

National General Assembly of Local Government Call for Motions Discussion Paper

Australia's Future, Make it Local

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide guidance to councils for the development of Motions for debate at the 2018 National General Assembly. The paper provides an overview of policy areas in which the NGA has well-established positions and identifies potential new and emerging policy areas which are being developed by ALGA and require detailed consideration. Councils are particularly encouraged to submit Motions on these policy areas.

Highlighting the issues below contributes to implementing ALGA's Strategic Plan 2017-2020 and its objectives to:

- strengthen Local Government in the areas of financial sustainability; delivering services in regional cities; infrastructure; and innovation and digital transformation, as well as,
- facilitating collaboration between state and territory associations in Local Government's role in Indigenous policy issues, scale and capacity; women in Local Government; and diversity in representation.

Criteria for Motions

Motions must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ be **relevant** to the work of local government **nationally**
- ✓ be **consistent with the theme** of the NGA
- ✓ **complement or build** on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
- ✓ be submitted by a council which is a **financial member** of their state or territory local government association
- ✓ propose a **clear action and outcome**
- ✓ **not be advanced** on behalf of external third parties that may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members or to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of, local government.

Your Opportunity

The primary focus of all Motions should be to strengthen the capacity of local government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia. Providing clear actions within areas that are still emerging provides councils with an opportunity to influence the development of ALGA policy and advocacy by ALGA on federal election commitments.

Emerging Issues

Councils across Australia are constantly being asked to do more with less. Changing community needs, including ageing populations, technological advancements and changing economic circumstances, are a challenge for all communities.

Analysis suggests that a Commonwealth election may well be called between August 2018 and May 2019. The 2018 NGA therefore provides an important opportunity to progress Local Government issues in the Federal agenda. Below are some critical areas in which Local Government needs to consider the role it can in local communities on the national stage. In particular, the 2018 NGA is calling for Motions that provide clear policy advice and/or policy initiatives that will help Local Government to address the following policy challenges:

Housing Affordability

Housing affordability is a major challenge in many communities. The Commonwealth frequently asserts that housing affordability is a problem because of the supply of housing. As such there has been a focus on planning reform.

Motions are called for on ways to improve housing supply and improve land use planning and associated local government infrastructure to support increased housing supply.

Financial Sustainability – Oppose Cost Shifting

In 2005 The House of Representatives Inquiry into Cost Shifting from States onto Local Government estimated that cost shifting amounted to between \$500m - 1.4b annually. This includes regulatory and other services that Local Government provided on behalf of states without adequate compensation.

Motions are called for on ways to reduce cost shifting from states and the Commonwealth on to Local Government and on areas of regulatory reform and services that Local Government could provide efficiently and effectively on behalf of states or the Commonwealth if appropriately funded.

Innovation and Digital Transformation – Smart Communities

Technological advancements are changing the way councils communicate with citizens and deliver services and infrastructure.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the ability of councils to support their community to understand and benefit from digital transformation, ways to improve data, protect privacy and increase security of council-held data.

Harmonising Local Government Data

National Local Government data is held in a variety of places and is often of variable quality. National advocacy on behalf of Local Government needs a strong evidence base. ALGA has been working with JRA on the State of the Assets project which collects data on the quality and condition of all local government assets. Increasingly, councils are being required to provide data to third parties.

Motions are called for on ways to improve the collection of local government data, how data could be better linked across the sector, and ways to improve the quality of data.

Cyber Security

Recent malware attacks have highlighted the vulnerability of business and government computer systems. Strong measures are required to ensure that all Australians and Australian businesses and governments are aware of the risks and take appropriate measures to ensure cyber security.

Motions are called for on ways to improve local government cyber security.

Environment

Local Government plays a critical role in environmental management, with actions often embedded into other day to day operations as well as included in economic management considerations

Motions are called for on what should be national priorities and on ways to improve environmental management systems, waste management, product stewardship and biodiversity.

Regional Development

Local Government plays a critical role in regional development, with an active role working with neighbouring councils, industry, state government agencies, community and other key stakeholders to set and achieve regional goals.

Motions are called for on ways to improve regional policy approaches, funding ideas on regional sustainability and equity.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA webpage at: alga.asn.au. All Motions require, among other things, a contact officer, a clear national objective, a summary of the key arguments in support of the motion, and the endorsement of your Council.

Motions should be received by ALGA no later than **11:59pm on Friday 30 March 2018**.

Established ALGA Policy Areas

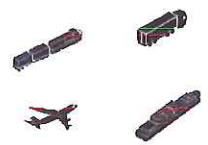
Financial Assistance Grants

Adequate and appropriate Local Government services and infrastructure are critical to all communities. The Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants are important to all councils. Success has been achieved in the last 12 months by restoration of the indexation of the Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs). ALGA's priority in this area is to continue advocating for FAGs funding to be increased to a level equal to at least one per cent of commonwealth taxation revenue.



Freight Strategy

Local government manages around 75 per cent of Australia's local roads network. These roads were generally built decades ago and today are required to carry increasing amounts of freight, including higher productivity vehicles. Poor and unsafe roads are a barrier to increased productivity. ALGA's priority is the promotion and development of a freight strategy with funding of \$200m per year for five years to address first and last mile access issues, leading to an increase in local, regional and national productivity.



Roads to Recovery

The Roads to Recovery Program provides councils with essential additional funding to help address the backlog of maintenance and renewal of local roads. Success was achieved with Roads to Recovery by having the expiration date removed and essentially creating an ongoing program. Further work in this area is being undertaken to ensure Roads to Recovery funding is permanently doubled.



