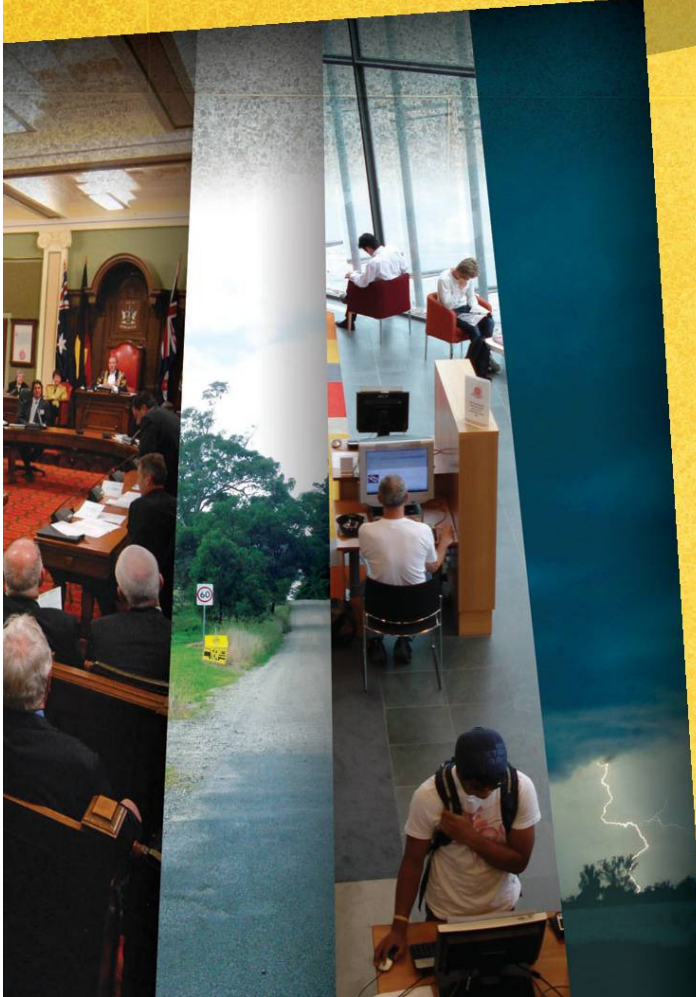


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National General
Assembly of Local
Government

16-19 JUNE 2013

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AUSTRALIAN LOCAL
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Colleagues,

I invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 16-19 June.

The NGA is the premier local government event bringing together more than 700 mayors, councillors and senior officers 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.

This year there will be a federal election on 14 September. The election provides an important opportunity to seek commitments from all federal political parties about the way in which they will work with and support councils in meeting community needs.

I have invited the Prime Minister, Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, the Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water, the Leader of the Nationals and the Leader of the Australian Greens to address the NGA and to engage directly with you.

The theme for this year's NGA is *Foundations for the Future: Twenty 13*. The theme and the political climate this year focuses our attention on our future as a nation. At a political level it will be a year that determines who will govern Australia for the next term of parliament. At a local level we need to build the resources and capacity to strengthen our communities and position our communities into the future. The ALGA Board recently called for Notices of Motions for the NGA and these will set out the framework for debate. I would encourage you and your council to think

through ideas or initiatives you would like to see debated at the NGA and to submit these as motions for the NGA.

I am pleased to inform you that the keynote speakers at this year's NGA are well known and highly respected Australians Fred Chaney AO, Geraldine Doogue AO and Peter FitzSimons AM. These speakers will join a number of other subject matter experts in steering the discussions at the NGA.

As you know, we are currently in the middle of a major campaign to gain financial recognition for local government in the Australian Constitution. Many councils have provided submissions to the current Joint Select Committee (JSC) on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government. By the time we meet in Canberra at the NGA the JSC will have finished and the Government will have responded to the Committee's report. We may well be on the road to a referendum at the end of the year. This year's NGA will include a comprehensive report on the status of constitutional recognition.

