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# President Welcome



Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the 29th National General Assembly (NGA) of Local Government in Canberra.

Since we last met in June 2022, we have a new Federal Government. As a result, local government has been restored to National Cabinet when required, and to a wide range of Government Ministerial councils.

This year's Conference is set to be the biggest yet, especially with the return of the Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) for the first time in more than a decade.

Local government is finally back at the table and, on behalf of our sector, I couldn't be more excited about this event that will follow, and be informed by, the discussions at this year's NGA.

The ACLG will allow you to share your community's key priorities, challenges and aspirations directly with the Prime Minister and Federal Ministers.

Re-establishing the ACLG was an Australian Government commitment, secured by ALGA on your behalf, and we're looking forward to helping deliver this historic event.

As a nation, we have experienced further unprecedented natural disasters that continue to devastate our local communities.

Collectively, we are working hard to rebuild our cities, towns and regions, in the face of skyrocketing inflation and serious jobs and skills shortages. As a level of government, we are always looking to the future, and this year's NGA will consider the policies – and funding partnerships we need – to deliver for our communities.

Importantly, we need up-front investment from all levels of government to help councils build back better, saving all governments money in the long-term.

Post COVID, the Federal Government is experiencing record funding pressures, and that's why we're advocating for smarter, targeted investments that capitalise on our strengths and assets to bolster our longterm national prosperity, stimulate growth and increase Australia's productivity.

Research shows local government directly impacts broader economic productivity, including urban infrastructure, mitigating externalities in urban development, placemaking and the visitor economy, land for housing, better local labour markets and providing land for business, innovation and the circular economy.

Without question, investing in local government is an investment in increasing our nation's productivity and prosperity, and I look forward to hearing your ideas on the support we need to make good on this promise.

I look forward to welcoming you to Canberra this June.

Cr Linda Scott ALGA President

### **Key Dates**

#### FRIDAY 24 MARCH 2023

Call for Motions Close

#### FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

Close of Early Bird Registrations

#### **TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023**

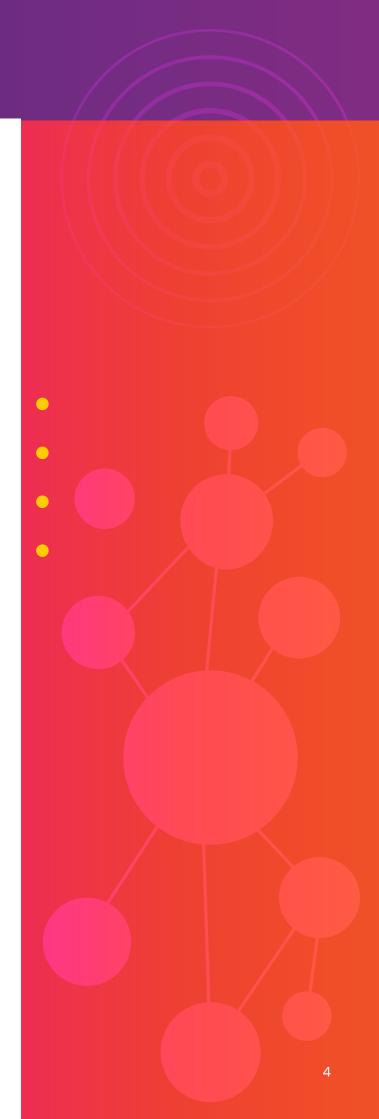
Regional Cooperation & Development Forum

#### WEDNESDAY 14 - THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

National General Assembly

#### FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG)



# **Provisional Program**

#### **TUESDAY 13 JUNE**

9.00am	Registrations Open
9.30am - 5.00pm	Regional Forum (Additional registration required)
5.00pm - 7.00pm	Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening

#### WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE

11.00pm

QT Hotel, Canberra

WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE		
8.00am	Registrations Open	
9.00am	Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country Includes an address from His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia	
9.40am	Minister Address The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (invited)	
10.00am	ALGA President's Address Cr Linda Scott, ALGA President	
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Panel: Building a Stronger Workforce Lord Mayor Sally Capp, City of Melbourne Other panelists TBA	
11.45am	Keynote Address TBA	
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12.30pm	LUNCH	
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#### **THURSDAY 15 JUNE**