Additional Local Roads Funding for South Australia

Additional funding for South Australian local roads to address an anomaly in FAGs ceased in 2014. It was reinstated in 2017-18 but only for two years. The focus is now on securing ongoing additional funding for South Australian local roads, indexed annually in line with FAGs.



Climate Change Plans

Many councils are addressing or wish to address climate change. With the important role Local Government can play helping the Australian Government to achieve internationally agreed climate change targets, a priority has been placed on supporting councils to work with local businesses and communities to implement local and regional Climate Change Adaptation Plans.



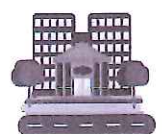
Indigenous

Addressing Indigenous disadvantage across Australia is a priority for all Australian governments. Advocacy is about closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the areas of housing, health, early childhood development, education, economic participation and remote service delivery.



Community Infrastructure

Funding support for community infrastructure will enable all local councils to plan and deliver adequate and appropriate community infrastructure. ALGA is urging political parties to commit to specific local government community infrastructure funding at the level of \$300 million per annum over the next four years.





AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

7 March 2018

Northern Midlands Council
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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO (please distribute accordingly)

The Australian Local Government Association is pleased to invite you and your Council colleagues to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 17 - 20 June.

This year's theme, *Australia's Future, Make it Local*, reflects not just the wide scope and importance of Local Government, but its ability to influence and effect fundamental change and improvement at the community level.

The 2018 theme also hints at the strong possibility of a federal election being called later this year or early next. That being the case, Local Government will need to be ready and able to speak up on behalf of our constituents.

ALGA has developed an exciting program for the 2018 National General Assembly of Local Government, which includes commentator and columnist Bernard Salt as a Keynote Speaker.

Mr Salt, a former partner at KPMG, has gained national prominence with his astute observations on demography, housing affordability and the evolution of consumer cultures.

With his unique ability to analyse data and turn that analysis into entertaining and informative commentary, Mr Salt's address promises to be insightful and relevant for everybody working in Local Government.

Communications specialist Virginia Haussegger will also be a Keynote Speaker at NGA18. A highly experienced journalist and newspaper columnist, Ms Haussegger is now the Director of the 50/50 by 2030 Foundation at the University of Canberra's Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis.

Her keynote address will canvass initiatives and strategies to increase gender diversity in Local Government – work with which she has been actively involved since 2016.

There is strong likelihood of a federal election being called this year, and David Speers – who is Political Editor at Sky News and another NGA18 Keynote Speaker – will provide delegates with an up-to-date reading of the political maneuverings on Capital Hill.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Opposition Leader Bill Shorten and Federal Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government John McVeigh are among the federal politicians who have been invited to NGA18, along with the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development Anthony Albanese, and Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government Stephen Jones.

Enclosed is the NGA Registration Brochure which contains full details of the program, business agenda and associated events.

Please take time to note this year's Regional Forum agenda with the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government, The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP confirmed to speak at the Regional Forum. We also have confirmed two keynote presenters; Saul Eslake, Leading Australian Economist and Katherine O'Regan, Executive Director, Cities Leadership Institute.

The National General Assembly and the Regional Forum are key events which should not be missed. For those of you with a specific interest in transport, ALGA's 2018 National Local Roads and Transport Congress will take place in Alice Springs from 20-22 November.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's events.



Adrian Beresford Wylie
Chief Executive Officer



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President's Message

Welcome to the Australian Local Government Association's 2018 National General Assembly – Australia's largest and most influential gathering of Local Government councillors, mayors, chairs and officials.

Our theme for this year's NGA – Australia's future: make it local – reflects not just the wide scope and importance of Local Government, but its ability to influence and affect fundamental change and improvement at the community level.

The 2018 theme also hints at the strong possibility a federal election being called later this year or early next. That being the case, Local Government will need to be ready and able to speak up on behalf of our constituents.

ALGA and the State and Territory Local Government Associations are already well advanced in their election advocacy strategies, but this conference will provide important input into the fine-tuning of those plans.

"...make it local – reflects not just the wide scope and importance of Local Government, but its ability to influence and affect fundamental change and improvement at the community level."

A significant number of motions will be put to the Assembly, generating lively, vigorous and constructive debate. And, thanks to the introduction of keypad voting machines – a first for a National General Assembly – there'll be less time wasted on procedural matters and more time available for the things that matter: ideas, discussion, persuasion and consensus.

All of the motions that are supported at the NGA are submitted to the ALGA Board for consideration and aim, ultimately, to advance the cause of Local Government and the communities we seek to serve.

The program for this year's NGA is extensive, with multiple streams of specialist presentations for you to select from, and a range of keynote speakers to inform and inspire us.

Not surprisingly for a NGA that's being staged with a federal election in the wings, our expert panels will also boast plenty of individuals with insider views of Capital Hill.



Whilst the temperatures in the nation's capital may be decidedly brisk at this time of the year, I offer you a very warm welcome to the Australian Local Government Association's 25th National General Assembly.

I encourage you to meet new colleagues, to listen to experts and specialists, participate in discussions and to learn from the very best we have gathered on your behalf. Enjoy the experience, and take-home ideas and inspiration to help make your communities the very best they can be.

