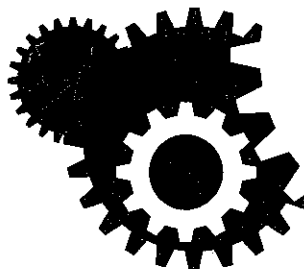


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## PRESIDENT'S: WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

I invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14-17 June 2015.

Invitations have been extended to the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to address the sector. We will also be joined by other ministers, shadow ministers and leading public figures presenting keynote addresses, which will help to focus discussions at the NGA.

The theme for this year's NGA is **'Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation'**.

The Australian Government is currently working with all state and territory governments and ALGA to develop White Papers on reform of the Federation and Taxation. The NGA presents local government as a whole with an opportunity to consider the range

of issues being raised and to ensure local government's aspirations are addressed in the White Papers. I have been clear that I want to see local government strengthened as a result of any reform and we need your input to advance that objective.

The NGA program will cover a wide range of issues, reflecting the diversity of local government and our interests. There will be opportunities for delegates to interact with not only invited political and keynote speakers, but with panels of subject-matter experts and local government representatives.

The ALGA Board recently called for Notices of Motions for the NGA and these will set out the framework for debate. I would encourage you and your council to think through ideas or initiatives you would like to see debated at the NGA and to submit these as motions.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is important in assisting ALGA to maintain the Government's engagement with local government and to drive improved outcomes for the local government sector at the national level. A number of crucial policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates to actively contribute to the dialogue as we strategically position the sector within our Federation.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.



Mayor Troy Pickard  
ALGA PRESIDENT

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## CLOSEST TO THE COMMUNITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE FEDERATION

The 2015 NGA is being held at an important time, not only for local government, but the Commonwealth, states and territories and the Australian people. It is a time when the Commonwealth Government has invited all interested parties to consider potential reform of the Federation and of taxation.

While the Government recognises that the current Federation has given rise to *'... a vibrant democracy, a strong economy and a cohesive society that millions of migrants have chosen to join'*, it also suggests that over time, it has *'... increased the overlap of roles and responsibilities between spheres of government and reduced accountability to voters, created duplication and blame-shifting'*.

The Prime Minister has frequently alluded to this problem, and has established a White Paper process on the Reform of the Federation, and a White Paper on Taxation to address these issues.

The White Paper on the Reform of the Federation will *'... seek to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure that, as far as possible, the States and Territories are sovereign in their own sphere, so that voters know who is responsible for what'*.

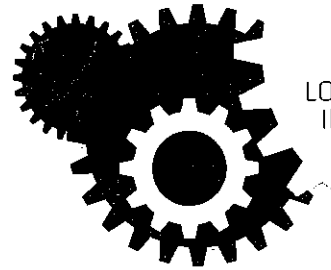
The Prime Minister, in his Sir Henry Parkes Commemorative Dinner address at Tenterfield, on 25 October 2014 said that *'... the Government is determined to make the case for change'*. But he also acknowledged that consensus is required for rethinking the conventions about which level of government is responsible for the delivery of a particular service, or the revenue measures to which particular levels of government should have access. He said, *'... Without a measure of consensus, any change requiring legislation is unlikely to secure parliamentary passage and the whole exercise could turn out to be futile'*. He went on to say, *'... Without an element of consensus, any change that's actually achieved could be reversed at the earliest opportunity and therefore hardly worth doing'*.

Local government is an essential part of the Australian system of government. Local governments are democratically elected and provide for the 'good governance' of local communities throughout Australia. As part of that role, councils provide crucial local planning, services, programs and infrastructure including local roads, community halls, sports, cultural and recreation

facilities that underpin the life of every local community throughout Australia. In this way local government is indeed the level of government that is 'closest to the community'.