9.00am	Panel: A Conversation About the Voice Mayor Ross Andrews, Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council, QLD Other panelists TBC	
9.45am	Keynote: Leading Communities Through Change Jennifer Michelmore, Chief Executive, Studio THI	
10.30am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Panel: Cyclones, Fires and Floods Brendan Moon, Coordinator-General, National Emergency Management Agency Other Panelists TBC	
11.45am	Minister Address The Hon Peter Dutton MP, Leader of the Opposition (invited)	
12.30pm	LUNCH	
1.30pm	Panel: Australia's Affordable Housing Crisis Nathan Dal Bon, CEO, National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation Wendy Hayhurst, CEO, Community Housing Industry Association	
2.15pm	Panel: Cyber Security and Local Government Clive Reeves, Deputy Chief Information Security Officer, Telstra Stephanie Crowe, First Assistant Director- General Cyber Security Resilience, Australian Cyber Security Centre Other Panelists TBC	
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.30pm	Debate on Motions   Concurrent Session TBC	

<b>FRIDAY 16 JUN</b>	
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7.30am	Registrations Open
8.00am - 3.00pm	Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG)



### REGIONAL FORUM



2023

TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023

# GENERAL INFORMATION

### **REGISTRATION FEES**

Forum Only Registration \$425

NGA Delegate Discount Registration \$225

**Register Online Now:** regionalforum.com.au

**Dress Code:** Smart Casual

## PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

9.00AM	Registrations Open
9.30AM	Welcome to Country
9.40AM	ALGA President Opening Cr Linda Scott, ALGA President
9.50AM	Minister Address The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
10.30AM	Shadow Minister Address The Hon Darren Chester MP, Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
11.00AM	MORNING TEA
11.30AM	Panel: Recovering from Cyclones, Fires and Flood
12.15PM	Panel: Skills Shortages in Regional and Rural Australia Susi Tegen, CEO, National Rural Health Alliance David Williams, Former CEO, Planning Institute of Australia
1.00PM	LUNCH
2.00PM	Panel: Our Regions, Our Future Liz Ritchie, CEO, Regional Australia Institute Mike Mrdak AO, Chair, National Alliance for Regionalisation
2.45PM	Panel: Connecting Our Communities
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA
4.00PM	Investing in Our Regions Presentation by the Department for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts
4.45PM	Closing Remarks Cr Linda Scott, President, ALGA





#### **DANIELA RITORTO**

Daniela Ritorto is a journalist, MC and communications professional with two decades of national and international experience, including presenting BBC World News from London, SBS Chief Political Correspondent in Canberra and managing communications for an ASX top 30 company.



### HIS EXCELLENCY GENERAL THE HONOURABLE DAVID HURLEY AC DSC (RETD)

### Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd) was sworn in as the Governor–General of the Commonwealth of Australia on 1 July 2019.

David Hurley joined the Australian Army in January 1972, graduating from the Royal Military College, Duntroon into the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. In a long and distinguished 42-year military career, his service culminated with his appointment as Chief of the Defence Force.

Prior to being sworn in as Governor-General, David Hurley served as the 38th Governor of New South Wales from October 2014 – May 2019.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from the University of Wollongong in 2013; a Doctor of the University, honoris causa, from the University of New South Wales in 2015; made a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering in 2016; and awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Macquarie University in 2017.



#### THE HON CATHERINE KING MP (INVITED)

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government

Catherine King was born in Melbourne. She holds a Degree in Social Work and a Masters in Public Policy from the Australian National University and has recently completed a law degree from Deakin University.

First elected to Federal Parliament in 2001 to represent the electorate of Ballarat, Catherine has been re-elected as member at each subsequent Federal Election.

Following the 2019 election, Catherine was appointed to the role of Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development in the Shadow Cabinet led by the Hon. Anthony Albanese.

