1. NGA program 2021 [↓](#)



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President Welcome

National General Assembly
20 - 23 June 2021



Friends,

I am so excited to invite you to the 2021 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, to be held from 20 to 23 June.

As President of Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), I am proud to be convening the 27th NGA. Frankly, it has never been held at a more important time in Australia's recent history.

COVID-19 cut a swathe through our communities in 2020, but it is with a sense of having prevailed as a nation that ALGA is planning a forward-looking 2021 NGA. And that future is about jobs, and the work local government is doing to drive a locally led recovery from COVID.

Australia's 537 councils provide direct employment for almost 200,000 people and expend about \$40 billion purchasing goods and services each year, supporting thousands of small and medium sized business enterprises.

We play a critical role in facilitating, establishing, and growing local businesses and economies, not only through their services and networks but in partnership with the states and Commonwealth in infrastructure and job-creation programs.

We cannot forget, however, that local government's ability to support communities going forward has been adversely impacted by drought, bushfires, COVID and floods. Our capacity to generate own-source income has been diminished, and financial reserves have taken a hit.

The NGA is a unique opportunity to send a powerful message to the Australian Government that financial support, particularly the Financial Assistance Grants provided by the Commonwealth, is essential for councils and their communities.

It is our chance to make the case for local government's inclusion in National Cabinet as First Ministers refocus on job creation and economic growth.

Your attendance sends a powerful message to the Australian Government that Local Government is strong, purposeful and can be trusted to partner in the delivery of government services and infrastructure on the ground. A partnership that will help to deliver national goals and local opportunities.

I am also pleased to invite you to attend the Regional Forum, which provides an opportunity for delegates with a specific interest in regional affairs to gain a deeper understanding of common issues.

It's a forum to hear from experts, to share experiences, to listen, and network.

By June, the Australian Government will have brought down the Federal Budget and in all likelihood, attention will begin to turn to the next Federal election.

The 27th session of the NGA has never been more important. This is Local Government's time. We know our communities. We know the challenges they have faced, and we know what is needed to go forward.

Join me and your fellow Mayors and Councillors at this year's NGA and help us shape the recovery.

Linda Scott

Councillor Linda Scott
ALGA President

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Key Dates:

Early Bird Registration
on or before Friday 21 May 2021

Standard Registration
on or before Friday 4 June 2021

Late Registration
after Friday 4 June 2021

Register online for onsite
or virtually at
[NGA21.com.au](https://nga21.com.au)

Provisional Program

SUNDAY 20 JUNE

8.30am	Registrations Open
5.00pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening

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MONDAY 21 JUNE

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country
9.20am	ALGA President Opens the Assembly
9.30am	Prime Minister Address (<i>invited</i>) The Hon Scott Morrison MP
10.00am	ALGA President Address Cr Linda Scott, ALGA President
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	Keynote Address: All Politics is Local - The Context for the Next Federal Election Peter Van Onselen, Political Editor, Network Ten and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith University
11.45am	Debate on Motions
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	COVID - The Long Goodbye Professor Mary-Louise McLaws, Epidemiologist, Hospital Infection and Infectious Diseases Control, UNSW Professor Gigi Forster, School of Economics, UNSW Professor Sanjaya Senanayake, Infectious Diseases Specialist, ANU
2.30pm	Debate on Motions
3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00pm	Debate on Motions
4.30pm	Shadow Minister Address (<i>invited</i>) The Hon Jason Clare MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
5.00pm	ALGA President Close
7.00pm - 11.00pm	Networking Dinner National Arboretum

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TUESDAY 22 JUNE

9.00am	Keynote Address: Planning a Prosperous Future Danielle Wood, CEO, Grattan Institute
9.45am	Panel of Mayors: Local Employment and Economic Stimulus Panelists TBC
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	Panel of Mayors: Locally Led - Better Futures Panelists TBC
12.00pm	Launch of ALGA Federal Election Priorities
12.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm	Concurrent Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions on Climate - At Home and Around the World • Safer Communities • The Circular Economy and You
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm	Federal Local Government Minister Address (invited) The Hon Mark Coulton MP, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government
4.00pm	Keynote Address: Indigenous Voice
5.00pm	Session Close
7.00pm - 11.00pm	General Assembly Dinner Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE

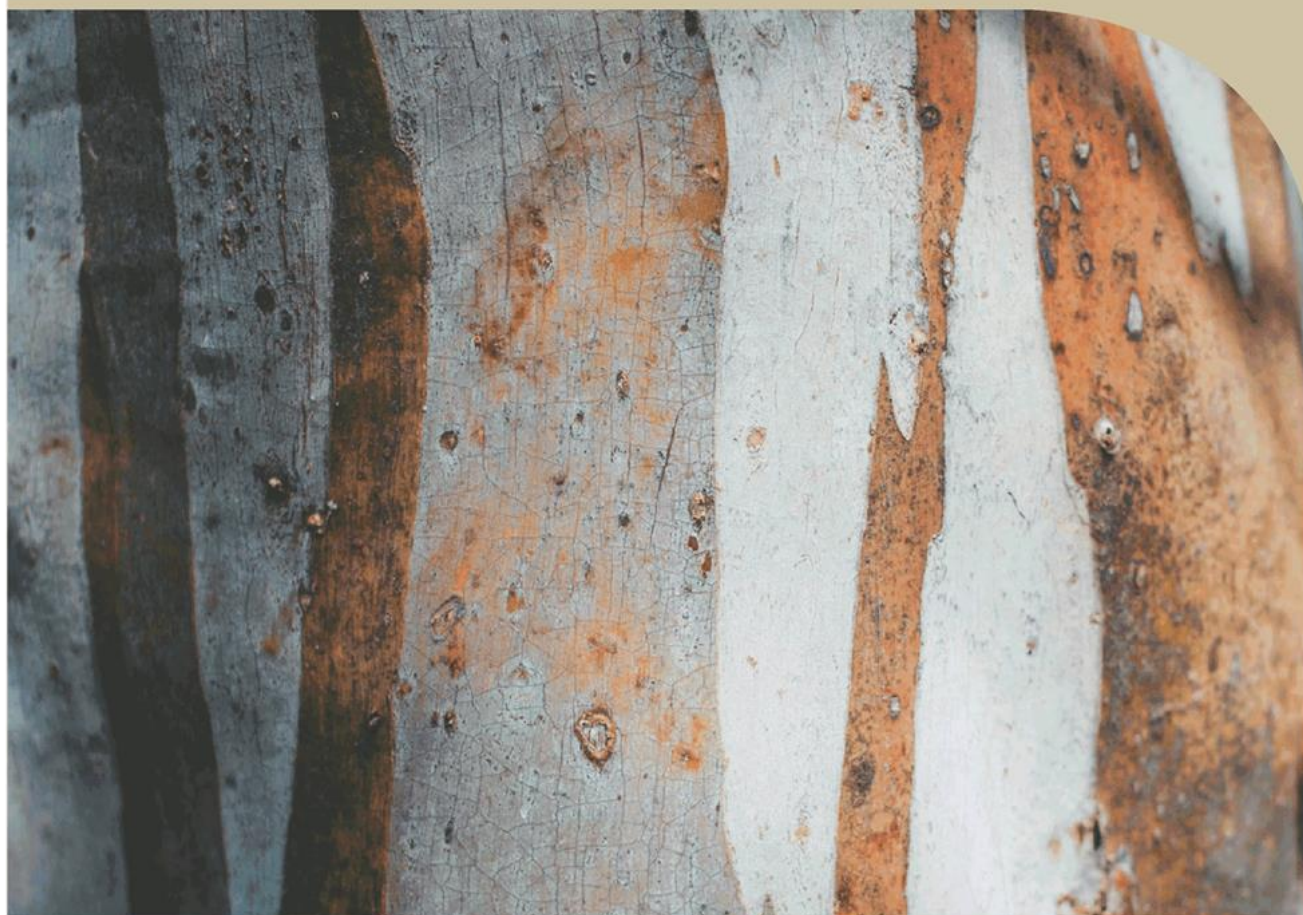
9.00am	Keynote Address: Recovery and Resilience Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM
9.45am	Panel Discussion Recovery and Resilience Panelists TBC
10.30am	MORNING TEA
11.00am	Resilience in a Digital World
11.30am	Keynote Address: Leadership, Human Rights and Persistence Craig Foster AM, Human Rights and Refugee Ambassador
12.15pm	ALGA President Closing Address
12.30pm	LUNCH