It is therefore an important partner and stakeholder in the development of a national consensus on any reform proposal and should help shape this debate and make its contribution to the White Paper process. The Australian Local Government Association [ALGA] has had input to these papers, and in consultation with state and territory local government associations has made submissions on relevant matters. ALGA also intends to make substantial submissions to the Green Papers expected to be released on the Federation and Taxation during this process and encourages all councils to become actively involved in this process.

The NGA debate on motions and associated discussions will help to inform the ALGA Board in formulating these submissions.



2015 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

### Sunday 14 June 2015

5:00 pm- Welcome Reception  
7:00 pm

### Monday 15 June 2015

9:00 am Opening Ceremony:

- National anthem
- Welcome to Country
- Board introduction
- Prime Minister, **The Hon Tony Abbott MP** [invited]

9:45 am President's Welcome

10:00 am Keynote Speaker

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am FACILITATED DISCUSSION:  
*Is local government a real partner?*

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS:  
*Your Council, Your Challenges*

- Governance and Ethics
- Financial and Asset Management
- Innovation and Community Engagement

2:45 pm President of Local Government NZ,  
**Mayor Lawrence Yule**

3:15 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:45 pm Keynote Speaker

4:15 pm DEBATE ON MOTIONS: *Declaration*

5:00 pm Close Day 1

7:00 pm BUFFET DINNER  
National Convention Centre

### Tuesday 16 June 2015

9:00 am DEBATE ON MOTIONS

10:00 am Leader of the Opposition,  
**The Hon Bill Shorten MP** [invited]

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am DEBATE ON MOTIONS

12:00 pm Leader of the Australian Greens,  
**Senator Christine Milne** [Invited]

12.30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm PANEL SESSION:  
*Getting the job done - Council solutions*

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Keynote Speaker

4:00 pm DEBATE ON MOTIONS

5:00 pm Close Day 2

7:00 pm OFFICIAL DINNER Parliament House

### Wednesday 17 June 2015

9:00 am *Adapting to climate risk*  
**Prof Jean Palutikoff**, National Climate  
Change and Research Facilities

9:30 am DEBATE ON MOTIONS

10:30 am Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for  
Infrastructure and Regional Development,  
**The Hon Warren Truss MP**

11:00 am MORNING TEA

11:30 am SPEAKER: *Community services*

12:00 pm Keynote Speaker

12:20 pm President's Closing remarks

12:30 pm Close



### **Australian Local Government Women's Association Breakfast**

**Monday 15 June 2015**  
**7:30 am-8:30 am**

The ALGWA National President is pleased to invite members, friends and colleagues to our 5th Annual Networking Breakfast as part of the National General Assembly. The breakfast will be held on Monday 15 June from 7:30 am-8:30 am.

Seating is strictly limited, so book early. Details will be available on: [www.algwa.net.au](http://www.algwa.net.au)



### **Regional Capitals Australia Networking Breakfast**

**Wednesday 17 June 2015**  
**7:30 am-8:45 am**

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) is an alliance of local government associations and councils from around Australia. The alliance is working to create a strong network of regional capitals that are at the forefront of federal policy and the national identity.

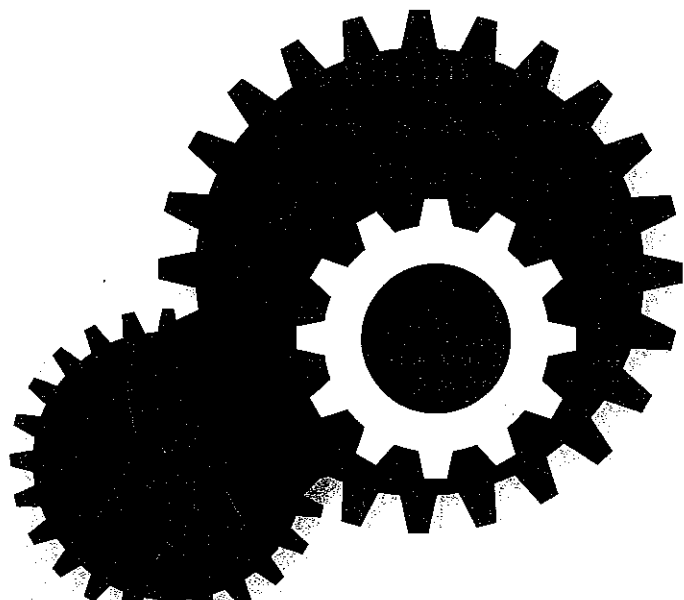
RCA will be holding a networking breakfast on Wednesday 18 June at the National Convention Centre during the ALGA conference.