Prior to entering Parliament, Catherine worked in the social welfare sector in Ballarat and later in the public sector in Canberra, as a director for the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care and as a senior manager at KPMG's Health Consulting Practice.



#### **THE HON KRISTY MCBAIN MP**

Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Kristy McBain proudly grew up on the NSW Far South Coast, and she is the first woman to represent Eden-Monaro.

Since being elected in 2020, Kristy has built a formidable reputation as a plain spoken, hard-working local member who advocates with all levels of Government and all sides of politics to get results for her constituents.

A former Mayor of the Bega Shire Council, Kristy advocated day and night for people through the darkest days of the Black Summer Bushfires in 2019-20.

Kristy studied law at the University of Canberra and as the first person in her family to go to university, she is passionate that all kids get the chance to go to university or TAFE and have the opportunity to build their careers and lives in the regions as she has done.



THE HON PETER DUTTON MP (INVITED)

#### Leader of the Opposition

Peter Dutton is the Federal Member for Dickson and Leader of the Liberal Party.

For nine years, Peter served his community as a Police Officer. He worked in the National Crime Authority and Drug and Sex Offenders' Squads, with a focus on protecting women and children.

First elected to Parliament in November 2001, Peter was appointed to the Ministry in 2004. In January 2006, he became Peter Costello's Assistant Treasurer.

Peter is married to Kirilly and is the proud father of Rebecca, Harry and Tom and lives in Dayboro in the Dickson electorate.



#### THE HON DARREN CHESTER MP

Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

Darren Chester was born and educated in Sale.

He was elected to Federal Parliament as the Member for Gippsland on June 26, 2008, in a by-election following the retirement of the Hon Peter McGauran.

During his time in Parliament, Darren has served in multiple executive positions across both Government and Opposition such as Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel, Assistant Minister for Defence and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Roads and Regional Transport.

Prior to entering Parliament, Darren worked as a newspaper and television journalist before becoming Chief of Staff to the Leader of The Nationals in Victoria.

Darren is a keen sportsman who enjoys boating, camping and running marathons. He lives in Lakes Entrance with his wife Julie and their four children.



#### **SUSI TEGEN**

#### CEO, National Rural Health Alliance

Susi Tegen came to Australia from her native Austria as a teenager and as an immigrant and carer, she understands the confusion that arises for patients in a new country and a complex medical system.

Susi has lived and worked in, as well as advocated for, rural Australia for most of her working life, while living in rural SA, NT, NSW and Victoria. Until recently, she was a partner of a sheep meat and wool, cattle trading and grain property in the Limestone Coast for 30 years. Her passion is in farm safety, mental health services, remote monitoring and telehealth to support medical and health service access to rural and remote communities. She recognises the value in rural medical training and placements as well as government and private approaches to serving communities sustainably.



#### **DAVID WILLIAMS**

### Former CEO, Planning Institute of Australia

David Williams, PIA Strategic Advisor, until recently was Chief Executive Officer of the Planning Institute of Australia (PIA). He commenced with PIA in 2011 as Chief Operating Officer and stepped into the CEO in 2016.

Prior to joining PIA, David held general management and leadership roles for 15 years, including rising from Finance Manager to 3 years as National Chief Executive Officer for Greening Australia, Australia's largest environmental not-for-profit.

Having worked at the executive level in both the built and natural environments, the key strategic challenges facing both sectors are broadly similar. Sustainability, liveability and resilience in the context of a growing population and changing climate are issues that David has been focused on throughout his career.



#### LIZ RITCHIE

#### CEO, Regional Australia Institute

Liz Ritchie is the CEO of the Regional Australia Institute, after joining in 2018 as the General Manager - Strategy and Partnerships.

For mor than 20 years Liz has worked across the corporate, government and the not-for-profit sector, and she specialises in leading organisational transformation to build a sustainable future.

Liz is a change agent, a marketer, a researcher and an extremely passionate advocate for regional Australia, heralding from Deniliquin in NSW.



