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**Call for Motions  
Discussion Paper 2020**

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## **KEY DATES**

**18 November 2019**

Opening of Call for Motions

**27 March 2020**

Acceptance of motions close

**14 - 17 June 2020**

National General Assembly

**To submit your motion go to:**

[alga.asn.au/nga20-motions/](http://alga.asn.au/nga20-motions/)

## SUBMITTING MOTIONS

The National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) is an important opportunity for you and your council to influence the national policy agenda.

To assist you to identify motions that address the theme of the 2020 NGA – Working Together for Our Communities, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Secretariat has prepared this short discussion paper. You are encouraged to read all the sections of the paper but are not expected to respond to every question. Your motion/s can address one or more of the issues identified in the discussion paper.

Remember that the focus of the NGA is on partnerships and working together so your questions could focus on how Local Governments can work in partnership with the Australian Government to address the challenges our communities face, or the opportunities that are arising as we approach the crossroads before us.

### Criteria for motions

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
2. not be focussed on a specific location or region – unless the project has national implications. You will be asked to justify why your motion has strategic importance and should be discussed at a national conference
3. be consistent with the themes of the NGA
4. complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association
5. be submitted by a council which is a financial member of their state or territory local government association
6. propose a clear action and outcome i.e. call on the Australian Government to do something
7. 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.

## OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

Motions should generally be in a form that seeks the NGA's support for a particular action or policy change at the Federal level which will assist local governments to meet local community needs. Motions should commence as follows - This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to .....

*e.g. This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to restore funding for local government Financial Assistance Grants to a level equal to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.*

In order to ensure efficient and effective debate where there are numerous motions on a similar issue, the ALGA Board NGA Subcommittee will group the motions together under an overarching strategic motion. The strategic motions have either been drafted by ALGA or are based on a motion submitted by a council which best summarises the subject matter. Debate will focus on the strategic motions. Associated sub-motions will be debated by exception only.

Motions should be lodged electronically using the online form available on the NGA website at: [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.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 endorsement of your council. **Motions should be received no later than 11:59pm AEST on Friday 27 March 2020.**

Please note that for every motion it is important to complete the background section on the form. Submitters of motions should not assume knowledge. The background section helps all delegates, including those with no previous knowledge of the issue, in their consideration of the motion.

All motions submitted will be reviewed by the ALGA Board's NGA Sub-Committee, 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 Sub-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. With the agreement of the relevant council, motions may be edited before inclusion in the NGA Business Papers to ensure consistency. If there are any questions about the substance or intent of a motion, ALGA will raise these with the nominated contact officer.

Any motion deemed to be primarily concerned with local or state issues will be referred to the relevant state or territory local government association and will not be included in the NGA Business Papers.

There is an expectation that any Council that submits a motion will be present at the National General Assembly to move and speak to the motion.

## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this discussion paper is to provide guidance to councils developing Motions for Debate at the 2020 National General Assembly (NGA). This NGA will focus on working together for our communities and how local governments can achieve success through partnerships. It will consider how strategic partnerships can assist councils to address the challenges and opportunities we are facing today and tomorrow.

Some of the challenges and opportunities facing Australia were outlined in the CSIRO's Australian National Outlook 2019. Many of the challenges have direct implications for local governments and the communities they represent and provide services for. These challenges can also be opportunities that, if seized and managed appropriately, can ensure that our councils and communities thrive. This will require long-term planning, significant effort, and a cultural shift that will rebuild trust in institutions and all tiers of government, encourage healthy risk taking, and incorporate environmental and social outcomes in decision-making.

Collaboration and partnerships across sectors and with a diverse range of organisations will be vital to develop and implement solutions to the challenges ahead and to seizing the opportunities that emerge.

## The National Outlook

The Australia National Outlook 2019 released by the CSIRO<sup>1</sup> revealed that Australia is at a crossroads. The research highlighted that we need to think and act differently if we are to ensure a bright future where GDP per capita could be as much as 36% higher in 2060 and growth is environmentally sustainable and inclusive. Failure to adequately address the significant economic, environmental and social challenges identified would result in a slow decline.

The CSIRO identified six important challenges that are already taking hold or on the horizon:

- **The rise of Asia** – The development boom in China that fuelled strong demand for Australian commodities (particularly resource and energy exports) is tapering off as China transitions to a new phase of growth fuelled by domestic consumption and services. However, growth in Asia could also create significant opportunities for Australia. By 2030, the Asia-Pacific region is set to consume more than half of the world's food, 40% of its energy, and be home to an estimated 65% of the world's middle class, resulting in increased demand for Australia's quality produce and service exports including tourism, education, health and aged care services, entertainment and financial and professional services.

*How can local government position its communities to reap the benefits of the rise of the Asian middle class and manage any impacts? What partnerships are important?*

- **Technological change** – New disruptive technologies are transforming industries and the way people live, work, and interact with each other. They are also changing the skills that will be needed in the workforce of the future. In the face of declining academic results Australia faces difficulties in ensuring that the workforce is prepared for the jobs of the future. With adaptation strategies in place embracing technology can have a net positive outlook for jobs.

*What are the pre-requisites for commitments to take advantage of technological change?*

*What adaptation strategies are required at a local level to ensure councils and local communities are ready for the jobs of the future? What partnerships may be required?*

- **Climate change and environment** – a broad range of impacts will be experienced in Australia as a result of global climate change, the severity of which will depend on the effectiveness of global emission reductions and local adaptation. The impacts include more extremely high temperatures and few extremely low temperatures, less rainfall and more droughts in southern Australia, less snow, more intense rainfall and fire weather, and fewer but stronger cyclones, and sea level rise. These changes will increase stress on Australia's ecosystems that are already threatened, and significantly affect agriculture, forestry, fisheries, transport, health, tourism, finance and disaster risk management. It is possible to strive towards zero emissions through a range of actions that target key sectors including energy, land use, urban infrastructure and industrial systems.

*How do we work together to ensure that there is local adaptation to climate change and climate extremes? What partnerships are available to achieve zero emissions?*

- **Demographics** – Australia's population is estimated to reach 41 million by 2060. This increase will be accompanied by an ageing of the population resulting in a reduction in the proportion of working age people from 66% in 2018 to an estimated 60% in 2060. This will impact economic output and infrastructure requirements and place pressure on government budgets. The impacts of population growth are likely to be felt most strongly in urban environments, with Sydney and Melbourne projected to be home to 8-9 million people and Brisbane and Perth increasing to 4-5 million people. If density does not increase, more and more people will be distanced from jobs, higher education, health services and transport.

*What partnerships and forward planning are required to manage the impact of population growth in urban areas? How do regional and rural areas work in partnership to realise the benefit of population growth?*

- **Trust** – Trust in institutions including governments, businesses, non-government organisations and the media has declined significantly since 1993 when 42% trusted government compared with just 26% in 2016. The loss of trust threatens the social licence to operate for Australia's institutions, restricting their ability to enact long term strategies.