To register for the event and for enquiries about RCA, please contact:

Email [secretariat@regionalcapitalsaustralia.org](mailto:secretariat@regionalcapitalsaustralia.org)

Phone 0422 067 858

Visit our website at [www.regionalcapitalsaustralia.org](http://www.regionalcapitalsaustralia.org)



## SPEAKER PROFILES

### Prime Minister The Hon Tony Abbott MP



Tony Abbott was sworn in as the 28th Prime Minister of Australia on 18 September 2013.

Mr Abbott was first elected as Member for Warringah in March 1994. Prior to the election of the Coalition Government on 7 September 2013, Mr Abbott had been Leader of the Opposition since 1 December 2009.

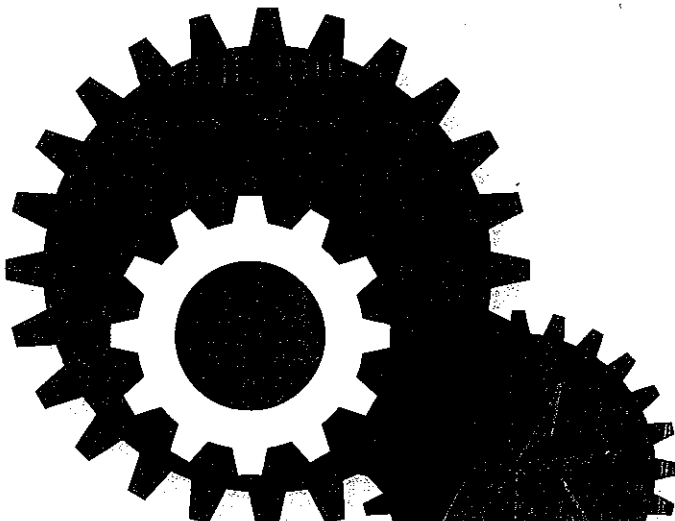
During the Howard Government, Mr Abbott served as a Parliamentary Secretary, Minister, Cabinet Minister, and Leader of the House of Representatives. As Minister for Employment Services [1998-2001] Mr Abbott oversaw the development of the Job Network and a major expansion of Work for the Dole.

As Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations [2001-2003] Mr Abbott boosted construction industry productivity through the establishment of the Cole Royal Commission.

As Minister for Health and Ageing [2003-2007] Mr Abbott oversaw the expansion of Medicare rebates to allied health professionals such as dentists and psychologists and introduced the reforms which delivered record levels of bulk billing for patients. Mr Abbott also introduced the Medicare safety net for people with big out-of-pocket expenses.

Prior to entering parliament, Mr Abbott was a journalist with The Australian and The Bulletin. He was press secretary and political adviser to the Leader of the Opposition, Dr John Hewson, before becoming Executive Director of Australians for Constitutional Monarchy.

Mr Abbott holds Economics and Law degrees from Sydney University. He is a Rhodes Scholar and holds a Master of Arts (Politics and Philosophy) from Oxford University. Mr Abbott is the author of four books.



## 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 DisabilityCare 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 the National Secretary from 2001 to 2007.

Bill has an enduring interest in social justice issues such as domestic violence, equal opportunity at work, and as a father of three and a stepdad, the increasing diversity of families in Australia.

## The Hon Warren Truss MP



The Hon Warren Truss MP is Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and the Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development.