Mayor David O'Loughlin
ALGA President



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MAKE IT LOCAL**

17–20 June 2018 // Canberra

Provisional Program

Sunday 17 June

5:00pm	Service NSW Welcome Reception National Convention Centre	
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Monday 18 June

9:00am	Opening Ceremony	
9:20am	Mayor David O'Loughlin, ALGA President's Opening	
9:30am	The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, Prime Minister (invited)	
10:00am	Morning Tea	
10:30am	▶ Keynote Speaker – David Speers, Political Editor, SKY NEWS <i>The Australian Political Landscape</i>	
11:00am	▶ Keynote Speaker – Virginia Haussegger AM, Australian Journalist, Media Commentator and Television Presenter <i>The Case of Gender Diversity in Local Government</i>	
11:30am	▶ Panel Session – <i>Changing Political Culture</i>	
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:30pm	▶ Panel Session – <i>Balancing Innovation and the Public Interest</i>	
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	▶ Debate on Motions	
4:30pm	Mr Stephen Jones MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government (invited)	
5:00pm	Close	
7:00pm	Networking Dinner – National Arboretum	

Tuesday 19 June

9:00am	▶ Keynote Speaker – Bernard Salt AM, Author and Columnist <i>Population and the Policy Imperative</i>	
9:45am	▶ Panel Session – <i>Building Tomorrow's Communities: Livability</i>	
10:30am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	▶ Debate on Motions	
12:30pm	Lunch	
1:30pm	▶ Concurrent Sessions – • Energy and Climate Change • Arts and Culture • Digital Technology • Recycling and Waste	
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	▶ Debate on Motions	
4:30pm	The Hon Bill Shorten MP, Leader of the Opposition (invited)	
5:00pm	Close	
7:00pm	NGA Dinner – Australian Institute of Sport	

Wednesday 20 June

9:00am	Setting ALGA's Election Priorities	
9:30am	▶ Panel of Mayors – <i>Local Government and the Federal Election</i>	
10:30am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	▶ Panel Session – <i>How to Create Resilient Local Communities</i>	
12:30pm	ALGA President's Close	



REGIONAL COOPERATION & DEVELOPMENT FORUM 2018

Sun 17 June 2018 // Canberra

Collaboration: A catalyst for success

The 2018 Regional Forum will bring together noted regional campaigners, academics, industry innovators and government officials to explore the challenges of successful collaboration, as a catalyst for region-scale prosperous metropolitan, regional and rural community growth.

Collaborative case studies and models will be shared, along with practical tools for delegates to test and disseminate within their own regions upon their return.

Once again, this year's State of the Regions Report, prepared in partnership between ALGA and the National Institute of Economic and Industry Research, will be launched with opportunities to discuss the data arising in the energy sector as well as international influences on local government at region-wide scales. The Forum also aims to prompt lively discussion about some of the country's most vulnerable household types – metro- and non-metro – and the crucial service delivery role and pressures at the local government level.

Preliminary Program

Sunday 17 June	
9:30am	ALGA President's Welcome
9:40am	▶ Keynote Address – <i>Observations of Australian economic development trends and regional impacts/challenges</i> Saul Eslake, Leading Australian Economist Katherine O'Regan, Executive Director, Cities Leadership Institute
10:30am	▶ Government Address – The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP, Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government
11:00am	Morning Tea
11:30am	▶ Regional Showcase & 2018 State of the Regions Report Launch – • Snapshot of programs/initiatives that have benefited from region-scale collaboration • Metro to non-metro vulnerable household types and challenges ahead
12:15pm	▶ Panel Session – <i>State of the Regions Q&A</i>
12:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm	▶ Workshop – <i>A practical, fast-paced workshop applying tools to assist region-scale collaboration (metro and non-metro), led by Collaboration for Impact Facilitators</i>
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	▶ Opposition Address – Mr Stephen Jones, Regional Services, Territories and Local Government (invited)
4:00pm	ALGA President's Close



Key Dates

- ▶ Submission of Motions for Debate – By 11:59pm Friday 30 March 2018
- ▶ Early Bird Registration – On or before Friday 4 May 2018
- ▶ Standard Registration – On or before Friday 1 June 2018
- ▶ Late Registration – After Friday 1 June 2018

Motions for Debate

The NGA is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda. The primary focus of all motions should be to strengthen the capacity of local government to provide services and infrastructure in Australia.

To be eligible for inclusion in the NGA Business Papers, and subsequent debate on the floor of the NGA, motions must meet the following criteria;

1 Be **relevant** to the work of local government **nationally**

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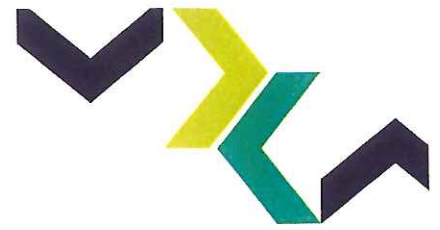
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To assist you to identify motions that address the 2018 theme, 'Australia's Future: Make it Local', the Australian Local Government Association Secretariat has prepared a short discussion paper and is available on the NGA Website: www.alga.asn.au.

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form at: www.alga.asn.au/tecms/forms/motions_2018/ and should be received by the Australian Local Government Association no later than Friday 30 March 2018. For more information contact ALGA on (02) 6122 9400.

Voting Procedures

Each council is entitled to one voting delegate in debating sessions. Councils will need to determine who their voting delegate will be. Electronic voting keypads can be collected at the assembly.



Speaker Profiles

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP



Prime Minister of Australia
Malcolm Turnbull became the 29th Prime Minister of Australia on 15 September 2015 and was sworn in for a second term on 19 July 2016.