#### LORD MAYOR SALLY CAPP

#### City of Melbourne

Sally Capp was re-elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne in October 2020 after having previously been elected in May 2018 and is the first woman to be directly elected as Lord Mayor.

Sally was the first woman to hold the post of Agent-General for Victoria in the UK, Europe and Israel. She has also served as the CEO for the Committee for Melbourne and Victorian Executive Director of the Property Council of Australia.

A passionate Collingwood Football Club supporter, in 2004 Sally made history as the first female board member of Collingwood Football Club.

Sally began her career as a Solicitor, after completing Law (Hons) and Commerce degrees at the University of Melbourne.

She has held senior roles at both KPMG and ANZ, and co-founded a small business which she took to the ASX. She is involved in a number of charities, currently sitting on the board of the Olivia Newton[1]John Cancer Research Institute, the Mary Jane Lewis Scholarship Foundation and the Melbourne University Faculty of Business and Economics.



#### **DR JONATHAN CARR-WEST**

CEO, Local Government Information Unit UK

Dr Jonathan Carr-West has been Chief Executive of LGIU (Local Government Information Unit) since February 2013, where he leads on all aspects of the think tank's policy, membership and influencing work.

Some of his particular interests are in participative democracy, the evolving nature of public services and devolution. With extensive media profile and sector credibility, he has published on topics as diverse as localism and public service transformation, cognitive and behavioural science, and the politics of cultural memory.

Prior to being appointed as Chief Executive, Jonathan was Director of Policy at the LGIU where he led on research and consultancy, policy development and piloting, best practice dissemination, learning and development.



#### **TAHLIA AZARIA**

Director, Young Mayors

Tahlia Azaria is the Director of the Young Mayors program at the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA). Tahlia has a Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) from RMIT University and an MBA from Melbourne Business School, and has worked in the youth, media, arts and not-for-profit sectors for 15 years in senior leadership roles at institutions including SYN Media, Circus Oz and the Community Broadcasting Association of Australia. Tahlia is also Chair of the Board of Outer Urban Projects, a performing arts company in Melbourne's outer north.



#### **JENNIFER MICHELMORE**

Chief Executive, Studio THI

Jennifer is an accomplished urbanist and designer, and has been part of the THI family for over 15 years. Having established her career with the organisation in community development, she's also worked across strategy and change, and is now at the helm of the organisation.

Jennifer completed her study in Industrial Design at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT), where she's also been a guest lecturer.

Her strong design and conceptual capabilities drive her aspirations for achieving bold and innovative outcomes that can shape urban places and practice.

She's a big believer in power of cocreation and collaboration, and has played a central role in securing THI's position as an independent platform for urban professionals and communities to come together.



#### **BRENDAN MOON AM**

Coordinator-General, National Emergency Management Authority Brendan Moon AM commenced as the first Coordinator-General of the National Emergency Management Agency in October 2022.

Brendan brings with him extensive expertise and experience in disaster response, recovery, preparedness and risk reduction.

He spent 10 years with the Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA), starting as the General Manager, Operations in 2011 until his appointment as Chief Executive Officer in 2016.

Brendan is a regular contributor to national and international dialogue on disaster risk and resilience and has addressed the United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction's Asian Ministerial Conferences on multiple occasions. He is a passionate advocate for cooperation and collaboration across international, national, state and local agencies for disaster preparedness, response and recovery.



#### **NATHAN DAL BON**

CEO, National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation

Nathan has been Chief Executive Officer of NHFIC since its inception in 2018. He has more than 25 years' experience in economic policy development and advising across government. In his previous role as a senior Commonwealth Treasury official, he led the team that worked extensively on the establishment of NHFIC. As CEO, Nathan is focused on building an organisation that improves housing outcomes, particularly in affordable housing.

Prior to joining NHFIC, Nathan held senior executive roles in the Commonwealth Treasury, and the departments of Industry, Innovation and Science; Foreign Affairs and Trade; and Prime Minister and Cabinet. He has served as a non-executive director of the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI).