The NGA is your opportunity to make sure that your council's view is reflected in the national priorities identified for local government. I invite you to be part of this important event by joining your colleagues in Canberra from 16-19 June 2013.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.



Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis

ALGA PRESIDENT

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PROGRAM

SUNDAY 16 JUNE

5:00 - 7:00 pm Welcome Reception

MONDAY 17 JUNE

9:00 am OPENING CEREMONY

9:20 am ALGA President's Welcome
9:50 am Prime Minister
The Hon Julia Gillard MP (invited)

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Keynote Speaker: **Geraldine Doogue AO**
11:45 am Election Priorities - Twenty 13

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm The Debate - The Big Issues

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Debate on Motions
4:30 pm Leader of the Opposition
The Hon Tony Abbott MP (invited)

5:00 pm CLOSE
7:00 pm BUFFET DINNER

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

9:00 am Keynote Speaker: **Fred Chaney AO**
9:45 am Debate on Motions

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Leader of the Australian Greens,
Senator Christine Milne
11:30 am National Awards for Local Government
12:00 noon Leader of the Nationals
The Hon Warren Truss MP

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm National Awards for Local Government
2:00 pm Financial Assistance Grants Review
Commonwealth Grants Commission

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Debate on Motions
4:30 pm Shadow Minister for Local Government,
Senator Barnaby Joyce

5:00 pm CLOSE
7:00 pm OFFICIAL DINNER, PARLIAMENT HOUSE

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

9:00 am Keynote Speaker: **Peter FitzSimons AM**
9:45 am Debate on Motions

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Debate on Motions
12:00 noon Minister for Regional Australia, Regional
Development and Local Government
The Hon Simon Crean MP (invited)

12:30 pm PRESIDENT'S CLOSE

1:00 pm CLOSE

KEY DATES

Submission of
Motions for Debate

FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2013

Early Bird Registration
on or before

MONDAY 22 APRIL 2013

Standard Registration
on or before

FRIDAY 31 MAY 2013

Late Registration
after

FRIDAY 31 MAY 2013

THEME OVERVIEW

Foundations for the Future

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National General Assembly of Local Government

The National General Assembly (NGA) is a significant opportunity for local government to meet and discuss the issues facing local government and to develop agreed positions which can inform the development of ALGA's policies in the coming year. Through the NGA, local government representatives can engage directly with key federal politicians, move and debate motions, hear from a range of subject matter experts, and network with local government colleagues from around Australia.

This year's NGA is themed *Foundations for the Future: Twenty 13*. The theme has been selected because it looks forward and captures the opportunities of the federal election to be held on 14 September 2013.

Local government plays a critical role in Australia's democratic system of government. It represents local communities and plays a key role in planning, coordinating, facilitating and providing services, infrastructure and programs that meet community and regional needs.

While councils can do a lot themselves, many local governments are constrained by lack of resources, expertise and adequate support from other levels of government (and the private sector) to meet all of their communities needs. There has never been a more important time to fight for our local communities and the capacity of local government to serve them. This year's election will determine the Government for the next three years, and set the nation's direction for the future. It is essential that Australia has a strong national economy, an adequate social safety net and appropriate national support systems and that it plays an active role in the international community. But it is also vitally important that the Australian Government also creates the environment for regions and local communities to prosper.

The lead up to the federal election is an opportunity to seek commitments from all federal political parties about the way in which they will work with and support councils in meeting community needs. ALGA actively advocates on behalf of the

sector in the lead up to every election. ALGA does this by engaging directly with all the major political parties, documenting local government initiatives and communicating these to federal politicians. In doing this ALGA draws heavily on the discussions and outcomes of the NGA and on initiatives contained in the NGA Resolutions.