Mr Turnbull was elected to Federal Parliament as the Member for Wentworth in 2004. Since entering public life, Mr Turnbull has held a number of parliamentary positions including Shadow Treasurer, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister with responsibility for national water policy and Minister for Environment and Water Resources.

He was Leader of the Opposition from 16 September 2008 to 1 December 2009 and was later Shadow Minister for Communications and Broadband.

Most recently, Mr Turnbull was Minister for Communications from 18 September 2013 to 21 September 2015.

Malcolm was educated at Vaucluse Public School and Sydney Grammar School and graduated from Sydney University with a BA LLB. He was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship and completed a further law degree at Oxford.

He is married to Lucy, and has two adult children, Alex and Daisy, and two grandchildren, Jack and Isla.

The Hon Bill Shorten MP



Bill Shorten is the Federal Member for Maribyrnong and was elected leader of the Australian Labor Party and Leader of the Opposition on 13 October 2013.

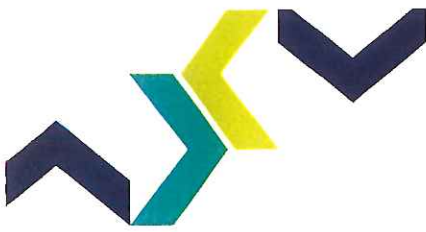
Mr Shorten completed a Bachelors' degree in Arts and Law from Monash University, as well as an MBA from the Melbourne Business School.

Bill has since worked as a union organiser, union secretary, as a member of the ACTU executive, as a Member of Parliament and as a Minister in a Labor Government.

As a senior member of the Rudd/ Gillard Labor Governments, Bill played a key role in securing a number of historic reforms including establishing the National Disability Insurance Scheme and increasing universal superannuation to 12 per cent.

As Minister for Workplace Relations, Bill continued the Labor Government's ongoing commitment to a fair and productive workplace relations system and during his time as Minister for Education helped secure the Better Schools reforms.

Prior to entering Parliament, Bill worked at the Australian Workers' Union, holding key leadership positions including State Secretary of the AWU Victoria Branch from 1998 to 2006 and National Secretary from 2001 to 2007.



The Hon Dr John McVeigh MP



John McVeigh was declared as the Federal Member for Groom on 22 July, 2016.

He was sworn in as the Minister for Regional Development, Territories and Local Government on December 20, 2017.

Before his elevation to Cabinet he was a member of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit; and the Standing Committees on Industry, Innovation Science and Resources; and Agriculture and Water Resources.

John also chaired the Coalition's Policy Committee for Industry, Innovation, Science and Northern Australia and was the chair of the Federal Government's Select Committee on Regional Development and Decentralisation.

He was previously a Councillor on the Toowoomba Regional Council from 2008 to 2012 where he held the Corporate Services Portfolio and Chaired the Audit Committee.

John has a Bachelor of Business (Marketing & Economics) (University of Southern Queensland), Master of Business Administration (Bond University) and a PhD in Agribusiness Management (University of Queensland).

John is proud to live with his wife, Anita, and six children in Toowoomba and is passionate about the role that regional Queensland will play in the future of our nation.

Mr Stephen Jones MP

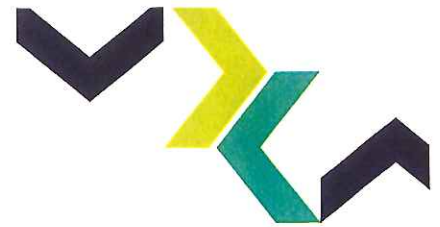


Stephen Jones is the Federal Member for Whitlam and Shadow Minister for Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government and Regional Communications.

Stephen was first elected to the Federal Parliament in 2010 representing the Southern Illawarra seat of Throsby. He was re-elected at the 2013 election and elected to the re-named seat of Whitlam in the 2016 election.

Stephen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wollongong and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Macquarie University.

Prior to entering the Federal Parliament, he worked as a community worker for various front line disability services, youth and health services and as a lawyer with the Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU) and as the Secretary of the Community and Public Sector Union (CPSU).



Virginia Haussegger AM



Virginia Haussegger AM is a gender diversity advocate and communication specialist. She is also an award-winning television journalist, writer and commentator, whose extensive media career spans more than 25 years.

Virginia has reported from around the globe for leading current affair programs on Channel 9, the Seven Network and the ABC. For 15 years (2001–2016) she anchored the ABC's flagship TV News in Canberra. She is widely published, both as a former columnist with the Canberra Times, and a regular contributor to the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age.

In 2016 Virginia was appointed Director of a new, national gender equality initiative, the 50/50 by 2030 Foundation, at the University of Canberra's Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA), where she is an Adjunct Professor.

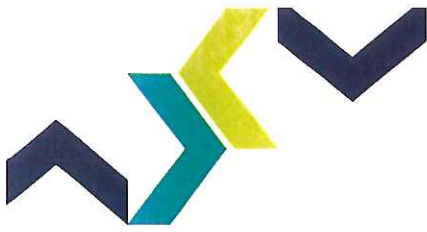
She has run a series of co-design workshops with local government leaders focused on diversity strategies and increasing the representation of women in

leadership positions. Virginia also runs a suite of Masterclasses on Strategic Communication and Persuasive Presentation.

In 2017 she launched an innovative gender equality news media platform, BroadAgenda, and currently serves as Chief Editor.

In 2014 Virginia was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community, as an advocate for women's rights and gender equity, and to the media.