*How can local governments utilise partnerships to strengthen our social licence to operate?*

- **Social cohesion** – like trust, social cohesion has declined falling from a baseline of 100 in 2007 to 88.5 in 2017, according to the Scanlon Foundation Index. This index considers survey respondents' sense of belonging and worth, social justice and equity, political participation and attitudes towards minorities and newcomers. The drivers of social cohesion are not fully understood but the following factors may all play a role: issues related to trust; financial stress, slow wage growth; poor housing affordability and its disproportionate affect on low income earners; and the rise of inequity.

***How can local governments work in partnership with their communities and others to build and maintain social cohesion?***

If Australia tackles these six challenges head on using a collaborative approach, we can achieve a bright future as a nation. However, there are five major shifts or changes that must occur. Each of these shifts have several “levers” that support their attainment. Local government has a role in some of the levers.

- An industry shift to enable a productive, inclusive and resilient economy with new strengths in both the domestic and export sectors
  - Increase the adoption of technology to boost productivity in existing industries that have historically supported Australia’s growth, as well as new industries.
  - Invest in skills to ensure a globally competitive workforce that is prepared for technology-enabled jobs of the future.
  - Develop export-facing growth industries that draw on Australia’s strengths and build competitive advantage in global markets and value chains.

***What can be achieved through partnerships that can address the gap between regions that are struggling and those that are well-off?***

- An urban shift to enable well-connected, affordable cities that offer more equal access to quality jobs, lifestyle amenities, education and other services.
  - Plan for higher-density, multicentre and well-connected capital cities to reduce urban sprawl and congestion.
  - Create mixed land use zones with diverse high-quality housing options to bring people closer to jobs, services and amenities.
  - Invest in transportation infrastructure, including mass-transit, autonomous vehicles and active transit, such as walking and cycling.

***Rural communities are essential to Australia’s wellbeing. What is required to ensure equitable access to quality jobs, lifestyle amenities, education and other services? What role do partnerships have to play in this?***

***Local governments are vital partners in achieving the urban shift? What needs to be brought to the partnerships by other parties? What policies need to be developed or changed?***

- An ENERGY shift to manage Australia’s transition to a reliable, affordable, low-emissions energy economy that builds on Australia’s existing sources of comparative advantage.
  - Manage the transition to renewable sources of electricity, which will be driven by declining technology costs for generation, storage and grid support.
  - Improve energy productivity using available technologies to reduce household and industrial energy use.
  - Develop new low-emissions energy exports, such as hydrogen and high-voltage direct current power.

**What role do local governments play in the energy shift? How will local governments and communities benefit?**

- A LAND shift to create a profitable and sustainable mosaic of food, fibre and fuel production, carbon sequestration and biodiversity.
  - o Invest in food and fibre productivity by harnessing digital and genomic technology, as well as using natural assets more efficiently.
  - o Participate in new agricultural and environmental markets, such as carbon forestry, to capitalise on Australia's unique opportunities in global carbon markets.
  - o Maintain, restore and invest in biodiversity and ecosystem health, which will be necessary to achieve increased productivity.

**How can rural and regional communities' benefit from the land shift? What partnerships are required to achieve this shift?**

- A CULTURE shift to encourage more engagement, curiosity, collaboration and solutions, and should be supported by inclusive civic and political institutions.
  - o Rebuild trust and respect in Australia's political, business and social institutions.
  - o Encourage a healthy culture of risk taking, curiosity and an acceptance of fear of failure to support entrepreneurship and innovation.
  - o Recognise and include social and environmental outcomes in decision-making processes.

**How can local governments build partnerships with their local communities that also benefit the nation as a whole?**

**How can local governments work in partnership with the Australian Government and other key stakeholders to achieve these shifts and other significant policy challenges?**

**Can a partnership approach address the current infrastructure backlog and ensure that infrastructure (including transport infrastructure) is available and fit for the future?**

## Trust

To effectively implement the scale of change and reform that will be required for the growing Australian population, government needs to focus on rebuilding trust. According to the *Edelman Trust Barometer*<sup>2</sup>, trust in government around the world fell to record lows in 2018. While modest increases were reported in the 2019 study including in Australia, citizens around the world are struggling to trust that their governments are working in their best interest.

The 2018 report *Trust and Democracy in Australia: Democratic decline and renewal*<sup>3</sup> revealed that Members of the Australian Parliament (MPs) in general are distrusted by nearly half the population (48 per cent) with only one in five (21 per cent) are willing to express that they trust them "a little bit". For State MPs and local councillors, the figure is slightly better with 31 % and 29 % respectively indicating they "trust them a little bit". Table 1 details the level of trust in different generations.



	Generation Z (1995-present)	Millennials (1980-94)	Generation X (1965-79)	Baby Boomers (1946-64)	Builders (1925-45)
State/Territory Government	38.5%	40.0%	26.7%	35.7%	44.1%
Federal Government	39.5%	31.5%	21.5%	30.8%	39.2%
Political parties	26.9%	15.6%	12.2%	16.7%	15.7%
Local Government	66.5%	47.1%	33.6%	47.5%	54.9%
Government ministers	27.5%	24.5%	15.7%	24.3%	31.1%
MPs in general	26.9%	23.2%	16.1%	20.2%	22.3%
Local Councillors	33.8%	31.7%	24.7%	27.2%	33.3%
Public Servants	45.4%	40.4%	34.4%	39.4%	35.9%
Your local MP	29.2%	30.5%	27.5%	31.2%	39.8%

Table 1: Levels of political trust in different generations (source: Stoker et al 2018)

The report revealed that one thing that appears to unite most Australians is complaining about their politicians with the three biggest grievances being:

- politicians are not accountable for broken promises;
- that they don't deal with the issues that really matter; and
- that big business/trade unions have too much power.

Professor Ken Smith, the Dean and CEO of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), is intent on understanding the factors that drive distrust in government and developing innovative ways to counter some of these trends. He has highlighted<sup>4</sup> that people look at central government and see bureaucrats far removed from their own local circumstances. In Australia, where people live in very varied conditions, it is crucial for policymaking to be based in local realities. Yet locally-based solutions have not been the method of choice so far in Australian politics. The answer, according to Professor Smith, is devolved government, or subsidiarity where "policies are driven by and tailored to the needs of the local community – to avoid the problem of service provision that completely misses the mark".

Some commentary suggests that declining trust and confidence is driven by a perceived failure of our institutions to uphold promises and deliver outcomes. Research undertaken for *Trust and Democracy in Australia: Democratic decline and renewal*<sup>5</sup> revealed a significant appetite for reform including the co-design of policies with ordinary Australians, citizen juries, to solve complex problems that parliament can't fix, and reforms aimed at creating a stronger community or local focus to decision-making.

The Review into the Australian Public Service (APS) had a focus on delivering local solutions<sup>6</sup> not only in terms of place-based policy making but also by paying attention to communities (often specific communities determined by interest or identity). The review found that there is currently no guiding set of administrative principles or coordinated holistic architecture either within the APS or across the APS and other levels of government to fully support and enable local delivery solutions.