Local government is a richly diverse, highly responsive, accountable and dynamic level of government. Local government's national significance is underlined by the fact that it employs around 195,000 Australians (just over 10 per cent of the total public sector work force), owns and manages non financial assets worth over \$250 billion, raises around 3.5 per cent of Australia's total taxation revenue per annum and has an annual expenditure of around \$29 billion (2010 - 11) just under 6 per cent of total public sector spending.

Most of local government's expenditure is directed towards the provision of local services, which include: housing and community amenities; transport and communications; recreation and culture; and social security and welfare.

At an aggregate level local government undertakes its work while being more than 80 per cent self funded. However, many rural and regional communities have limited financial capacity which means those councils are much more reliant on external funding sources. Higher grant levels are absolutely critical to these councils to equalise services and infrastructure availability across the communities. Considerable local government funds are spent on vital additional work that relates to broad national issues.

As the level of government closest to Australians, local government is aware of and understands the myriad of challenges faced by local and regional communities as they live, work and interact in an increasingly complex domestic and global environment. Local and regional communities require support to respond and adapt to factors they cannot control, such as climate change, drought, natural disasters and economic upheavals.



Financing Local Government

In 2006 ALGA commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers (PWC) to undertake a national study into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government. This study built upon a number of studies that were conducted by state and territory local government associations. The PWC Report was a vital body of research that underpinned a rigorous assessment of the financial sustainability of councils across Australia. The Report found that up to 30 per cent of councils were facing financial sustainability challenges and recommended a twin track approach (of internal reforms and changes to intergovernmental funding) to addressing some of these problems.

Financial Assistance Grants

On 9 December 2012 the Commonwealth Treasurer provided Terms of Reference to the Commonwealth Grants Commission for a Review on Improving the Impact of the Financial Assistance Grants on Local Government Financial Sustainability. The Terms of Reference require the Commission to provide a report to the Australian Government by 31 December 2013 on issues such as identifying tangible measures for improving the impact of the Local Government FAGs on the effectiveness of local governments and their ability to provide services to their residents within the current funding envelope, the appropriateness and impacts of FAGs, and identifying any enhancements to the effectiveness of local government through changes to the FAGs distribution process.

Expenditure Priorities

Over the past 30 years the roles and functions of local government have changed significantly.

In 2001 the Commonwealth Grants Commission (CGC), in a Review of the Operation of the *Local government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, observed that the composition of services provided by local government had changed markedly over the last 30 to 35 years. The CGC noted there had been substantial changes such as a move away from property based services to human services, a decline in the relative importance of roads, an increase in the relative importance of recreation and culture, and housing and community amenities and an expansion of education, health, welfare and public safety services.

These trends reflect changes in local communities, growing demand and councils' willingness to meet the emerging challenges of their local municipality. The trend was also encouraged by the Commonwealth and State Governments who, over the period, increasingly offered programs to local communities e.g. aged care and children's services, on the

condition of matched funds or limited growth funds. As a consequence, by accepting additional responsibilities without significant new funding for these services, councils were required to change existing priorities and shift funding between existing programs. The trend has been confirmed by the state local government associations which also report that the costs of increased service provision have been met by delaying maintenance and replacement infrastructure activities.

Constitutional Recognition of Local Government

Since the appointment of a Joint Select Committee on the Constitutional Recognition of Local Government in November 2012, the pace of developments has increased dramatically. ALGA lodged a detailed submission with the committee in December 2012 and a supplementary submission on 31 January 2013 in response to issues raised at a parliamentary committee hearing on 16 January 2013.

The ALGA Board is meeting regularly to determine and drive the agenda. ALGA welcomed the Parliamentary Committee's preliminary report on 24 January 2013 which recommended that the Commonwealth begin all necessary preparatory activities to ensure a successful referendum in 2013. ALGA has indicated strong support for constitutional change as soon as possible to secure continued direct funding. However, we have reiterated our concern about the lack of progress on the preconditions identified for a successful referendum and the short timeframe available for a campaign in 2013.