Virginia has served on a number of boards and committees including; UN Women National Committee Australia; the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Trust, and the Australia Forum Steering Committee. She currently sits on the Board of the ACT Government's Cultural Facilities Corporation; Women in Media Canberra; Our Watch, Media Advisory Committee; and is Patron of the Canberra Rape Crisis Centre.



David Speers



David Speers is Political Editor at SKY NEWS and anchor of agenda-setting political programs SPEERS and SPEERS ON SUNDAY on SKY NEWS LIVE.

David is one of Australia's most respected political journalists and interviewers, leading the SKY NEWS Walkley and Logie award-winning political news coverage.

David joined SKY NEWS as Political Editor in 2000 and has seen the channel grow to become the unrivalled destination for political and national affairs coverage in Australia.

He has been chosen to host Leaders' debates and forums at the last five federal elections and covered the last four Presidential elections in the United States.

Between elections David is one of the busiest and best connected correspondents in Canberra.

He has interviewed numerous world leaders, including US President George W. Bush at the White House and travelled extensively reporting from China, India, Afghanistan, Indonesia and Europe.

In 2014 David was awarded Australia's highest journalism honour, a Walkley Award for his global headline-making "What is Metadata" interview with the

Australian Attorney General. He received his second Walkley award in 2015 for his "The Fixer" interview featuring then Minister for Education and Training Christopher Pyne. In 2016 David and the SKY NEWS Political team were recognised with both a Walkley and TV Week Logie award for the team's outstanding coverage of the 2016 Federal Election.

David is also the recipient of the 2016 Kennedy Award for Most Outstanding Political Reporting, the 2017 AACTA Best Presenter Award for and the winner of more than 10 ASTRA Awards for excellence in broadcast journalism.

David served for three years as President of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. He has also served as a Director of the National Press Club since 2005.

Prior to joining SKY NEWS, David worked as a Political Reporter for a number of radio stations in Canberra and at New South Wales Parliament in Sydney.



Bernard Salt



Bernard Salt, a former partner at KPMG, is one of the most well-known writers, media personalities, and business advisors in Australia. Used to large crowds and the cameras, Bernard has the uncanny ability to explain even the most complex ideas in a way that everyone in the room can understand. Well-spoken, engaging, and enlightening, a business event featuring Bernard is sure to be a hit.

In business, Bernard's specialties lie in tracking and understanding demographic and social changes in his country of origin and the rest of the world, including the United States, New Zealand, and Asia. He focuses on the evolution of consumer cultures, how the most recent generation will fit into today's business world, and how companies can get the most out of their customer base and employees.

Bernard writes two weekly columns for The Australian newspaper that deal with social, generational and demographic matters, and

has authored six books, the most recent was published in 2014 titled *More Decent Obsessions: The small things that tell the big picture*. His other books include, *The Big Shift: Welcome to the Third Australian Culture*, *The Big Picture*, *Man Drought: Why are there so many single women in their 30's?*, *What is it with Generation Y?* and lastly, *Decent Obsessions: Why it's okay to sweat the small stuff*. He routinely appears as a commentator on a variety of television shows in Australia, including *Business Sunday*, *A Current Affair*, *60 Minutes*, *Today Tonight*, *Today Show*, and *Nightline*.

Bernard's unique skill is to take the latest data and then transfer this into a highly entertaining, very informative and above all else extremely relevant presentation on what the future environment will be for both businesses and individuals.

Saul Eslake



Saul Eslake worked as an economist in the Australian financial markets for more than 25 years, including as Chief Economist at McIntosh Securities (a stockbroking firm) in the late 1980s, Chief Economist (International) at National Mutual Funds Management in the early 1990s, as Chief Economist at the Australia & New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ) from 1995 to 2009, and as Chief Economist (Australia & New Zealand) for Bank of America Merrill Lynch from 2011 until June 2015. In between these last two positions he was Director of the Productivity Growth program at the then newly-established Grattan Institute, a 'think tank'.

In July 2015 Saul started up his own economics consultancy business, operating out of Hobart, and in April 2016 took up a part-time position as a Vice-Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Tasmania.

Saul is a member of the Australian Parliamentary Budget Office's Expert Advisory Panel; and is on

the Advisory Board of Jamieson Coote Bonds, a Melbourne-based specialist bond investment manager.

Saul is a non-executive director of Hydro Tasmania, an energy business owned by the Tasmanian State Government; and of Housing Choices Australia Ltd, a not-for-profit provider of affordable rental housing. He is also Chairman of Ten Days on the Island, Tasmania's bi-ennial state-wide multi-arts festival.

Saul has a first class honours degree in Economics from the University of Tasmania, and a Graduate Diploma in Applied Finance and Investment from the Securities Institute of Australia. In December 2012 he was awarded an Honorary LLD degree by the University of Tasmania. He has also completed the Senior Executive Program at Columbia University's Graduate School of Business in New York.

Katherine O'Regan



Katherine O'Regan has over 30 years' experience in developing and implementing growth strategies for business and government. Having served as a Chief of Staff and Advisor to Federal and State Government Ministers and Deputy Mayor, Woollahra Municipal Council where she served as a Councillor for five years, Katherine has unique insights into the policy, process and priorities of government.

This is complimented by a corporate executive career centred on the banking, financial and property sectors where she gained experience in public private partnerships, corporate transactions and mergers and acquisitions.