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SUNDAY 20 JUNE



PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9.00AM	Registrations Open
9.30AM	Welcome to Country
9.40AM	ALGA President Opening Cr Linda Scott , President, Australian Local Government Association
9.50AM	Keynote Address: Politics and the Bush Speaker TBC
10.30AM	Keynote Address: Regional Awareness Kim Houghton , Chief Economist, Regional Australia Institute
11.00AM	MORNING TEA
11.30AM	Shadow Minister Address (<i>Invited</i>) The Hon Jason Clare MP , Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government
12.00PM	Regional Health Challenges and Opportunities Professor David Perkins , Director, Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health, University of Newcastle
1.00PM	LUNCH
2.00PM	Keynote Address: Regional Trends Speaker TBC
2.30PM	Panel of Mayors: Communities that Thrive - Strategies for Success
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00PM	Federal Local Government Minister Address (<i>invited</i>) The Hon Mark Coulton MP , Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government
4.20PM	Closing Remarks

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FEES

Forum Only Registration
\$425

NGA Delegate Discount
Registration
\$225

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Hard copy registration forms and PDF versions are
available by emailing confco@confco.com.au

Dress Code: Smart Casual

2021 Speakers



PETER VAN ONSELEN

Political Editor, Network Ten and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith University

Peter van Onselen is Network Ten's political editor and a contributing editor for The Australian, where he writes a weekly column. He is also a professor of political science and Foundation Chair of Journalism at the University of Western Australia, as well as a professor of politics and public policy at Griffith University.

Peter is a host on The Project and appears as a panelist on ABC Insiders. He has won Walkley and Logie awards for his broadcast journalism on Sky News where he worked for nearly ten years as a host, and a News Award for his feature and opinion writing in the Australia.

He is the author or editor of six books, including a biography of former Prime Minister John Howard, rated by the Wall Street Journal as the best biography of 2007. He has a PhD in political science and a masters of policy studies and a masters of commerce.



PROFESSOR MARY-LOUISE MCLAWS

Epidemiologist, Hospital Infection and Infectious Diseases Control, UNSW

Mary-Louise is a Professor of Epidemiology. Her COVID-19 related activities include: member of the World Health Organization Health Emergencies Program Advisory Panel for Infection Prevention and Control Preparedness, Readiness and Response to COVID-19 and is the Focal Point for the WHO Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network. Previously Mary-Louise a member of several other World Health Organization patient safety programs and a World Health Organization Advisor to China and Malaysia during the development of national infection surveillance. There were many lessons to be learnt from the response to the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak and she reviewed the healthcare worker safety for the Hong Kong SARS designated hospital and with Beijing reviewed their response. She reviewed the Pandemic Influenza Infection Control Guidelines for healthcare workers on behalf of the then Federal Chief Medical Officer.

She enjoys capacity building infection control in low and middle income countries and research with her PhD students in Cambodia, China, Bangladesh, Mali, Indonesia, Iran, Viet Nam, Taiwan and Turkey.

**CRAIG FOSTER AM****Human Rights and Refugee Ambassador**

Craig Foster is a decorated former Captain of the Socceroos and broadcaster who is leading the way in sport and social justice as an Adjunct Professor with Torrens University.

Craig is a member of the Australian Multicultural Council and was recognized for his leadership of the #SaveHakeem campaign to free a young Bahraini from a Thai prison, his advocacy of inclusion and multiculturalism and anti-racism with an Order of Australia Medal in the 2021 Australia Day honors.

**DANIELLE WOOD****CEO, Grattan Institute**

Danielle is the CEO of the Grattan Institute. She believes in the power of public policy to make Australia a better place. Danielle has published extensively on economic reform priorities, budget policy, tax reform, generational inequality and reforming political institutions. She is a sought-after media commentator and speaker on policy issues.