ALGA wants to make sure that the referendum proceeds when the chances for success are at their best, although we stand ready once the government announces a referendum. The Committee's final report is due in March 2013 and the Government has indicated that it will wait until that time before giving its response on the referendum. ALGA is concerned that the delays and moving timeframes have hampered efforts to finalise arrangements for a referendum and ALGA has redoubled its efforts to seek commitments from both the Government and the Opposition to support the referendum.

Constitutional Recognition remains a priority for the ALGA Board. Given the pace of developments and an expected announcement of the Government's intentions in March/April 2012, we are not seeking council motions on constitutional recognition for this year's NGA. A comprehensive update will be given to delegates at the NGA, based on the responses of the Government, the Opposition and State Premiers to the Committee's final report.

SPEAKER PROFILES



GERALDINE DOOGUE AO

Whilst originally planning a career as a schoolteacher after completing her Arts degree, in 1972 Geraldine applied on an impulse for a journalism cadetship with *The West Australian* instead. Since then she has thrived on that impulsive decision.

Within the first ten years of her career, Geraldine had carved out a reputation in print, television and radio, including two years at the London Bureau working for the Murdoch group's Australian papers.

Her entrance into television was unexpected. Whilst covering a story for *The Australian*, an ABC Television reporter interviewed her for a *Four Corners* program. When the head office executives saw the interview, they were so impressed with her on camera presence that they offered Geraldine the Perth compere's position for ABC Television's then new program *Nationwide*.

In 1992 Geraldine began presenting *Life Matters*, a new ABC Radio National program which set out to cover the full gamut of social issues in everyday life. In 1998, she also became host of ABC TV's *Compass* program, which looks at issues of spirituality, philosophy and belief every Sunday evening. After 11 years with *Life Matters*, she moved to Saturday mornings to host a program focusing on international politics, Australia's role on the world stage, and business, called *Saturday Extra*.

In 2000 Geraldine was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for social and cultural reporting. In 2003, she was recognised with an Officer in the Order of Australia for services to the community and media. In March 2011, she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by her alma mater, the University of Western Australia.

FRED CHANEY AO

Fred Chaney was born in Perth in 1941. He practised law in New Guinea and Western Australia, including time in house with the Hancock Wright prospecting partnership, and subsequent private practice with emphasis on mining related work until he entered the Senate in 1974.

Fred was involved in the Aboriginal Legal Service in a voluntary capacity in the early 1970's. He was a Senator for Western Australia from 1974 to 1990 and was Leader of the Opposition in the Senate from 1983 to 1990. He was Member for Pearce in the House of Representatives from 1990 to 1993. Among his Ministerial appointments were Aboriginal Affairs, Social Security and Minister Assisting the Minister for National Development and Energy.

After leaving Parliament he undertook research into Aboriginal Affairs policy and administration as a Research Fellow with the Graduate School of Management at the University of Western Australia from 1993 to 1995. He was appointed Chancellor of Murdoch University in 1995 and continued in that capacity until 2003.

In 1994 Fred was appointed as a part time Member of the National Native Title Tribunal, a full time Member in April 1995 and was Deputy President from 2000 to 2007. In January 1997 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia.

He served as Co Chair of Reconciliation Australia Ltd from 2000 to 2005 and continues as a Director on the Board. In 2005 he was appointed chairman of Desert Knowledge Australia. In 2007 he chaired the Consultation Committee on a Human Rights Act for Western Australia and in 2011 was a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

PETER FITZSIMONS AM

Peter FitzSimons is a well respected columnist for *The Sydney Morning Herald* and *Sun Herald*, television presenter on *Fox Sports*, speaks four languages, has played rugby for Australia, co hosted radio shows with Mike Carlton and Doug Mulray, interviewed famous people around the globe from George Bush to Diego Maradona and written eighteen best selling books. He is the biographer not only of World Cup winning Wallaby captains, Nick Farr Jones and John Eales, but also former Opposition Leader Kim Beazley, war heroine Nancy Wake and magazine queen, Nene King. In 2001 he was Australia's biggest selling non fiction author, and duplicated that feat in 2004, with his book on Kokoda.