He became Leader of the Nationals in 2007 and is the longest serving federal leader of any political party in Australia today.

A third generation farmer from the Kumbia district near Kingaroy in Queensland, Mr Truss first won the federal seat of Wide Bay in 1990.

He was a Minister in the Howard Government for 10 years, serving as Minister for Customs and Consumer Affairs in October 1997, and a year later, Minister for Community Services. In July 1999 Mr Truss became the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, where he served for six years. He became Minister for Transport and Regional Services in July 2005 and, in September 2006, was appointed Minister for Trade.

Before entering Parliament, Mr Truss was a Kingaroy Shire Councillor (1976 to 1990), including seven years as Mayor. He was Deputy Chairman of the Queensland Grain Handling Authority and a member of the State Council of the Queensland Graingrowers Association for more than 10 years.

Mr Truss is also former State and National President of the Rural Youth Organisation and President of the Lutheran Youth of Queensland.

## Senator Christine Milne



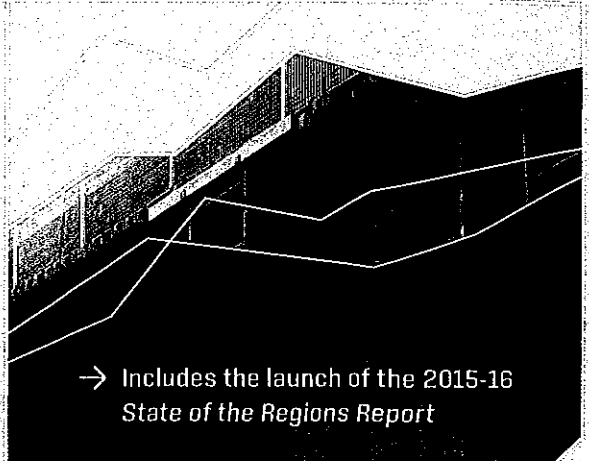
Christine Milne, Senator for Tasmania and Leader of the Australian Greens, is one of Australia's most experienced and

respected environmental and community activists, with a career spanning 30 years. After leading the successful campaign to protect farming land and fisheries from the Wesley Vale Pulp Mill, Christine was elected to the Tasmanian parliament in 1989, and became the first woman to lead a political party in Tasmania in 1993. She was elected to the Senate in 2004 and to the Leadership in 2012 following the retirement of Senator Bob Brown.

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

As spokesperson on food security, Christine put the issue on the national agenda by calling for the development of a national food security plan during the 2010 election. She continues to advocate for reform of Australia's food and agricultural systems to ensure sustainability and prosperity now and into the future.

2015 REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM  
 AND REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE  
 BENEFITS OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL  
 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT



→ Includes the launch of the 2015-16  
 State of the Regions Report

**SUNDAY 14 JUNE 2015**  
 National Convention Centre Canberra

The 2015 Regional Forum is the opening event of the National General Assembly of Local Government. It is a great opportunity for mayors, councillors, RDA members and other key decision and policy makers to gather together, share contemporary knowledge and experience to strengthen the ability of Australia's diverse regions to compete in the global economy.

This year's Forum and report examines the critical role played by our regional infrastructure assets and models the productivity benefits arising from strategic investment in a range of asset classes.

The Forum will allow the sharing of ideas and opportunities through both a mix of practitioner and academic insights, as well as hearing the latest positions from politicians, senior officials and other key regional stakeholders including representatives from Economic Development Australia, the Regional Australia Institute and the Australian and New Zealand Regional Science Association International.

The official launch of the 2015-16 *State of The Regions Report* also takes place at the Forum. The Report is commissioned by ALGA and prepared by National Economics and published with the support of Jardine Lloyd Thompson. All delegates receive a hardcopy Executive Summary of the Report.