In 2014, Nathan was Australia's representative to the United Nations for the Report of the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financina.

Nathan holds a Masters in Public Administration from Harvard University and a Bachelor of Economic (Hons) degree from the University of Newcastle.



#### **WENDY HAYHURST**

CEO, Community Housing Industry Association

Wendy was appointed in March 2019 as CEO of the Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA), the peak body representing not for profit community housing organisations across Australia.

Previously she led CHIA NSW – the state peak – for four years. Wendy has spent almost her entire career in social and affordable housing – working her way from the front line to a non-executive directorship and senior managerial roles in a wide range of housing provider organisations, regulatory bodies, specialist consultancies and performance benchmarking organisations.

She has in-depth knowledge and experience of the NSW, national and international community housing sector through her work with the NSW Regulator, in shaping and administering the National Regulatory System and her work in the United Kingdom.



#### **STEPHANIE CROWE**

First Assistant Director General, Cyber Security Resilience, Australian Cyber Security Centre, Australian Signals Directorate

Steph is head of the ACSC's Cyber Security Resilience Division, which is responsible for delivering technical programs, services and publications across government and industry, as well as enabling the uplift and hardening of critical networks. Steph's cyber security career spans almost 10 years – she has conducted various roles within junior operational ranks up to her most recent roles in senior leadership positions.

Steph has led the ACSC's cyber threat intelligence and incident management functions and designed programs to enhance Australia's cyber security situational awareness, national threat picture and incident response capabilities. Steph has been involved in cyber security efforts supporting key national events such as e-Census, elections and G20, and in facilitating national exercise programs. She has also directed Government's technical response to numerous nationally-significant cyber security incidents.

Her Bachelor of Asian Studies Specialist (ANU) led to her to the graduate program in ASD in 2009. Throughout her 13 year career at ASD Steph has performed in various roles across the organisation's intelligence missions utilising her expertise in operations management.



### Registration Information

### Registration form available at nga23.com.au

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Registration Fees — Early Bird	\$895.00	– Attendance at all General Assembly sessions
Payment received by Friday 19 May 2023		<ul> <li>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program</li> </ul>
Registration Fees — Late Payment received after Friday 19 May 2023	\$995.00	<ul><li>One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Tuesday</li><li>General Assembly satchel and materials</li></ul>

VIRTUAL REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS	
Full Virtual Registration	\$689.00	Virtual access to all General Assembly sesions for day(s)	
Virtual Day Registration (Wednesday or Thursday)	\$489.00	selected  — Meeting hub to connect with other virtual attendees	

DAY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS	
Wednesday 14 June 2023	\$489.00	Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration	
Thursday 15 June 2023	\$489.00	<ul> <li>Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>General Assembly satchel and materials</li> </ul>	

TUESDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES	
Forum Only Tuesday 13 June 2023	\$425.00
NGA Delegate Delegates attending the Regional Forum and the	\$225.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS	
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee	\$280.00	<ul><li>1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Tuesday 13 June</li><li>Day tour Wednesday 14 June</li><li>Day tour Thursday 15 June</li></ul>	

All amounts include GST



# 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: <u>E-mail</u>: nga@confco.com.au

### STANDARD REGISTRATION TERMS

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 19 May 2023. Cancellations received after Friday 19 May 2023 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.

#### **Substitutions**

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

No refund will be available to no shows.

#### **ACCOMMODATION TERMS**

All cancellations or amendments must

be made in writing to Conference Co-ordinators and will be acknowledged by email.

All rooms cancelled 30 day prior to check-in will be charged the full amount unless the room can be resold.

You are required to pay for your full accommodation account and any incidental expenses incurred during your stay when checking in to the hotel.

No refund will be available to no shows.

# General Information

#### **Privacy Disclosure**

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

If you do not 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 can 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 General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer taking photographs 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.

#### Car Parking

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$19.50 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 cash or cards (Visa or MasterCard).

#### **Coach Transfers**

Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening - Tuesday 13 June 2023 National Convention Centre

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.