Danielle previously worked at the ACCC, NERA Economic Consulting and the Productivity Commission. She holds an Honours degree in Economics from the University of Adelaide and Masters degrees in Economics and Competition Law, from the University of Melbourne.

Danielle is the National President of the Economic Society of Australia and co-founder and former Chair of the Women in Economics Network.

2021 Speakers



PROFESSOR SANJAYA SENANAYAKE

Infectious Diseases Specialist, ANU

Sanjaya is an Infectious Diseases Specialist dealing with patients in a hospital setting. Medicine has also given him the opportunity to diversify into media, writing and education as he loves to communicate and educate. This was the driving force behind two medical textbooks he wrote as well as writing a novel, "Chilli, Chicks and Heart Attacks: The Misadventures of an Intern" - a tale of medicine, migrants and mayhem. His enthusiasm and engaging manner have inadvertently resulted in a number of media interviews as a medical expert. Some of these included The Project, Ten's Breakfast show, the PM radio show about Ebola and Sunrise on the topic of "superbugs".

He has written a chapter on Infectious Diseases for the biennial publication from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare: "Australia's Health". This is the official snapshot of the health of the nation, tabled at Parliament by the Federal Health Minister.

Sanjaya has a strong interest in the Public Health response to Communicable Diseases, as evidenced in his book, "Clinical Cases in Infectious Diseases: A Public Health Approach" (McGraw-Hill 2007) and his Masters of Applied Epidemiology from the ANU (2003-4).



PROFESSOR GIGI FORSTER

School of Economics, UNSW

Gigi Foster is a Professor with the School of Economics at the University of New South Wales Business School, having received her BA from Yale, majoring in Ethics, Politics, and Economics, and her PhD in Economics from the University of Maryland. Upon receiving her PhD she joined the University of South Australia's School of Commerce, and moved to Sydney in 2009 as a Senior Lecturer in UNSW's Australian School of Business. She has held several ARC Discovery Grants and authored more than 25 scholarly works, including the book (joint with Paul Frijters) An Economic Theory of Greed, Love, Groups, and Networks, published in 2013 by Cambridge University Press. Gigi is active in the Australian media, particularly in regard to matters of education policy and economic thought and has served the profession in a variety of roles such as ARC Expert Assessor and National Economics Learning Standards Working Party member.



SHANE FITZSIMMONS AFSM

Commissioner, Resilience NSW

In the terrifying 2019/20 bushfire season, Australians were reassured by the exemplary leadership and empathetic presence of then NSW Fire Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons.

Shane began as a volunteer with NSW RFS in 1985, in the footsteps of his father George – a full-time firefighter who was tragically killed in an out-of-control hazard reduction burn in 2000.

In 1994, Shane joined the NSW RFS full-time, working in a range of leadership positions before being endorsed as the organisation's commissioner in 2007 – a role he held for 12 years.

In 2019/20, Shane guided a state-wide response including a 74,000-strong crew of mostly volunteers through one of Australia's worst fire seasons. Working long hours, he informed and calmed the public in daily press conferences, liaised with government leaders and provided comfort to colleagues and family members of firefighters who lost their lives in service to others.

In April 2020, Shane was appointed leader of the new disaster management and recovery agency, Resilience NSW.



HON SCOTT MORRISON MP

Prime Minister of Australia

Scott Morrison was sworn in as Prime Minister of Australia on 24 August 2018.

Prior to becoming Prime Minister, Scott Morrison was Federal Treasurer. His achievements as Treasurer include:

- Record jobs growth
- Delivering tax relief for families and small businesses
- Reducing the deficit
- Getting debt under control
- Ensuring multinationals pay their fair share of tax
- The Prime Minister says the achievement he is most proud of is the more than 100,000 jobs that were created for young people during 2017-18. This is the best result on record.

As Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Scott Morrison successfully stopped the boats. This stopped the deaths at sea that had been occurring over the previous six years under Labor. Stopping the boats meant that, the Government could close 19 detention centres and remove all children from detention and from Nauru.