**Provisional Program**

- 9:30 am Welcome and Introduction: ALGA President, **Mayor Troy Pickard**
- 9:40 am KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Debunking regional development myths and re-imagining the Region*, **Dr Paul Collits**, Adjunct Professor, University of the Sunshine Coast and Economic Development Adviser, Gosford City Council, NSW
- 10:10 am 2015 National Local Government Award Winners *Boosting Productivity through Infrastructure and Contributing to Regional Growth*
- 10:45 am MORNING TEA
- 11:15 pm *State of the Regions Launch: Infrastructure*  
**Dr Brain** and **Dr Manning** of National Economics  
 Economic Development Australia  
**Mr Steve Chapple**, National Chair of EDA and Director Sustainable Environment, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Vic [invited]
- 12:00 pm LUNCH
- 12:30 pm LUNCH
- 1:30 pm Opposition spokesperson for Regional Development  
**the Hon Julie Collins MP** [invited]
- 1:50 pm PANEL DISCUSSION: The Role of Regional Collaboration and Governance in the Federation:  
 TECHNICAL WORKSHOP: Exploring this year's *State of the Regions Report*, National Economics (**Dr Peter Brain** and **Dr Ian Manning**)
- 2:45 pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3:15 pm Deputy Prime Minister, **the Hon Warren Truss MP** [invited]
- 3:55 pm Official Closing, ALGA President
- 4:00 pm Close

*Regional Forum Registration is \$395 (inc GST) or \$195 when you also register to attend the National General Assembly.*  
 For more information or to register for the Regional Cooperation and Development Forum, go to [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au)





## KEY DATES

<b>Submission for Motions for Debate</b>	<b>Friday 17 April 2015</b>
<b>Early Bird Registration on or before</b>	<b>Friday 1 May 2015</b>
<b>Standard Registration on or before</b>	<b>Friday 29 May 2015</b>
<b>Late Registration on or after</b>	<b>Friday 29 May 2015</b>

## MOTIONS FOR DEBATE

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

The ALGA Board is calling for motions for the 2015 NGA under the theme *Closest to the Community: Local Government in the Federation*. To assist Councils in preparing motions a Discussion Paper has been prepared and is available via [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au)

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

- 1 Be relevant to the work of local government nationally;
- 2 Be consistent with the themes of the Assembly;
- 3 Complement or build on the policy objectives of your state and territory local government association;
- 4 Propose a clear action and outcome; and
- 5 Not be advanced on behalf of external third parties which may seek to use the NGA to apply pressure to Board members, to gain national political exposure for positions that are not directly relevant to the work of, or in the national interests of local government.

Motions should be submitted electronically via the online form at [www.alga.asn.au](http://www.alga.asn.au) and should be received by ALGA no later than 11:59 pm AEST, Friday 17 April 2015.

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

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

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

## VOTING PROCEDURES

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

## REGISTRATION DETAILS

### General Assembly Registration Fees

Early bird registration     \$899  
Payment received by  
Friday 1 May 2015

Standard registration     \$999  
Payment received on or before  
Friday 29 May 2015

Late registration     \$1,200  
Payment received on or after  
Friday 29 May 2015

### 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 15 June 2015     \$470  
Tuesday 16 June 2015     \$470  
Wednesday 17 June 2015     \$260

### 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 (Sunday 14 June 2015)

Forum Only     \$395  
NGA Delegate     \$195

### Accompanying Partners Registration Fees

Accompanying Partners  
Registration Fee     \$240

### Accompanying Partners Registration Includes

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 14 June
- Day tour Monday 15 June
- Day tour Tuesday 16 June
- Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 17 June.

### Payment Procedures

Payment can be made by:

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

### Cancellation Policy

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

Conference Co-ordinators  
PO Box 4994, Chisholm ACT 2905  
Fax (02) 6292 9002  
Email [conference@confco.com.au](mailto:conference@confco.com.au)

An administration charge of \$110 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 1 May 2015. Cancellations received after Friday 1 May 2015 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

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

### Privacy Disclosure

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities. If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

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

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

### 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.

### Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

*Sunday 14 June 2015*  
**National Convention Centre**

5:00-7:00 pm

\$44 per person for day delegates and guests.