In 2013 Katherine established her own a consultancy firm providing strategic advice to government and business specialising in developing innovative solutions to the challenges and priorities facing

cities and communities. Katherine has led forums and workshops, written policy submissions and articles, and advocated for change for clients including NSW Small Business Commissioner's small business friendly Councils and regional activation programs, the NSW Department of Industry's Future Towns Program, energy start up Star Scientific and the Australian Banking Association.

In 2017 Katherine was appointed Executive Director of the Cities Leadership Institute a not for profit dedicated to building the capacity of urban leaders to make cities, towns and communities great places.

Katherine holds a Bachelor of Applied Science, Masters of Business Administration and a Masters of US Studies (with Merit) and is Director of leading public policy think tank, The Sydney Institute and Chair of her local Chamber of Commerce.



NGA 2018 Charity

Enormity – National Coat Day

Enormity is a not for profit, community based teenage committee.

Enormity started "Coat Day" 20 years ago when one of the member's friends became homeless and they "borrowed" a coat from the back of their mentor's car. This opened Enormity's eyes as to a community need and the collection of public donated coats began, "Coat Day".

Enormity has collected around 99,200 coats in that time and with the assistance of charitable agencies such as St. Vincent de Pauls, Salvation Army and Devonport's Gran's Van all have redistributed to the homeless and those in need.

Homelessness can affect all members of our community including the young or old, families or single people, Aboriginal people or people from culturally diverse backgrounds, resulting in great social and economic costs to the individual, and the community as a whole.

Enormity has for a long time worked towards helping those in need by providing the simplest basic need of warmth and protection from the elements of winter – warm coats and clothing.

In year 2000, former Prime Minister John Howard launched our campaign nationally by donating his own coat. Since then Prime Ministers Kevin Rudd, Julia Gillard, Tony Abbott and last year Malcolm Turnbull have also donated a coat.

"Coat Day" is held annually on the 1st Saturday in July, this year being Saturday 7th July 2018. Please bring a coat to donate at the 2018 Local Government National General Assembly. Your donation of a winter coat will help someone who is sleeping rough. Collection will be available through the entirety of the conference, 17–20 June 2018.



Associated Events



Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast

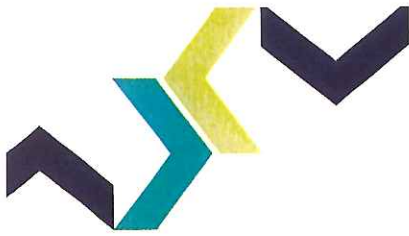
**Monday 18 June 2018 –
7:00am–8:15am**

The ALGWA National President is pleased to invite members, friends and colleagues to our Annual Networking Breakfast as part of the National General Assembly.

The hot Outback Breakfast will be held from 7:00-8:15am on Monday 18 June.

Speaker: Cr Alwyn Friedersdorff, President of the National Rural Women's Coalition, (NRWC) freshly returned from addressing the UN and participation on issues faced by rural women.

Seating is strictly limited; find booking details on www.algwa.net.au



General Registration Details

General Assembly Registration Fees

Registration Fees –
Early bird

\$969.00

(payment received by Friday 4 May 2018)

Registration Fees –
Standard

\$1,290.00

(payment received on or before Friday 1 June 2018)

Registration Fees –
Late

\$1,429.00

(payment received after Friday 1 June 2018)

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 18 June 2018

\$529.00

Tuesday 19 June 2018

\$529.00

Wednesday 20 June 2018

\$320.00

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

Sunday Regional Development Forum Registration Fees (Sunday 17 June 2018)

Forum Only

\$445.00

NGA Delegate

\$245.00

(Delegates attending the Regional Form and the NGA are entitled to this discount)

Accompanying Partners Registration Fees

Accompanying Partners
Registration Fee

\$280.00

Accompanying Partners Registration Includes

- ▶ 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 17 June
- ▶ Day tour Monday 18 June
- ▶ Day tour Tuesday 19 June
- ▶ Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 20 June



Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

- ▶ Credit card – MasterCard and Visa
- ▶ 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 email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 4994, CHISHOLM ACT 2905

Facsimile: (02) 6292 9002

E-mail: conference@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 4 May 2018. Cancellations received after Friday 4 May 2018 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.

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.

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.

Social Function and Venue Information

Social Functions

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Sponsored by:



Sunday 17 June 2018

Venue: National Convention Centre

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

- ▶ 5:00–7:00 pm
- ▶ \$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

Sponsored by:



Monday 18 June 2018

Venue: National Arboretum Canberra

The dinner is being held in the Village Centre.

- ▶ 7:00–11:00 pm
- ▶ \$100.00 per person

Dress code: smart casual

The Monday night dinner takes on a new format as we take it offsite to the multi-million dollar National Arboretum. Enjoy the stunning Canberra landscape whilst having the opportunity to network with delegates from other councils and organisations.



General Assembly Dinner

Tuesday 19 June 2018

Venue: Australian Institute of Sport

The dinner is being held in the Arena of the AIS.

- ▶ 7:00–11:00 pm
- ▶ \$130 per person

Dress code: lounge suit/collar and tie for men and cocktail style for women.