As Social Services Minister, Scott reduced abuse of the welfare system and put Australia's social safety net on a more sustainable footing.

Throughout his career in government and in the private sector, Scott Morrison has established a reputation as someone who listens to people and solves difficult policy problems.

Scott Morrison is from the Sutherland Shire in Sydney's south. He has represented his local community in Parliament for over 11 years.

2021 Speakers



HON MARK COULTON MP

Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government

Mark was first elected to the House of Representatives for the seat of Parkes, New South Wales, in 2007. He has since been reelected in 2010, 2013, 2016 and 2019.

In January 2020, Mark was appointed to the Coalition Government Ministry by Prime Minister Scott Morrison as the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, and was officially sworn-in on 29 May 2019. From March 2018 to May 2019, Mark was the Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

During his time in the Federal Parliament, Mark has also held the positions of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Party's Chief Whip, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Ageing and the Voluntary Sector, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Water and Conservation and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Emerging Trade Markets.

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Mark was the Mayor of Gwydir Shire Council from 2004 until 2007. Mark has an extensive agricultural background having spent 30 years as a farmer and grazier. Mark and his wife Robyn owned and operated a mixed farming system growing cereal crops and running beef cattle. As the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark represents one of the largest Aboriginal populations in the Australian Parliament.



HON JASON CLARE MP

Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government

Jason was born and raised in western Sydney where he attended Cabramatta Public School and Canley Vale High School before graduating with a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of New South Wales.

In June 2019, Jason was appointed Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government and Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness.

He joined the Australian Labor Party because of its commitment to improving the lives of working Australians, particularly through education.

Jason is the Patron of Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN), the Bankstown Youth Development Service (BYDS), the Bankstown Sports Club and the Bankstown RSL.

General Registration

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Registration Fees — Early Bird Payment received by Friday 21 May 2021	\$989.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Attendance at all General Assembly sessions — Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program — One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday — General Assembly satchel and materials
Registration Fees — Standard Payment received on or before Friday 4 June 2021	\$1,099.00	
Registration Fees — Late Payment received after Friday 4 June 2021	\$1,199.00	

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Full Virtual Registration	\$689.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Virtual access to all General Assembly sessions for day(s) selected — Meeting hub to connect with other virtual attendees
Virtual Day Registration (Monday or Tuesday)	\$489.00	

DAY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Monday 21 June 2021	\$529.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration — Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day — General Assembly satchel and materials
Tuesday 22 June 2021	\$529.00	
Wednesday 23 June 2021	\$280.00	

SUNDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES	
Forum Only Sunday 20 June 2021	\$425.00
NGA Delegate Delegates attending the Regional Forum and the NGA are entitled to this discount	\$225.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee	\$280.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 20 June — Day tour Monday 21 June — Day tour Tuesday 22 June — Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 23 June

All amounts include GST

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Policy

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by email. Notification should be sent to:

E-mail: nga@confco.com.au

Standard Terms

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 21 May 2021. Cancellations received after Friday 21 May 2021 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

COVID Terms

Conditions that apply to cancellations, substitutions and rescheduling of the Assembly due to COVID-19 are listed below.

All other cancellation will be subject to the standard cancellation policy.

Cancellation of face-to-face event

If the face-to-face event has to be cancelled as a result of an outbreak of COVID-19 restricting travel to, or circulation in Canberra, your registration will be transferred to virtual attendance. The difference in price between in-person attendance and virtual attendance will be refunded. All ancillary costs (cancelled flights etc) will not be the responsibility of ALGA.

Registration changes

Delegates who are unable to attend the Assembly due to their location in a declared COVID-19 hot spot will be automatically transferred to become virtual delegates. The difference in price between in-person attendance and virtual attendance will be refunded. It is the responsibility of the individual to contact the conference organisers (in writing) if they are affected by a local lock-down.

No refund will be applicable to no shows.

Substitutions

As with all ALGA events, substitutions are allowed for delegates. Please notify the conference organisers in writing if substitutions are required.

Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

Credit card

MasterCard and Visa

Cheque

Made payable to ALGA

Electronic Funds Transfer

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Woden

BSB No: 062905

Account No: 10097760

ALGA ABN

31 008 613 876

Contact Details

Conference Co-ordinators

PO Box 905

Woden ACT 2606

Phone: 02 6292 9000

Email: nga@confco.com.au

All amounts include GST. Invoices are sent once a registration has been completed.

General Information

Privacy Disclosure

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities.

If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name may also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

Photographs

During the National General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer. The photographer will take images during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image.

Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

Coach Transfers

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening - Sunday 20 June 2021
Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00pm.

Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre
A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00am and 8:30am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:30pm.

Networking Dinner – National Arboretum – Monday 21 June 2021
Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15pm.

General Assembly Dinner – Exhibition Park in Canberra – Tuesday 22 June 2021
Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:40pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30pm and 11:45pm.

Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15C and temperatures do drop to 1C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket. Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

Car Parking

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$19.00 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately \$15.70 per day. The voucher machines accept either coins or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard).

Social Functions

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Sunday 20 June 2021

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra.

The Welcome Reception will be held in the exhibition hall and foyer.

05:00pm - 07:00pm

\$50.00 per person for day delegates and guests. No charge for full registered delegates. No charge for registered accompanying partners.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Networking Dinner

Monday 21 June 2021

Venue: National Arboretum

The dinner is being held in the Village Centre

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$150.00 per person

Dress Code: Smart casual

The Networking Dinner will be held at the National Arboretum where you get the breathtaking views of the living forests and gardens whilst having the opportunity to network with delegates from other councils.

With over 44,000 rare and endangered trees across a 250-hectare site, the Arboretum is a place of conservation, research, education, tourism and recreation.

General Assembly Dinner

Tuesday 22 June 2021

Venue: Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

The dinner is being held in The Budawang Pavillion.

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$175.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

We are excited to bring the 2021 General Assembly dinner back to Exhibition Park. The space offers us ample opportunity to provide guests with great entertainment, food and networking opportunities.

General Assembly Business Sessions

Monday 21 June 2021 -

Wednesday 23 June 2021

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention Centre.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Exhibition

**Monday 21 June 2021 -
Wednesday 23 June 2021**

Venue: National Convention Centre

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall at the National Convention Centre.

Dress code: Smart casual

Partner Tours

Monday 21 June & Tuesday 22 June 2021

The Partner program consists of two full day tours highlighting what Canberra has to offer. Both days will include lunch.

The partners meet at the National Convention Centre Canberra each morning to join the tour guide for their specialised trip around Canberra.

The tour details will be announced soon via email.

To register your partner, please select the partner fee on the registration form.

Accommodation

Crowne Plaza

1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

Superior Room \$325 per night
— Single/twin/double

Deluxe Room \$375 per night
— Single/twin/double

A by Adina

New Property

1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra

A by Adina Canberra is the newest hotel to Canberra which is located on Constitution Avenue only a 5-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

The hotel combines spacious apartment living with 24-hour reception, room service, service provided by knowledgeable concierges and a well-equipped gym.

A new dining district is also newly constructed in the immediate area.

All rooms have a king bed and the studios offer a twin option of two singles beds.

Studio Rooms: \$199 per night
— single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$239 per night
— single/double

Avenue Hotel

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Avenue Hotel is one of the only 5 star options in the Canberra city and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

The apartments have a fully functioning kitchen. Twin option at the hotel consists of two king singles.

Superior King Rooms \$285 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$335 per night
— Single/double

Nesuto Apartments

(previously the Waldorf)

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Nesuto Apartments is only a five-minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The one-bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds. Additional costs will apply if more than 2 guests are within the one room.

Studio Apartment \$210 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$230 per night
— Single/twin/double

The Sebel Canberra Civic

197 London Circuit, Canberra

The Sebel Canberra Civic is one of Canberra's newest hotels which opened in June 2019 and is just a 7-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

This property offers free WiFi throughout the hotel, a fully equipped gym, and an onsite restaurant and bar lounge.

All rooms come with a fully equipped kitchenette with Nespresso machine and dining table. Every bathroom is accessibility friendly with walk in showers.

Superior rooms come with a queen bed.

Superior Room \$160 per night
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