The report<sup>7</sup> went on "evidence suggest the need for increasing localised solutions in genuine partnership with communities to achieve best social, economic and environmental outcomes. Top down policy making is no longer sufficient alone to deal with community expectations or the complexity of challenges faced in community settings. Communities themselves need to be part of the solutions, right from problem conception to design, implementation and evaluation". "There are opportunities for the APS to get closer to the communities it services directly and indirectly (through effective partnerships with other levels of government and civil society".

*How can local governments address the trust deficit with their local communities and assist the Australian Government to do the same?*

*How can the Australian Government and local governments maximise the strengths and abilities of the public service (including council staff) and deliver in partnership for our communities?*

*How can we draw on the strengths and resourcefulness of local governments and local communities to work in partnership with the Australian Government to tackle issues of national significance and lift key economic and social indicators?*

*What do local governments bring to the table to tackle issues of national significance?*

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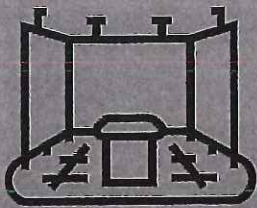
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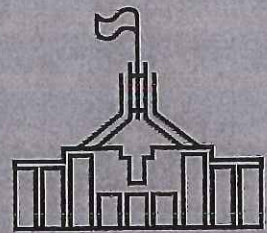
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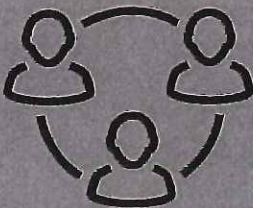
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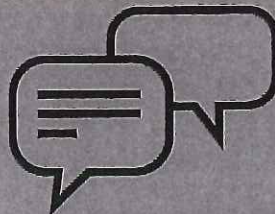
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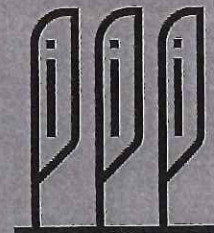
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National General Assembly  
14 - 17 June 2020



Dear Colleagues,

I'm delighted to invite you to the **2020 National General Assembly of Local Government at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14 to 17 June.**

The theme for our 26th NGA is *Working Together For Our Communities* which acknowledges that we cannot tackle major challenges which face our communities by acting alone. We need to work together as a sector, with other levels of government and with non-government partners.

We've seen the truth of that in the bush fires that have ravaged so much of Australia over the past spring and summer.

Councils have stepped up to lead and offer help in so many ways, showing the power of working together.

Councils have also shown resilience in action during the bushfire crisis, and ongoing drought.

Community resilience is one of the topics we'll be exploring at length during our NGA.

We'll hear from professionals and council elected members about the ways they're developing and strengthening resilience in their communities, and how their insights can be applied in your council.

You'll also learn from leading practitioners who'll share their expertise about a range of topics encompassing community engagement and crowd-powered communities.

In short, leaders who are keen to help us all work together for our communities.

We hope you'll join as for the 2020 NGA, the premier gathering of Local Government representatives in Australia.

It's a unique event that brings together councils, staff and industry to advocate, network, celebrate, learn and build strategic relationships that will position participants at the forefront of local governance.

*Will you join us?*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D O'Loughlin', written in a cursive style.

Mayor David O'Loughlin  
ALGA President



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Key Dates:

**Submissions of Motions for Debate**  
by 11.59am Friday 27 March 2020

**Early Bird Registration**  
on or before Friday 8 May 2020

**Standard Registration**  
on or before Friday 5 June 2020

**Late Registration**  
after Friday 5 June 2020

Register online at  
[NGA20.com.au](http://NGA20.com.au)

# Provisional Program

## SUNDAY 14 JUNE

5.00pm Welcome Reception

## MONDAY 15 JUNE

9.00am Opening Ceremony  
Welcome to Country, Violet Sheridan

9.15am ALGA President Opens the Assembly

9.20am Prime Minister Address (*invited*)  
The Hon Scott Morrison MP

9.35am ALGA President Address

## 10.00am MORNING TEA

11.00am Keynote Address  
State of Play in Australian Politics  
Peter Van Onselen, Political Editor, Network Ten  
and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith  
University

11.45am What does the Political Landscape Mean for Local  
Government

## 12.30pm LUNCH

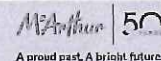


1.30pm Keynote Address  
Demography, More Than Destiny  
Liz Allen, Demographer and Postdoctoral Fellow,  
ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

2.15pm Addressing Social Inclusion

2.45pm Launch of Local Council Domestic and Family  
Violence Prevention Toolkit  
Patty Kinnersly, Chief Executive Officer, Our Watch

## 3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA



3.30pm Debate on Motions

4.30pm Minister for Regional Health, Regional  
Communications and Local Government Address  
(*invited*)  
The Hon Mark Coultan MP

4.55pm ALGA President Close

7.00pm -  
11.00pm Networking Dinner  
National Museum of  
Australia



**TUESDAY 16 JUNE**

9.00am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Building and Leading a Resilient Community Through Times of Crisis Dr Neryl East, Media, Communications, Reputation and Credibility Expert
9.45am	<b>Panel</b> Responding Under Fire: Shared Reflections on Leading your Community During an Emergency Facilitator: Dr Neryl East Panelists TBC
10.15am	<b>Keynote Address</b> What Climate Emergency? Looking at Climate Change Through a Financial, Liability and Risk Lens Sarah Barker, Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison

**11.00am MORNING TEA**

11.30am Debate on Motions

**12.30pm LUNCH**

1.30pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preventing Domestic Violence in your Communities</li> <li>• Implications of Climate Change for Local Government</li> <li>• Tackling Technology</li> </ul>
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**3.00pm AFTERNOON TEA**

3.30pm **Leader of the Opposition Address (*invited*)**  
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

4.00pm Debate on Motions

4.55pm President Close

7.00pm - 11.00pm **NGA Dinner**  
Parliament House

**WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE**

9.00am	<b>The Future of Mobility in Local Government: Minimising the Risks and Capatilising on the Opportunities</b> Daniel Hilson, CEO, Evenergi and Chair, Charge Together Program
9.45am	<b>Dealing with Disasters</b>
10.30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11.00am	<b>Keynote Address</b> Dr Geoff Wilson, Entrepreneur, Adventurer and 3-Time World Record Holder
12.00pm	<b>ALGA President's Closing Address</b>
12.30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>



# 2020 Speakers



## HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP

Leader of the Opposition

Anthony has represented the Inner West of Sydney as the Federal Member for Grayndler since 1996. He is currently the Leader of the Opposition.

During the Rudd-Gillard Government he served as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Leader of the House.

Anthony was named Infrastructure Minister of the Year in 2012 by London-based publication Infrastructure Investor and in 2010 was named Aviation Minister of the Year for producing Australia's first ever Aviation White Paper.

Anthony believes strongly in the need for the government to invest in infrastructure and transport in our cities and regions to ensure our growing communities are productive, liveable and sustainable.