With Parliament House undergoing renovations this year, we are excited to take delegates to the Australian Institute of Sport, the country's elite and award winning sports precinct. Tickets to the General Assembly Annual Dinner are always highly sought after and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

General Assembly Business Sessions

Monday 18 June 2018 to
Wednesday 20 June 2018

Venue: National Convention Centre

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

Dress code: Smart casual

Exhibition

Sunday 17 June 2018 to
Wednesday 20 June 2018

Venue: National Convention Centre

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

Dress code: Smart casual

Coach Transfers

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening – Sunday 17 June 2018

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza) 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) 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 Canberra – Monday 18 June 2018

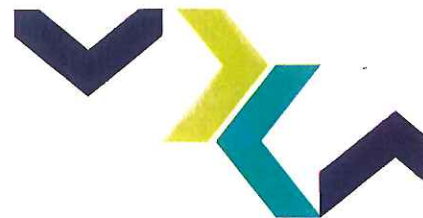
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General Assembly Dinner – Australian Institute of Sport – Tuesday 19 June 2018

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.

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).



Partner Tours

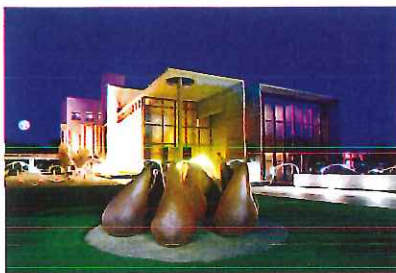


Monday 18 June 2018

Monday Partner Tour: *Behind the Scenes of our Capital*

Take a glimpse behind the scenes of two of Canberra's iconic locations. The day will start with an intimate tour of Government House to see where Cabinet ministers are sworn in and the Governor General welcomes visitors like the Queen and heads of states.

After lunch we have an exclusive tour of The Royal Military College Duntroon, including the Army Officer training course, the cadet mess, and some of the historical and ceremonial areas within the College grounds.



Tuesday 19 June 2018

Tuesday Partner Tour: *Diamonds and Decadence*

We start today with a high tea at Adore Tea where we'll experience a variety of teas from simple black teas to incredible flowering teas paired with sweet and savoury foods with a twist.

The afternoon will be spent at the National Gallery of Australia to experience the confirmed Cartier Exhibition. This is showcasing some of the most exquisite jewels from the renowned French jeweller including the Queen's "Halo" tiara, the engagement ring of Princess Grace of Monaco and costumes from the Ballet Russes, as well as displays of sketches and the tools of Cartier's trade.

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. Featuring a contemporary design, the Crowne Plaza provides guests with an outdoor pool, sauna, health/fitness centre, 24 hour reception, room service, concierge, undercover parking for a fee and onsite dining at the RedSalt Restaurant. All rooms are non-smoking and include free WiFi, climate control air-conditioning, tea/coffee making facilities and a minibar.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

Superior Room: \$315 per night single/twin/double

Deluxe Room: \$365 per night single/twin/double

Avenue Hotel

**80 Northbourne Avenue,
Canberra**

The Avenue Hotel is one of the newest options in Canberra and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre and has an onsite restaurant and bar, 24 hour reception, room service, gymnasium, undercover parking (charges apply per night) and guest lounge. All rooms have king size beds, rainfall showers, balconies, mini bar and free WiFi. The apartments also have a fully functioning kitchen.

Twin option is only available in the Superior rooms and consists of two single beds.



Superior King Rooms: \$260 per night single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$310 per night single/double

Waldorf

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Waldorf is only a five minute walk from the National Convention Centre. This hotel has 24 hour reception and provides guests with a gymnasium, indoor heated lap pool, room service and onsite dining at the Waldorf on London Restaurant. All rooms have kitchen and laundry facilities, in-room safe, dining table and chairs, complimentary cable TV, pay per view movies and high speed internet service (for a fee). The 1 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: \$200 per night single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartment: \$220 per night single/twin/double

Novotel

65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Located on Northbourne Avenue, one of Canberra's main thoroughfares, the Novotel is a 15 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel offers 24 hour reception and room service, an onsite restaurant and bar, a newly renovated indoor pool, gymnasium and undercover parking (charges apply per night). In-room facilities include mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, internet

access (for a fee), pay per view movies and climate control air-conditioning. Standard rooms have a Queen size bed while the Executive rooms have a King size bed.

Twin option for the standard room type consists of two double beds and the executive room type consists of one king bed and a pull out sofa bed.

Standard Room: \$280 per night single/twin/double

Executive Room: \$315 per night single/twin/double

Mantra

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located within the CBD and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features underground parking (for a fee), a 24 hour reception, a heated indoor pool, sauna, fully-equipped gymnasium and an onsite restaurant bar. All rooms offer individually controlled air-conditioning, WiFi (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. 1 bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge and dining area, kitchen and a fully equipped laundry.

Bedding configuration in a hotel room is one king or two single beds and a 1 bedroom apartment has one queen or two singles.

Hotel Room: \$236 per night single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartment: \$276 per night single/twin/double

Medina Apartment Hotel James Court

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Medina Apartment Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre and is close to cafes, restaurants, gyms and shopping. The hotel offers reception, undercover parking (for a charge), outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and a restaurant delivery service. All rooms feature private balconies, climate controlled air conditioning, separate lounge/dining areas, free WiFi, spa bath, mini bar, fully equipped kitchen facilities and an in-room safe.