Born on a farm in Peat's Ridge, Peter went to Knox Grammar School, before accepting an American Field Service Scholarship to go to Ohio for a year. He returned to complete an Arts degree at Sydney University majoring in government and political science. In 1984 he broke into the Wallabies under the coaching of Alan Jones, then lived in France and Italy playing rugby for the next five years whilst learning both languages as well as Spanish. Upon his return to Australia he again played for the Wallabies, under Bob Dwyer, going on to play seven tests.

In 1989 he joined *The Sydney Morning Herald* full time, and has been one of their most popular columnists since. Andrew Denton has called him "Australia's finest sports journalist."

Peter boasts an impressive list of interview credits including ex president George Bush, Sir Edmund Hillary, Jodie Foster, Nicki Lauda, Joe Montana and Carl Lewis as well as all the major Australian sporting figures from Shane Gould to Lionel Rose and Allan Border. He has interviewed every Australian Prime Minister from Gough Whitlam through to Kevin Rudd.

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THE HON SIMON CREAN MP

Federal Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development, Local Government; Federal Minister for the Arts

Simon Crean is Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development, Local Government and Minister for the Arts.

Prior to his appointment to these portfolios in September 2010, Mr Crean was Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations from June 2010 to September 2010 and Minister for Trade from December 2007 to June 2010.

Mr Crean has also held a range of Shadow Ministerial positions and was Leader of the Opposition from November 2001 to December 2003.

Following his election to Federal Parliament in March 1990, Mr Crean went to the front bench as Minister for Science and Technology in the Hawke Labor Government and later served as Minister for Primary Industries and Energy and Minister for Employment, Education and Training in the Keating Government.

SENATOR BARNABY JOYCE

Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water; Leader of the Nationals in the Senate

Barnaby is one of a family of eight from a cattle and sheep business in southern New England. After graduating with a degree in accountancy, Barnaby spent three years with a chartered accountancy firm then a short period with an American multinational in cost accounting before completing five years with a major regional bank.

With a choice between a senior role in banking or starting his own business Barnaby chose the latter and owned and operated Barnaby Joyce and Co for ten years. His role in the National Party had concurrently taken him to Acting Treasurer of the Queensland Nationals. In 2004 he was elected to head of the National Senate team and won back the previously lost Senate seat.

He is the Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water. In that role he developed a policy to provide tax concessions to major infrastructure projects, to help unlock the \$1.4 trillion Australians have invested in superannuation. Barnaby has also developed a policy to revamp Australia's zonal taxation system to provide real incentives for Australians to move to the remote, undeveloped parts of our nation.

SENATOR CHRISTINE MILNE

Senator for Tasmania, Leader of the Australian Greens

Christine Milne, Senator for Tasmania and Leader of the Australian Greens, is one of Australia's most experienced and respected environmental and community activists with a career spanning 30 years. After leading the successful campaign to protect farming land and fisheries from the Wesley Vale Pulp Mill, Christine was elected to the Tasmanian Parliament in 1989, and became the first woman to lead a political party in Tasmania in 1993. She was elected to the Senate in 2004 and to the Leadership in 2012 following the retirement of Senator Bob Brown.

Christine's vision to address climate change and her unparalleled experience with power sharing minority governments led to the establishment of the Multi-Party Climate Change Committee and its successful negotiations to design the Clean Energy Future package. The package has placed innovation, opportunity and clean energy at the forefront of the transformation of the Australian economy for the 21st century.

THE HON WARREN TRUSS MP

Leader of the Nationals, Federal Member for Wide Bay, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Warren Truss is a third generation farmer from the Kumbia District near Kingaroy, Queensland. He entered Federal Parliament in March 1990 as a National Party member representing the electorate of Wide Bay.

Following the Coalition Government's election defeat in 2007, he was elected Federal Parliamentary Leader of The Nationals. He is also Shadow Minister for Infrastructure and Transport.