## LIZ ALLEN

Demographer and Postdoctoral Fellow, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Liz Allen is a demographer and social researcher, teaching research methods and researching population dynamics at the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods.

Liz has written for The Conversation, published scholarly articles in academic journals and made contributions to research reports. She was named among the inaugural ABC Top 5 Humanities and Social Sciences academics in Australia 2018. Her book, *The Future of Us (2020)*, is a call to action showing how demography can be harnessed to build a better Australia.



## SARAH BARKER

Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison

Sarah Barker has two decades' experience as a corporate lawyer and is regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on investment governance and corporate disclosure issues relating to climate change. Her expertise is sought by public and private sector clients across Australasia, and by global institutions from the Bank of England to the United Nations PRI.

Sarah is a non-executive director of the \$30-billion FUM Emergency Services & State Super and the Responsible Investment Association Australasia, and on the Steering Committee of the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative. She teaches the Australian Institute of Company Directors' flagship Company Directors' Course and Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's 'Earth on Board' programme, and in an academic visitor at the Smith School of Enterprise & the Environment at the University of Oxford.



#### **HON MARK COULTON MP**

Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government

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

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

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

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



#### **DR NERYL EAST**

Media, Communications, Reputation and Credibility Expert

Dr Neryl East is a professional speaker and facilitator who shows current and aspiring local government leaders how to be heard, stand out and command influence.

After a media career, Neryl moved into local government where she held senior communication roles at Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils. She managed communications at Wollongong during one of the biggest corruption scandals in Australian local government history, which led to public ICAC hearings and the dismissal of the elected council. She has also managed communications at times of fire and flood.

Neryl now consults to councils around Australia and provides training, mentoring and strategic advice on all elements of media and communication. Her expertise in emergency communication has seen her provide advice to agencies including the State Emergency Service, Transport for NSW and the South Australian Emergency Management Committee, chaired by the Premier.

Neryl has a PhD in Journalism and is a Certified Speaking Professional – an international designation awarded to only a small percentage of professional speakers globally. She is the author of five books including an Amazon best-seller on media and reputation.



#### **DANIEL HILSON**

Chief Executive Officer, Evenergi and Chair, Charge Together Program

Daniel is Founder / CEO of Evenergi, operating in UK, Australia, France and Denmark. Evenergi has helped many local governments understand the opportunities and risks in the new world of electric, autonomous, shared and connected mobility. They have completed major projects for over 20 local governments, helping with future fleet transitions, community engagement and behavioural change, and charging infrastructure planning.

Daniel is Chair of the Charge Together Program (with over 74 councils signed up) and has delivered major reports for Federal and State Governments in the area of mobility and energy markets. He is a frequent speaker on eMobility and energy markets and runs a popular Webinar series in electrification of fleets.

He has worked in Senior Management roles for global companies, including Siemens, EDF, Brookfield Infrastructure. Daniel holds a Masters of Environment Science (UNSW) and Masters of Commerce (USYD).

# 2020 Speakers



## HON SCOTT MORRISON MP

Prime Minister of Australia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## VIOLET SHERIDAN

Ngunnawal Elder

Violet is a Ngunnawal Elder who grew up in her mother's country of Yass.

With her daughter and three sons and eighteen grandchildren, Violet passes on the knowledge she learnt from her Uncle Bruce Merritt of the history and stories of the Ngunnawal People the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet.



## PETER VAN ONSELEN

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

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

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

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



### GEOFF WILSON

Australian explorer

Dr Geoff Wilson is an Australian motivational speaker with a difference. Sure, he's a vet, successful business owner and entrepreneur. But he's also without a doubt one of Australia's most accomplished adventurers.

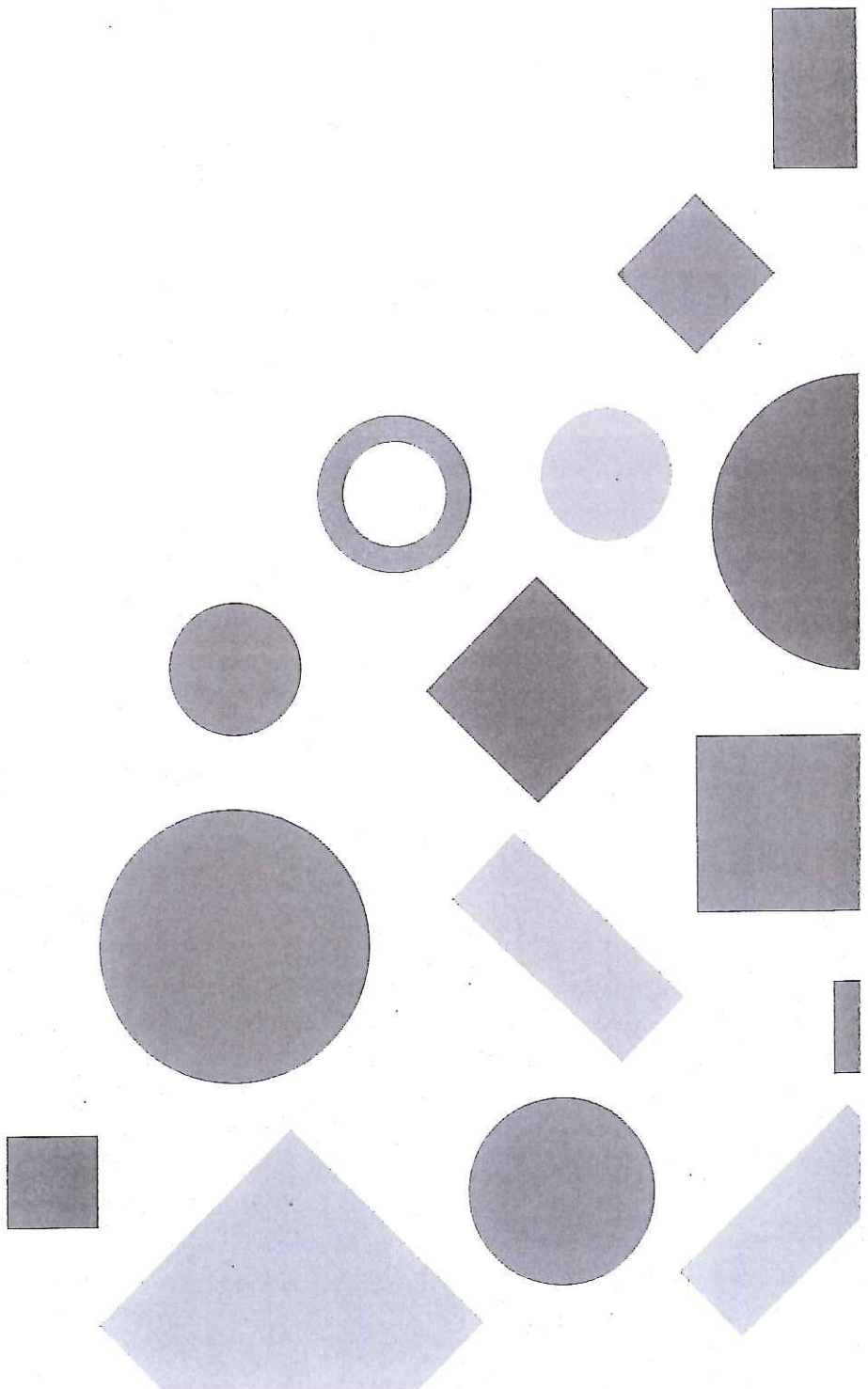
Geoff recently set a new solo and unsupported polar record for the longest expedition across Antarctica at 5,306km, taking 58 days to achieve. He also completed the first and only summit of Dome Argus by ski, and was the first Australian to reach the Pole Of Inaccessibility by ski.