No charge for full registered delegates.

No charge for registered accompanying partners.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

### Buffet Dinner

*Monday 15 June 2015*  
**The Ballroom, National  
Convention Centre**

7:00-11:00 pm

\$100 per person.

DRESS CODE: smart casual.

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

### General Assembly Dinner

*Tuesday 16 June 2015*

**The Great Hall, Parliament House**

7:00-11:00 pm

\$130 per person.

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

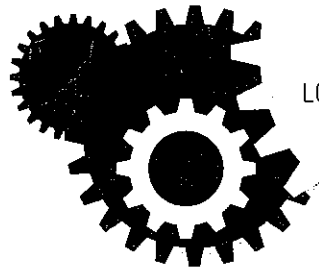
Tickets to the prestigious General Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament House are always highly sought after. Due to the size of the Great Hall, places are limited and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

Coaches will depart all Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45 pm with return shuttles commencing from 10:15 pm.

Note: Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

### Canberra Weather in June

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



## Venue and Dress Code

### *Exhibition Opening and Welcome Reception*

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

### *General Assembly Business Sessions*

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

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

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

### *Exhibition*

VENUE National Convention Centre, Constitution Ave, Canberra City.

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

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

### *Buffet Dinner*

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

DRESS CODE Smart casual.

### *General Assembly Dinner*

VENUE Parliament House.

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

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

## PARTNER TOURS

### *Monday 15 June*

#### **REGIONAL CANBERRA: WINERY AND CHOCOLATE**

Today's partner tour will experience two regional areas located just outside Canberra. Our first stop is Gundaroo which is home to several boutique wineries including the venue for the day—Capital Wines.

The group will enjoy wine tasting at the cellar door followed by lunch.

The group will then transfer to Murrumbateman to visit Robin Rowe Chocolates, here the group will be given a short demonstration with time to enjoy some samples and view the merchandise.

### *Tuesday 16 June*

#### **CANBERRA EXHIBITIONS**

This morning the group will visit the Australian War Memorial and view First World War Galleries, which have been redeveloped to commemorate the centenary of the First World War (opened December 2014).

After lunch the group will be able to experience a new local exhibition, further details will be provided as they are confirmed.

## ACCOMMODATION

To book your accommodation at the rates listed below complete the appropriate section of the registration form. Bookings are subject to availability and should be made prior to Friday 15 May 2015.

All cancellations or amendments must be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by facsimile.

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 21 days notice in writing of your cancellation. Full payment of your account will be required at the time of your departure.

NOTE All Canberra hotels have a complete non-smoking policy.

#### **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, concierge, undercover parking and onsite dining at the RedSalt Restaurant. All rooms are non-smoking and include iron/ironing board, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and room service is available.

SUPERIOR ROOM: **\$295** per night  
 single/twin/double

DELUXE ROOM: **\$345** per night  
 single/twin/double

**AVENUE HOTEL**

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

A brand new property which recently opened in November 2014, the Avenue Hotel is Canberra's newest and only 5-star hotel in the CBD. The hotel has an onsite restaurant and bar, 24-hour reception and room service, gymnasium, undercover parking (charges apply per night) and guest lounge with free wifi. Offering hotel rooms, 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, all rooms have king size beds, rainfall showers, balconies and mini bar. The apartments also have full kitchen facilities, the Avenue is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

**HOTEL ROOMS: \$225** per night  
single/twin/double

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENTS: \$275** per night  
single/double

**HOTEL REALM**

18 National Circuit, Barton

The Hotel Realm is one of Canberra's 5-star hotels and is located walking distance from the popular shopping and restaurant villages of Kingston and Manuka. The Hotel Realm has two restaurants, a bar, day-spa, hairdresser and health club located on-site. The rooms are modern and have king sized beds, high speed internet (for a fee) LCD TV, pay movie channel, Foxtel and 24-hour room service.