Mr Truss was a Minister in the Howard Coalition Government for 10 years.

He was appointed Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 he assumed the position of Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and in September 2006 Minister for Trade.

MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

- ▶ **The NGA is your opportunity to contribute to the development of national local government policy.**

The ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2013 NGA under the theme *Foundations for the Future: Twenty 13*. To assist Councils in preparing motions a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available at www.alga.asn.au.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers motions must follow the principles:

1. Fall under the NGA theme;
2. Be relevant to the work of local government nationally; and
3. Complement or build on the policy objectives of state and territory associations.

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form on the website www.alga.asn.au and should be received by ALGA no later than 26 April 2013.

Motions submitted will be reviewed by a committee of the ALGA Board as well as by State and Territory Local Government Associations to determine their eligibility for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers. When reviewing motions, the Committee considers the importance and relevance of the issue to local government.

Please note that motions should not be prescriptive in directing how the matter should be pursued. Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state/territory local government association, and will not be included in the Business Papers.

Motions that are agreed to at the National General Assembly become Resolutions. These Resolutions are then considered by the ALGA Board when setting national local government policy and when the Board is making representations to the Federal Government at Ministerial Councils, during meetings and in ALGA publications. The ALGA Board is not bound by any resolutions passed at the NGA.

VOTING PROCEDURES



Each council is entitled to one voting delegate in the debating session. Councils will need to determine who their voting delegate will be. Voting cards can be collected at the Assembly. Councils do not need to advise ALGA of the name of the voting delegate prior to collecting voting cards.

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REGIONAL COOPERATION
AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT:
IT'S TIME TO INNOVATE**

Sunday 16 June 2013 • National Convention Centre • Canberra

→ Includes the launch of the:
2013-14 State of the Regions Report

2013 presents significant opportunities for Australia's regions and the local government authorities governing those regions

According to the 2012-13 State of the Regions Report—commissioned by the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) and prepared by National Economics—a new approach to regional development is required in order to address inequality across Australian regions exacerbated by the mining boom and patchwork economy. Local governments need to be involved in decisions concerning Commonwealth investment in regional infrastructure and development.

This year's Regional Cooperation and Development Forum will present the policy findings that build on the work commenced by National Economics in 2012 rethinking regional development. This work will incorporate the latest Census data and also examine the implications of how Australia is dealing with the ever growing threats arising from climate change and natural disasters.

The Forum will continue to allow the sharing of ideas and opportunities through both a mix of academic and practitioner insights, as well as hearing the latest positions from Commonwealth politicians and senior officials, including the Regional Australia Institute.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9:30 am	Welcome: ALGA President, Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
9:35 am	Minister for Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government, The Hon Simon Crean MP (invited)
10:00 am	Keynote address: Professor John Martin , Centre for Sustainable Regional Communities, La Trobe University. <i>Local Governance and Sustainable Rural Community Development: A Comparative Study of Canadian and Australian Experiences</i>
10:30 am	MORNING TEA
11:00 am	State of the Regions Launch: <i>Regional Development: It's Time to Innovate</i>
11:30 am	Regional Development Australia Update
12:00 pm	LUNCH
1:00 pm	Panel Discussion: <i>Regional implications of managing natural disasters</i>
2:30 pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:00 pm	Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Water, Senator Barnaby Joyce (invited)
3:30 pm	Questions and wrap up
4:00 pm	CLOSE

▶ **Regional Forum Registration is \$395 (INC GST) or \$195 when you also register to attend the National General Assembly**

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

BREAKFAST

ICLEI OCEANIA BRIEFING BREAKFAST: 'PATHWAYS TO THRIVING NEIGHBOURHOODS'

▶ MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013
7.15AM - 8.30AM

Many local governments have been implementing sustainability projects for some years. So what can Australian local governments use that is practical and useful, but also works within the broader sector to develop a joint approach to local sustainability?