Geoff knows motivation is an essential element in all of life's situations. After all, it's what drives us, makes us hungry for continuous improvement, and for many, can be the difference between success and failure. This is where Geoff comes in.

His life achievements are nothing short of inspiring. As a result, his talks have the power to kick-start real change and breathe fresh air into your approach to each and every day.

Geoff holds numerous world records including;

- Longest solo and unsupported polar expedition
- First and only summit of Dome Argus by ski
- First Australian to reach the Pole Of Inaccessibility by ski.
- Longest land journey ever by kite across the Sahara Desert
- First ever kite surfing expedition across the Torres Strait
- Fastest Solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica, coast to coast through the South Pole



# General Registration

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Registration Fees — Early Bird Payment received by Friday 8 May 2020	\$989.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Attendance at all General Assembly sessions</li> <li>— Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program</li> <li>— One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday</li> <li>— General Assembly satchel and materials</li> </ul>
Registration Fees — Standard Payment received on or before Friday 5 June 2020	\$1,099.00	
Registration Fees — Late Payment received after Friday 5 June 2020	\$1,199.00	

DAY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Monday 15 June 2020	\$529.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration</li> <li>— Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day</li> <li>— General Assembly satchel and materials</li> </ul>
Tuesday 16 June 2020	\$529.00	
Wednesday 17 June 2020	\$280.00	

SUNDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES	
Forum Only Sunday 14 June 2020	\$425.00
NGA Delegate Delegates attending the Regional Forum and the NGA are entitled to this discount	\$225.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee	\$280.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 14 June</li> <li>— Day tour 'Explore Canberra's Hidden Gems' Monday 15 June</li> <li>— Day tour 'Pialligo Master Class Experience' Tuesday 16 June</li> <li>— Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 17 June</li> </ul>



# General Information

## Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

### Credit card

MasterCard and Visa

### Cheque

Made payable to ALGA

### Electronic Funds Transfer

Bank: Commonwealth Bank  
Branch: Curtin  
BSB No: 062905  
Account No: 10097760

## 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

E-mail: nga@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 8 May 2020. Cancellations received after Friday 8 May 2020 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.

## Coach Transfers

### **Welcome Reception and Exhibition**

#### **Opening - Sunday 14 June 2020**

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00pm.

### **Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre**

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

### **Networking Dinner - National Museum of Australia - Monday 15 June 2020**

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15pm.

### **General Assembly Annual Dinner - Parliament House - Tuesday 16 June 2020**

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. 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).

# Social Functions

## Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

**Sunday 14 June 2020**

Venue: National Convention Centre  
Canberra

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

05:00pm - 07:00pm

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

Dress Code: Smart casual.

## Networking Dinner

**Monday 15 June 2020**

Venue: National Museum of Australia

The dinner is being held in the Gandel  
Atrium

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$115.00 per person

Dress Code: Smart casual.

The Networking Dinner will be held at the  
National Museum of Australia this year  
as we continue to showcase Canberra's  
range of venues. Dinner will be held in  
the Gandel Atrium with objects from the  
museum's collections around the room  
including a Muttaborrasaurus skeleton  
that was discovered in Muttaborra,  
Queensland in 1963 and the iconic  
1955 FJ Holden. Enjoy the view of Lake  
Burley Griffin from the bay windows as  
you network with delegates from other  
councils and organisations.

## General Assembly Dinner.

**Tuesday 17 June 2020**

Venue: Parliament House

The dinner is being held in The Great Hall

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$150.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

With upgrades now completed, we are  
pleased to be returning to Parliament  
House for the Tuesday night's dinner.  
Tickets to the prestigious General  
Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament  
House are always highly sought after.  
Places are limited and therefore booking  
early is highly recommended to ensure  
your place.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of  
receipt.

## General Assembly Business Sessions

**Monday 15 June 2020 -  
Wednesday 17 June 2020**

Venue: National Convention Centre  
Canberra

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

Dress Code: Business Attire

## Exhibition

**Monday 15 June 2020 -  
Wednesday 17 June 2020**

Venue: National Convention Centre

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

Dress code: Smart casual

## Partner Tours

**Monday 15 June 2020**

Explore Canberra's Hidden Gems

Canberra is full of famous landmarks and  
we've taken you to many of them over the  
years so today we're going to be showing  
you some of the city's lesser known  
locations and attractions. The day will  
start with a visit to the Classics Museum  
tucked away in the ANU followed by a  
small walk around the lower levels of the  
Nishi Building in the New Acton precinct  
before lunch.

Lunch will be followed by a tour of  
the National Film and Sound Archive,  
Australia's 'living' archive with over  
3 million items that they collect and  
preserve for future generations to  
experience. The final stop for the day will  
be at Molly, a whiskey bar hidden away in  
the style of a 1920s speakeasy. Here the  
bartenders will teach you how to make a  
cocktail as well as take the opportunity to  
show off some of their flashy skills.

**Tuesday 16 June 2020**

Pialligo Masterclass Experience

Today will begin with a leisurely stroll  
around Rodney's Nursery, the large shop  
here features local products and quirky  
items not seen in everyday shops. You will  
then travel up to Pialligo Estate where you  
will attend a pasta masterclass featuring  
Canberra and surrounds produce taught  
by one of Pialligo's masterchefs. They will  
teach you how to roll out your own pasta  
and sauces for a delicious stuffed pasta  
dish and a dessert with a twist as you  
learn a dessert pasta recipe!

The best part? You get to eat it all  
afterwards!

# Accommodation

## Crowne Plaza

1 Binara Street, Canberra

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

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

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

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

## 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.

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

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

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

## Nesuto Apartments (previously the Waldorf)

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

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

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

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

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

## 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. 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 \$290 per night  
— Single/twin/double

Executive Room \$325 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. One-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 one-bedroom apartment has one queen or two singles.

Hotel Room \$220 per night  
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartment \$260 per night  
— Single/twin/double

## Adina Apartment Hotel James Court

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Adina Apartments Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6.30am and 11.00pm

1 Bedroom Apartment \$235 per night  
— Single/twin/double

2 Bedroom Apartment \$309 per night  
— Single/double

## 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.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Standard Room \$249 per night  
— Single/twin/double

## The Sebel Canberra Civic

197 London Circuit, Canberra

The Sebel Canberra Civic is Canberra's newest hotel opened in June 2019 and just a 7-minute walk to the National Convention Centre. Every bathroom is accessibility friendly with walk in showers.