**STANDARD ROOM: \$230** per night  
single/twin/double

**MANTRA**

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features a heated indoor pool, sauna, fully-equipped gymnasium and the Zipp restaurant bar onsite. All rooms offer voice mail, individually controlled air-conditioning, pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, hairdryer and complimentary toiletries. One and two bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge and dining area, fully-equipped kitchen and a laundry with washing machine, dryer, iron and ironing board.

**HOTEL ROOM: \$209** per night  
single/twin/double

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$249** per night  
single/twin/double

**MEDINA APARTMENT HOTEL  
JAMES COURT**

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Medina Apartments 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, outdoor heated swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and a restaurant delivery service. All rooms feature private balconies, climate controlled air conditioning, separate lounge/dining areas, broadband access (for a fee), spa bath, mini bar, fully equipped kitchen facilities and an in-room safe.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6.30am and 11.30pm.

**1 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$210** per night  
single/twin/double

**2 BEDROOM APARTMENT: \$260** 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, gymnasium and undercover parking (charges apply per night). In-room facilities include mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, broadband (for a fee), Fox Sports and News, pay per view movies, climate control air-conditioning, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. Executive rooms have a king size bed.

**STANDARD ROOM: \$250** per night  
single/twin/double

**EXECUTIVE ROOM: \$280** per night  
single/twin/double

**PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL  
(FORMALLY DIAMANT HOTEL)**

15 Edinburgh Place, Canberra

Peppers Gallery Hotel (formally Diamant Hotel, re-branded in 2014) is a boutique 80 room hotel located at the intersection of Marcus Clarke St and Edinburgh Ave, 15 minutes walk from the Convention Centre. Peppers Gallery Hotel features 24-hour reception, a restaurant and a bar. The rooms have a mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities, plasma TVs, CD and DVD players, broadband (for a fee), and in-room safe.

**STANDARD ROOM: \$250** per night  
single/twin/double

**QT HOTEL**  
**(FORMALLY RYDGES LAKESIDE)**

1 London Circuit, Canberra

Qt Hotel Canberra (formally Rydges Lakeside) has recently been renovated throughout the foyer and restaurants. The rooms have been updated and offer balconies and high speed internet (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, hairdryer, iron and ironing board. The hotel is a 15 minute walk to the National Convention Centre and has 24-hour reception, room service, onsite restaurant and bar.

STANDARD ROOM: **\$249** per night  
single/twin/double

**WALDORF**

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Waldorf is only a couple minutes walk from the National Convention Centre. This hotel has 24-hour reception and provides guests with a gymnasium, indoor heated lap pool and onsite dining at the Waldorf London Restaurant. All rooms have kitchen and laundry facilities, in room safe, dining table and chairs, complimentary cable TV, pay per view movies, high speed internet service (for a fee) and room service is available. One bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

STUDIO ROOM: **\$210** per night single  
**\$225** per night twin/double

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT:  
**\$230** per night single  
**\$245** per night twin/double

**COACH**  
**TRANSFERS**

**Welcome Reception and  
Exhibition Opening  
Sunday 14 June 2015**

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

**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 8:00 am and 8:30 am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:00 pm.

**Buffet Dinner  
National Convention Centre  
Monday 15 June 2015**

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will commence at 10:15 pm.

**General Assembly Annual Dinner  
Parliament House  
Tuesday 16 June 2015**

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (including Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 6:45 pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:15 pm and 11:15 pm.

**CAR  
PARKING**

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$18.00 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 200m from the entrance at a cost of approximately \$13.50 per day. The voucher machines are coin operated.