Local governments are the sum of their neighbourhoods—and we want them to be thriving! What does a thriving neighbourhood look like? What examples are there, here and around the world? What are the policy and operational steps that we can take to enable our neighbourhoods to thrive?

Bookings are essential on: (03) 9639 8688
or oceania@iclei.org

For further information contact:
Martin Brennan martin.brennan@iclei.org



BREAKFAST

AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION INC

▶ MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013
7.30 - 8.30 AM

National Convention Centre, Canberra

Following the overwhelming success of the ALGWA 60th anniversary celebrations in 2011, the ALGWA National President Darriea Turley, invites you to breakfast this year as part of the National General Assembly.

Members, friends and colleges will be warmly welcomed. Seating is limited, so please book early. Register your interest at www.algwa.net.au



REGISTRATION DETAILS

General Assembly Registration Fees

REGISTRATION FEES EARLY BIRD	\$899.00
<i>Payment received by Monday 22 April 2013</i>	
REGISTRATION FEES STANDARD	\$999.00
<i>Payment received on or before Friday 31 May 2013</i>	
REGISTRATION FEES LATE	\$1,200.00
<i>Payment received after Friday 31 May 2013</i>	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- 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

DAY REGISTRATION FEES

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013	\$470.00
TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013	\$470.00
WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE 2013	\$260.00

DAY REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- 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

Accompanying Partners Registration Fees

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEE	\$240.00
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ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 16 June
- Day tour Monday 17 June
- Day tour Tuesday 18 June
- Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 19 June

Sunday Regional Development Forum SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2013

FORUM ONLY	\$395.00
NGA DELEGATE	\$195.00

Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

- Credit card – MasterCard, Visa and American Express
- Cheque made payable to ALGA
- Electronic Funds Transfer: Bank: Commonwealth
Branch: Curtin BSB No: 062905 Account No: 10097760.
Note if paying via EFT you must quote your transaction reference number on the registration form.

Cancellation Policy

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

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 139, CALWELL ACT 2905
Facsimile (02) 6292 9002
Email conference@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Monday 22 April 2013. Cancellations received after Monday 22 April 2013 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

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.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2013

National Convention Centre

5:00 7:00 pm

\$44.00 per person for day delegates and guests

No charge for full registered delegates

No charge for registered accompanying partners

DRESS CODE smart casual

Buffet Dinner

MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013

The Ballroom, National Convention Centre

7:00 11:00 pm

\$100.00 per person

DRESS CODE smart casual

Coaches will depart Assembly hotels (Except Crowne Plaza) at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

General Assembly Dinner

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2013

The Great Hall, Parliament House

7:00 11:00 pm

\$130 per person

DRESS CODE lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women

Tickets to the prestigious General Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament House are always highly sought after. Due to the size of the Great Hall places are limited and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

Coaches will depart all Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:30pm.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

CANBERRA WEATHER IN JUNE



Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15°C and temperatures do drop to 1°C 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.

VENUE + DRESS CODE

Exhibition Opening and Welcome Reception

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City

DRESS CODE Smart casual

General Assembly Business Sessions

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City

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

DRESS CODE Smart casual

Exhibition

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City

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

DRESS CODE Smart casual

Buffet Dinner

VENUE The dinner is being held in the Ballroom at the National Convention Centre.

DRESS CODE Smart casual

General Assembly Dinner

VENUE Parliament House

The General Assembly Dinner is being held in the Great Hall.

DRESS CODE Lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women



DINNER ENTERTAINMENT

Melbourne based a cappella group, **Suade**, will entertain and delight delegates

Suade has performed extensively around Australia at festivals, concerts, workshops and masterclasses, and has represented the country regularly overseas. Suade first started back in 1998 as a group of high school buddies singing barbershop tunes and over the next decade and a half, the group has developed into Australia's undisputed #1 male a cappella group, with a huge vocal sound, an energetic stage performance and a downright wicked sense of humour.