General Assembly Dinner-Wednesday 14 June 2023 Qt Hotel Canberra

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except for QT Hotel and Peppers Gallery) at approximately 6:50pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30pm and 11:45pm.

#### **Payment Procedures**

Payment can be made by:

<u>Credit card</u> MasterCard and Visa

<u>Cheque</u> Made payable to ALGA

Electronic Funds Transfer
Bank: Commonwealth Bank
Branch: Woden
BSB No: 062905
Account No: 10097760

<u>ALGA ABN</u> 31 008 613 876

#### **Contact Details**

Conference Co-ordinators
PO Box 905
Woden ACT 2606
Phone: 02 6292 9000
Email: nga@confco.com.au

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

#### Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15C and temperatures do drop to 1C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket.

Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

### **Social Functions**

### Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

Tuesday 13 June 2023

**Venue:** National Convention Centre Canberra

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

5:00pm - 7:00pm

\$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

#### General Assembly Dinner

Wednesday 14 June 2023

Venue: QT Hotel Canberra

The dinner is being held in The Grand Ballroom.

7:00pm - 11:00pm

\$175.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

Numbers to this dinner are limited. Tickets are allocated on a first in basis.

#### General Assembly Business Sessions

Wednesday 14 June 2023 -Thursday 15 June 2023

**Venue:** National Convention Centre Canberra

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

**Dress Code: Smart casual** 

#### **Exhibition**

Wednesday 14 June 2023 -Friday 16 June 2023

Venue: National Convention Centre

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

#### **Partner Tours**

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

Gallery & Taste of Braddon Tour Wednesday 14 June - 10.30am

We will start the morning exploring the Canberra exclusive Portrait23: Identity Exhibition at the Portrait Gallery, with some spare time to view the other open exhibitions within the gallery.

We will then get to enjoy the taste of Braddon tour – Where you will go on a foodie adventure to discover some of the top venues and hidden gems in this hip and popular shopping and foodie precinct. Your guide will share local knowledge with you and provide an insight into Canberra's food scene.

#### Pialligo Truffles and Wine Thursday 15 June - 10.00am

Today we get to explore Pialligo, a rural suburb of Canberra. The tour will start with a Truffle hunt, then on to lunch at Rodney's Garden Café. The café location is also home to a beautiful garden and giftware shop and the Pialligo Food Emporium that stocks a large variety of locally owned and hard to come by international food products.

We will then finish the day with a wine tasting at the Mount Majura Winery with a full array of cool climate wines paired with cheeses.

### Accommodation

#### A by Adina

1 Constitution Avenue, Canberra

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

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

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

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

Studio Rooms: \$209 per night
- Single/twin/double

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

#### **Avenue Hotel**

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

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

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

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

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

#### 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 \$345 per night — Single/twin/double

Deluxe Room \$390 per night — Single/twin/double

#### Mantra on Northbourne

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located within the CBD and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. The hotel features underground parking (for a fee), a 24 hour reception, a heated indoor pool, sauna and a fully-equipped gymnasium.

All apartments offer one king bed, individually controlled air-conditioning, WiFi (for a fee), pay per view movies, mini bar, tea/coffee making facilities, a separate lounge and dining area, kitchen and a fully equipped laundry.

#### **Nesuto Apartments**

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 \$219 per night — Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$239 per night — Single/twin/double

#### **Peppers Gallery**

15 Edinburgh Avenue, Acton

Located in the New Action Hub,
Peppers Gallery Hotel offers boutique
accommodation options, complimentary
WiFi access, an Italian restaurant, onsite
car parking and a 24 hour reception.
Walking distance to the Convention
Centre is approximately 20 minutes.

Peppers rooms all have unique décor and contain a coffee machine, walk in showers and a large work desk.

Queen Room \$249 per night — Single/double

King Room \$269 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 \$229 per night

— Single/twin/double

#### The Sebel Canberra Civic

197 London Circuit, Canberra

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

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

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

Superior rooms come with a queen bed, Executives are fitted with king beds.

Superior Room \$190 per night — Single/double

Executive Room \$240 per night

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