Superior rooms come with a queen bed.

Superior Room \$160 per night  
— Single/double

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Online: [NGA20.com.au](http://NGA20.com.au)

Hard copy registration forms  
and PDF versions are available  
by emailing

[NGA@confco.com.au](mailto:NGA@confco.com.au)

Debate on Motions:

To assist in identifying motions  
for the 2020 NGA, a discussion  
paper has been prepared and is  
available at: [alga.asn.au](http://alga.asn.au)



**AUSTRALIAN  
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Australian Mayoral Aviation Council



# 2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM



**6-8 MAY 2020**

STAMFORD PLAZA  
HOTEL, Corner Edward  
and Margaret Sts.  
Brisbane QLD.



## History and Objectives

The Australian Mayoral Aviation Council was initiated through consensus by a number of local authorities meeting in Canberra in December 1982. The driving force behind AMAC's inception was the lack of transparency with regard to aviation matters and the lack of regard for airport communities in the formulation of aviation policy. Initially membership of the organisation was open to the Mayor, Warden and/or Councillor of local authorities throughout Australia affected, or potentially affected, by airport operations or aircraft noise. The Constitution has subsequently been amended such that the Council is now the member and so may be represented by Mayors, Councillors and/or relevant staff as the member Council may determine.

The current membership is organised on a State basis wherein members from each State are represented on an Executive Committee which is endorsed at the Annual General Meeting which is held in conjunction with the Conference.

AMAC's primary objective is to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken by relevant authorities to minimise the deleterious effect of aircraft and airport operations on local communities. AMAC also provides a forum to inform and educate member representatives on contemporary aviation issues.

The organisation, seeks development of an effective aviation system which serves the needs of the Nation while ensuring the rights of residents in communities adjacent to airports are recognised, respected and protected.

AMAC is not an anti-aviation organisation. Rather it seeks to cooperate with the appropriate authorities and the airline industry generally, to achieve an acceptable and balanced solution to the obvious community issues associated with the movement of aircraft.

## Communication with Aviation Organisations

Since its inception, AMAC has pursued a course which has resulted in its acceptance by relevant Commonwealth Ministers and agencies so that it is, in effect, the umbrella organisation representing community views on aviation issues throughout Australia.

In response, the major authorities concerned with aviation, such as the Department of Infrastructure Regional Development and Cities, Airservices Australia and various airport and aviation interest groups, recognise and liaise with AMAC. AMAC has also established avenues for input into the legislative process, aviation policy development and operational requirements which may have an effect on community well-being.

## A Learning Experience

Aviation is a fast moving and highly technical sector. To better represent community interest, it is essential that elected representatives have some understanding of the sector.

AMAC has been fortunate in attracting a diverse range of expert speakers to the Annual Conference able to equip delegates, whether Councillors or staff, with a better understanding of the direction aviation is taking and issues which might impact on their communities.

This knowledge in turn informs attendees and assists in building an understanding of the aviation sector thereby equipping attendees to better represent their community on airport related issues.

## Information Source

In terms of advising members of activities, both current and future, AMAC produces a regular newsletter and convenes its most important forum, the National Conference, on an annual basis, coinciding with the Annual General Meeting.

Conferences are designed to provide delegates with the opportunity to meet and discuss issues, to hear and examine speakers on a wide variety of aviation topics and to determine the future of the organisation through the member forum of the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting provides an update on AMAC activities and provides the opportunity for direct input by members.



# PROGRAM

## Wednesday 6 May

- 6.30–7.30pm Informal Welcome Cocktails  
Hotel Courtyard - Designated Area
- From 7.30 Evening Free

## Thursday 7 May – Raffles Rooms 1, 11 and 111

- 9.00–9.30am ARRIVAL TEA / COFFEE
- 9.30–10.15am Gert-Jan de Graaff CEO Brisbane Airport
- 10.15–11.00am Peter Curran Executive General Manager,  
Air Navigation Services, Airservices Australia
- 11.00–11.30am MORNING TEA
- 11.30am–12.15pm Ray Romano Chief Designer, The Airport Group
- 12.15–12.45pm Annual General Meeting
- 12.45–1.45pm LUNCH
- 1.45–2.30pm Robyn Ironside Aviation Writer, Australian Newspaper
- 2.30–3.00pm Newly Appointed Aircraft Noise Ombudsman
- 3.00–3.15pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3.15–4.00pm Keith Tonkin Managing Director Aviation Projects Group  
and Managing Editor, Australian Aviation Magazine –  
Aerodrome Safeguarding and the NASF
- 4.00–4.30pm Professor Russell Boyce, Chair, Space Engineering UNSW
- 7.00–7.30pm Pre Dinner Drinks – River Room
- 7.30–10.00pm Conference Dinner – River Room

## Friday 8 May – Raffles 1, 11 and 111

- 9.00–9.30am ARRIVAL TEA / COFFEE
- 9.30–10.15am Tom Young and Julie Brown Norton Rose Fulbright
- 10.15–10.45am MORNING TEA
- 10.45–11.15am Joe Urli President, Association of Australian Certified  
UAV Operators Inc.
- 11.15–11.30am CONFERENCE WRAP
- 11.30am–12.30pm LUNCH
- 12.30–1.00pm Bus to airport inspection
- 1.00–3.00pm Skylounge, Ibis Hotel, Domestic Terminal Precinct New  
Runway Overview and Public Consultation Strategies 5 Minutes  
to Departures post presentation for those returning home
- 3.00–3.30pm Bus returns to hotel for delegates staying over





# 2020 Conference

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### Wednesday 6th May

Delegates will have the opportunity to meet up over informal drinks in a designated area in the hotels courtyard bar between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. The remainder of the evening is free allowing delegates to explore the diverse dining options available in and around the hotel including the Eagle Street Pier dining precinct.