Twin option consists of two single beds.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6:30am and 11:00pm

1 Bedroom Apartment: \$215 per night single/twin/double

2 Bedroom Apartment: \$285 per night

Qt Hotel

1 London Circuit, Canberra

The Qt Hotel is a modern hotel with boutique style furnishings, central to the city and a 10 minute walk to the National Convention Centre. The hotel offers guests a 24 hour reception and room service, an onsite restaurant and bar, parking for a daily charge plus an onsite barber shop. All rooms have now been upgraded to have king beds, other features include a balcony, rainfall showers, free WiFi, pay per view movies, mini bar, hairdryer, iron and ironing board.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Standard Room: \$249 per night single/twin/double

Registration Form

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Multiple delegates > photocopy form
Register online, download PDF or return this form to:
Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 4994 Chisholm ACT 2905
Phone (02) 6292 9000 Fax (02) 6292 9002
Email nga@confco.com.au
By submitting your registration you agree to the terms
and conditions of the cancellation policy on page 15

Register online www.alga.asn.au

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Australian Local Government Association ABN 31 008 613 876

PERSONAL DETAILS

TITLE	NAME	SURNAME
(Cr/Ald/Mayor/Other)		
POSITION		
COUNCIL/ORGANISATION		
ADDRESS		
SUBURB	STATE	POSTCODE
PHONE	MOBILE	
EMAIL		
NAME FOR BADGE		

How did you find out about the General Assembly? ALGA State/Territory Association Council Other: _____

PRIVACY DISCLOSURE

I DO consent to my name appearing in the 2018 General Assembly List of Participants booklet (name, organisation and state only disclosed) as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 15.

I DO consent to ALGA disclosing my personal contact information as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 15.

REGISTRATION FEES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES

Please note registration does NOT include attendance to the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 4 May 2018) \$969.00

STANDARD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 1 June 2018) \$1,290.00

LATE REGISTRATION FEES (payment received after 1 June 2018) \$1,429.00

DAY REGISTRATION FEES Monday 18 June \$489.00 Tuesday 19 June \$489.00 Wednesday 20 June \$280.00

REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM REGISTRATION FEES (SUNDAY 17 JUNE)

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM ONLY Registration fee \$445.00

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE Registration fee \$245.00

STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2018-19 (Single licence) \$260.00

STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2018-19 (Organisational licence) \$720.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PARTNER Name for badge: _____ \$280.00

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS INCLUDED IN FEES

One ticket to each of the following functions is included in the full General Assembly registration and/or accompanying partners registration fee. Please confirm if you will be attending by placing a tick in the appropriate boxes. To purchase additional tickets to any of the following functions please indicate the number required and complete the total amount payable.

REGISTERED DELEGATES AND PARTNERS

WELCOME RECEPTION AND EXHIBITION OPENING (SUNDAY 17 JUNE 2018)

I/we will attend: Delegate Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$50.00 each Total \$

REGISTERED PARTNERS

Day 1 • Behind the Scenes of our Capital (Monday 18 June 2018)

I will attend: Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$125.00 each Total \$

Day 2 • Diamonds and Decadence (Tuesday 19 June 2018)

I will attend: Partner Number of additional tickets @ \$125.00 each Total \$

Registration form continues over the page

OPTIONAL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Tickets to these functions are *not* included in the General Assembly registration fee or accompanying partners registration fee. To purchase tickets to any of the following functions please indicate the number required and the total amount payable.

NETWORKING DINNER, Arboretum (Monday 18 June 2018) Number of tickets @ \$100.00 each Total \$

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DINNER, Australian Institute of Sport (Tuesday 19 June 2018) ****NUMBERS STRICTLY LIMITED****
Number of tickets @ \$130.00 Each Total \$

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

(E.G. DIETARY, MOBILITY) _____

REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL FUNCTION PAYMENT DETAILS

Enclosed is my cheque made payable to ALGA Conference Account
 Please issue an invoice. (invoices are automatically issued on receipt of registrations)
 I have paid via an Electronic Funds Transfer to the 'ALGA Conference Account'. Transaction reference number _____
ALGA ACCOUNT: Bank: Commonwealth BRANCH: Curtin BSB NO: 062905 ACCOUNT NO: 10097760
 Please charge my credit card Mastercard Visa
CREDIT CARD Grand total \$
CARD HOLDERS NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____
EXPIRY DATE / IS THIS A CORPORATE CARD? YES NO

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Please indicate your preference from 1 to 5

CROWNE PLAZA

SUPERIOR ROOM \$315 Single Twin Double
DELUXE ROOM \$365 Single Twin Double

AVENUE HOTEL

SUPERIOR KING ROOM \$260 Single Twin Double
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$310 Single Double

MANTRA

HOTEL ROOM \$236 Single Twin Double
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$276 Single Twin Double

MEDINA APARTMENT HOTEL JAMES COURT

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$215 Single Twin Double
2 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$285 Queen/Queen
 Queen/2 Singles

NOVOTEL

STANDARD ROOM \$280 Single Twin Double
EXECUTIVE ROOM \$315 Single Twin Double

QT HOTEL

STANDARD ROOM \$249 Single Twin Double

WALDORF

STUDIO APARTMENT \$200 Single Twin Double
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT \$220 Single Twin Double

Please note your credit card details are required to guarantee your room. Neither Conference Co-ordinators nor the hotel will make any charges against your credit card unless you fail to give a minimum of twenty one (21) days notice in writing of your cancellation. All cancellations will be acknowledged in writing by Conference Co-ordinators. Full payment of your account will be required at the time of your departure. The rates quoted are per room per night.

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____

DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

SHARING WITH _____

ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL _____

I understand my credit card details are given as a guarantee of my arrival and to ensure my room will be held until my nominated arrival time. No charge for accommodation will be made against this card unless I fail to give a minimum of twenty one (21) days notice of cancellation in writing to Conference Co-ordinators.

Mastercard Visa Amex

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

CARD HOLDERS NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

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IS THIS A CORPORATE CARD? YES NO