# REGISTRATION REGISTER ONLINE FORM WWW.ALGA.ASN.AU

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Australian Local Government Association ABN 31 008 613 876

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 conference@confco.com.au

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

## PERSONAL DETAILS

TITLE \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cr/Ald/Mayor/Other)

POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

COUNCIL/ORGANISATION \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SUBURB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ POSTCODE \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NAME FOR BADGE \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRIVACY  I DO consent to my name appearing in the 2015 General Assembly List of Participants booklet (name,  
DISCLOSURE organisation and state only disclosed) as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 10.  
 I DO consent to ALGA disclosing my personal contact information as outlined in the privacy disclosure on page 10.

## REGISTRATION FEES

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES

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

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 1 May 2015) . . . . .  \$899.00  
STANDARD REGISTRATION FEES (payment received on or before 29 May 2015) . . . . .  \$999.00  
LATE REGISTRATION FEES (payment received after 29 May 2015) . . . . .  \$1,200.00  
DAY REGISTRATION FEES  Monday 15 June \$470.00  Tuesday 16 June \$470.00  Wednesday 17 June  \$260.00

### REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FORUM ONLY Registration Fee . . . . .  \$395.00  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATE Registration Fee . . . . .  \$195.00  
STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2015-16 (Single licence) . . . . .  \$240.00  
STATE OF THE REGIONS REPORT 2015-16 (Organisational licence). . . . .  \$700.00

### ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTERED ACCOMPANYING PARTNER Name for lapel badge: \_\_\_\_\_ . . . . . \$240.00

## 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 14 JUNE 2015)

I/we will attend:  Delegate  Partner Number of additional tickets  @ \$44.00 each . . . Total \$

#### REGISTERED PARTNERS

Day 1 • Regional Canberra - winery and chocolate (Monday 15 June 2015)

I will attend:  Partner Number of additional tickets  @ \$100.00 each . . Total \$

Day 2 • Canberra exhibitions (Tuesday 16 June 2015)

I will attend:  Partner Number of additional tickets  @ \$100.00 each . . Total \$

**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.

BUFFET DINNER [Monday 15 June 2015] Number of tickets  @ \$100.00 each. . . . . Total \$

GENERAL ASSEMBLY DINNER, Great Hall, Parliament House [Tuesday 16 June 2015] \*\*NUMBERS STRICTLY LIMITED\*\*  
 Number of tickets  @ \$130.00 each . . . . . Total \$

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

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**REGISTRATION AND SOCIAL FUNCTION PAYMENT DETAILS**

Enclosed is my cheque made payable to ALGA Conference Account

I'm faxing my requirements, payment follows by mail

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  Amex

CREDIT CARD NUMBER  Grand total \$

CARD HOLDER'S 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	\$295	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
DELUXE ROOM	\$345	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE

**AVENUE HOTEL**

HOTEL ROOM	\$225	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT	\$275	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE

**HOTEL REALM**

STANDARD ROOM	\$230	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
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**MANTRA**

HOTEL ROOM	\$209	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT	\$249	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE

**MEDINA APARTMENT HOTEL CANBERRA JAMES COURT**

1 BEDROOM APARTMENT	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
2 BEDROOM APARTMENT	\$260	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE

**NOVOTEL**

STANDARD ROOM	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
EXECUTIVE ROOM	\$280	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE

**PEPPERS GALLERY HOTEL (FORMALLY DIAMANT HOTEL)**

STANDARD ROOM	\$250	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
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**QT HOTEL (FORMALLY RYOGES LAKESIDE)**

STANDARD ROOM	\$249	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> TWIN	<input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE
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**WALDORF**

STUDIO ROOM	<input type="checkbox"/> \$210 SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225 TWIN/DOUBLE
1 BEDROOM APARTMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> \$230 SINGLE	<input type="checkbox"/> \$245 TWIN/DOUBLE

**ACCOMMODATION GUARANTEE**

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.

Please use the credit card details provided below to guarantee my accommodation booking.  
 Mastercard  Visa  Amex

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

CARD HOLDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRY DATE \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ IS THIS A CORPORATE CARD?  YES  NO