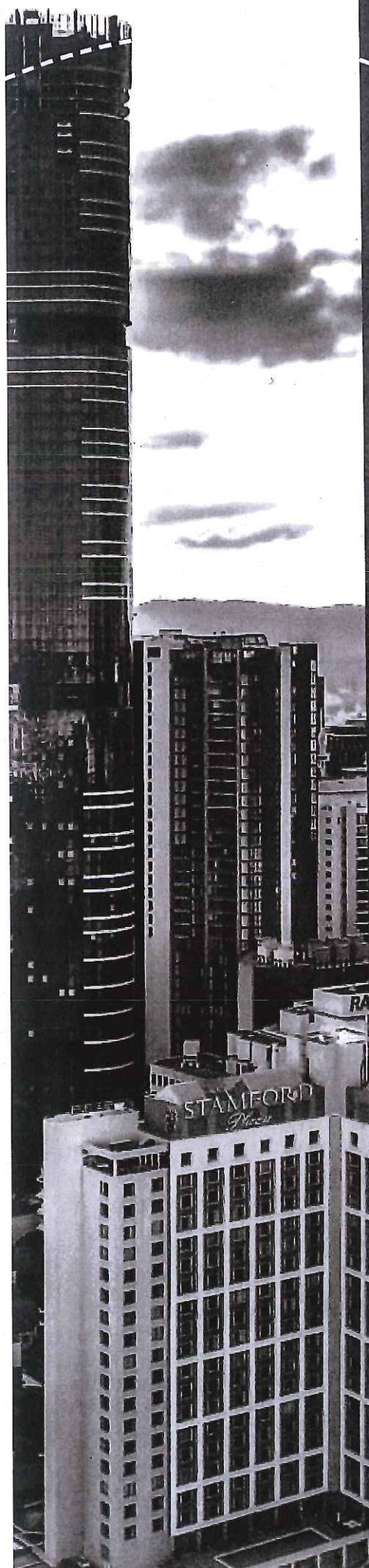
### Thursday 7th May - Speakers

**Gert-Jan de Graaff** has been CEO of Brisbane Airport since June 2018 having previously held a variety of senior airport management roles in the Netherlands, United States and Australia. Brisbane Airport has won a number of international awards both for airport and non-aviation operations and is about to open the new runway – an eight year project and the largest aviation construction project in Australia to date.

**Peter Curran** *Executive General Manager, Air Navigation Services, Airservices Australia.* Peter will delve into the process of establishing world leading air traffic management systems to cater for Brisbane Airport's expansion along with the agency's other world leading air navigation and environmental programs.

**Ray Romano** *Chief Designer, The Airport Group.* Ray is perhaps the leading designer of aviation airspace in Australia. With Brisbane's new runway about to open, Western Sydney Airport under construction and new runways in Melbourne and Perth on the drawing board, there will need to be a redesign of aircraft flight paths to ensure safe operations and to allow integration with other existing airports. There are repeated queries regarding the process and time taken before information on proposed changes are released. Ray will provide a high level insight into just what is involved.

**Robyn Ironside** *Aviation Writer, "The Australian."* Robyn has a diverse background working in both publishing and broadcasting fields for major national news agencies, also as a freelance journalist and writer. Robyn has broken a number of stories in the transport sector and in the aviation field particularly. Robyn will provide observations and commentary on aviation's trials and tribulations and just where it is heading.







**Kieran Pehm** With Ms Narelle Bell not seeking reappointment as Australia's second ever Aircraft Noise Ombudsman, Mr Kieran Pehm has been appointed to the position effective from 9 February. Mr Pehm was Commissioner, Health Care Complaints Commission from 2005 to 2015 and, prior to that, Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption. Delegates will have the opportunity to meet the new appointee and to hear from him what he sees as the tasks requiring his attention. Delegates will also have a first-hand opportunity to bring forward on behalf of their community issues they consider might warrant attention.

**Keith Tonkin** *Managing Director, Aviation Projects Group and Managing Editor, Australian Aviation Magazine.* Keith is an aviation sector expert. Starting out as a RAAF pilot then flying both domestically and internationally with Qantas, Keith has acquired an enviable list of aviation qualifications seeing him involved in many airport planning and upgrade studies, providing airport management expertise and being called as an expert witness in aviation liability and aviation incident investigations. Keith's focus will be on aerodrome safeguarding and the government's National Airports Safeguarding Framework which flow into State planning control mechanisms.

### Friday 8th – Program

**Tom Young and Julie Brown** *Partner and Special Counsel, Norton Rose Fulbright.* Tom and Julie specialise in the areas of infrastructure and development with Tom heading the firm's national aviation practice. Both provide advice on regulatory matters relating to airport operations and in relation to airport privatisations and their entry into commercial partnerships. Their focus will be on legal and liability issues to do with drone operations and also on issues dealing with building penetration of prescribed airspace.

**Joe Urli** *President, Association of Australian Certified UAV Operators Inc. (ACUO).* With over 30 years in the aerospace industry and serving on a range of Australian Government and international Boards and advisory Committees, Joe has a better handle than most on where the unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) sector is headed and what supporting infrastructure requirements might be. Joe holds Chief UAV Controller approvals for piloting and maintaining various UAV types as well as being a licensed (manned) aircraft pilot and aircraft engineer.

**Brisbane Airport Visit** Traditionally airport inspections have involved a bus tour of on and off airfield operations and facilities. This visit will be a little different with inspection and briefing on the new runway and associated facilities taking place from the viewing platform of the top floor Skylounge of the Ibis Hotel situated within the domestic terminal precinct. Along with a presentation on the new runway and the provision of afternoon tea, there will also be a presentation on the public consultation strategies employed in informing and educating the general community on the runway construction and subsequent operations. The Brisbane Airport's public consultation process has been nominated, in many quarters, as a model program. Therefore with similar projects underway in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth it will be an opportune time to hear about and understand the Brisbane process.

**Departing** With the airport visit and presentations scheduled to conclude by 3pm, delegates wishing to depart for home will be able to take their luggage on the bus from the hotel to the airport. It is then only a short (5 minute) walk from the Ibis Hotel to Domestic Departures following the conclusion of presentations.

**Staying On** For those delegates intending to stay on in Brisbane the bus will return delegates to the hotel following the airport visit.

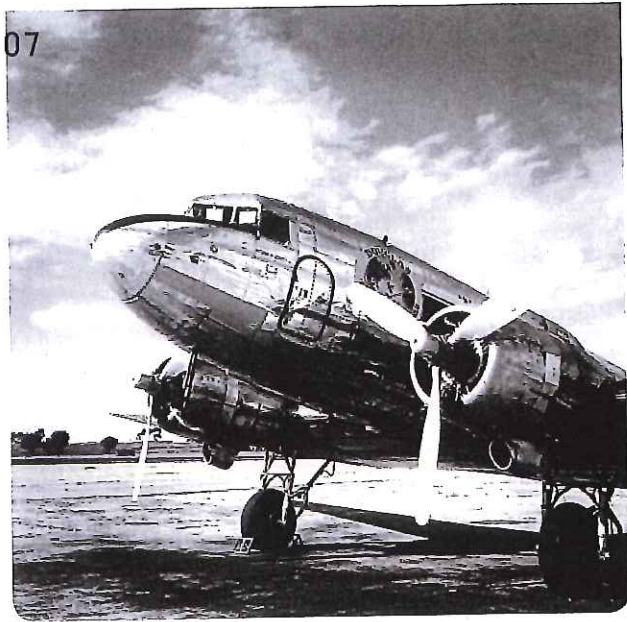
## Registration

Delegates should complete the registration form included and forward it to AMAC accompanied by the relevant payment. Registrations should be forwarded no later than **Friday 17 April 2020**.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or cheque payments are accepted. We cannot process credit card transactions at this time.

**Conference Fee Includes:** Attendance at all conference sessions, including the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday evening welcome function, arrival and daily tea breaks, lunch Thursday, Friday and Thursday night conference dinner along with the airport inspection. Accommodation and travel arrangements remain the responsibility of delegates with a special hotel accommodation rate including breakfast. (See below)

**Additional Charges:** For partners or guests of conference registrants wishing to attend the conference dinner, an additional fee is applicable. (See the Registration Form)



**Dress Code:** Smart casual for both the conference sessions, conference dinner and airport inspection.

**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be in writing. Those received before 5pm on Friday 17 April will incur a \$100 administration fee. Cancellations after this date will not be entitled to any refund although the transfer of registration will be accepted.

## Hotel and Accommodation

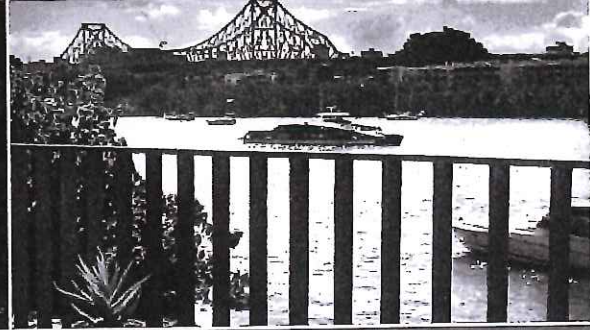
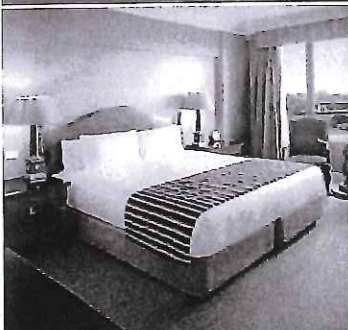
The Stamford Plaza Hotel, Brisbane is centrally located with rooms offering stunning views of the Brisbane River and Storey Street Bridge. Situated a short walk from the Queen Street Mall and the Botanic Gardens and an easy stroll to the surrounding dining and entertainment venues including the renowned Eagle Street Pier precinct.

Accommodation in a Superior Room is available @ \$220 per night which includes a daily buffet breakfast for one guest along with complementary Wi-Fi. An additional guest breakfast can be pre-booked @ \$20 pp. (Normally \$45)

Reservations quoting "AMAC – 2020 Conference and AGM Program" can be made as follows:

**Email:** [reservations@spb.stamford.com.au](mailto:reservations@spb.stamford.com.au)

**Telephone:** 07 3221 1999 or 1300 301 391 (Australia only)



### Conference and Registration Enquiries:

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 Mail: PO Box 8, Bankstown NSW 1855

# 2020 REGISTRATION FORM

## Delegate Information

Title (Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title \_\_\_\_\_

Council / Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate Email \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements (dietary, access or other) \_\_\_\_\_

## Accompanying Guest

Title (Dr, Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss) \_\_\_\_\_

Given Name \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements (dietary, access or other) \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Options

**Electronic Funds Transfer**  
 Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Ref: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bank: CBA, Mascot Branch BSB: 062 200 Account: 100 213 87  
 Account Name: Australian Mayoral Aviation Council

**Cheque payable to Australian Mayoral Aviation Council**  
 Please send with this completed form to:  
 Australian Mayoral Aviation Council,  
 PO Box 8, Bankstown NSW 1855  
 T 0414 276 464 E amac@cbc-city.nsw.gov.au

Credit card transactions are not available.

- Yes I will attend the Friday afternoon Brisbane Airport Tour.  
Please tick if attending
- Yes, I will be boarding my return flight from Brisbane Airport following the airport visit OR
- Yes, I will be returning to the hotel following the airport visit

## Conference Registration (GST incl.)

Conference Delegates Program		
AMAC Member	@	\$1,790.00
GST	@	\$179.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$1,969.00</b>

Non Member	@	\$2,310.00
GST	@	\$231.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,541.00</b>

**Conference Fee Includes:** Attendance at all conference sessions, including the Annual General Meeting, Wednesday evening welcome function, arrival and daily tea breaks, lunch Thursday and Friday, Thursday night conference dinner along with the airport inspection.

**Thursday Night Dinner - Guest Ticket**  
 \$230.00 + GST (\$23.00) TOTAL \$253.00

Delegates Program	\$
Dinner Guest Ticket	\$
<b>Total Due</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Confirmation:** Your registration will be acknowledged via email within 10 working days. A tax invoice will be provided for GST purposes. If you do not receive confirmation please contact John Patterson on 0414 276 464 or email amac@cbc-city.nsw.gov.au

**Privacy:** The information provided in this form is required to allow AMAC to process your registration.

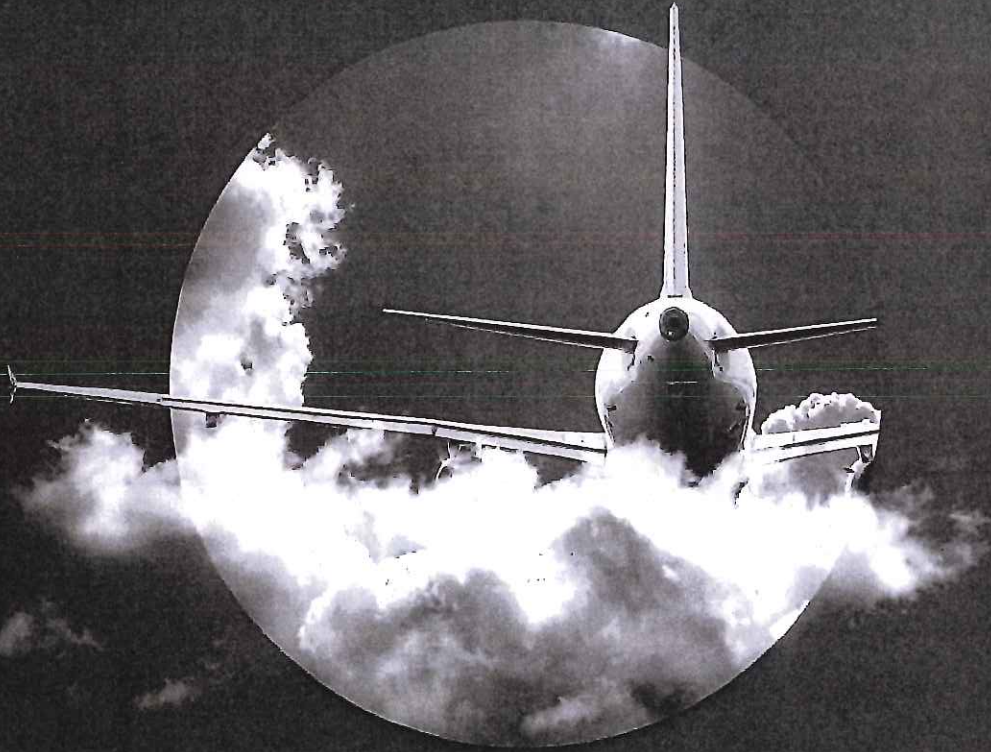
**Cancellation Policy:** All cancellations must be in writing. Those received before 5pm on Friday 17 April will incur a \$100 administration fee. Cancellations after this date will not be entitled to any refund although the transfer of registration will be accepted.

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