

7.3. 2026 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

REPORT AUTHOR	Executive Assistant
MANAGER	Chief Executive Officer
DEPARTMENT	Office of the Chief Executive Officer
DATE	28 April 2026

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the attendance of Cr Lisa Scomazzon at the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 23-25 June 2026, Canberra.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is holding the 2026 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) from 23 – 25 June 2026 inclusive, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra. As a national gathering of local governments, the NGA provides councils with the opportunity to come together, share ideas and debate motions.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS

At the Ordinary Meeting dated 29 April 2025, it was resolved that Council endorses the attendance of Mayor Lisa Scomazzon at the 2025 National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) 24-27 June 2025, Canberra.

REPORT/BACKGROUND

Established in 1947, the mission of ALGA is to achieve outcomes for local government through advocacy with impact, and maximise the economic, environmental and social wellbeing of councils and our communities. Since 1994, the NGA has demonstrated the strength and value of working with local government to help deliver on national priorities.

Attendance at the NGA will provide Mayor Scomazzon with a significant opportunity to engage with the Federal Government and key Ministers, and to advocate for key initiatives to strengthen local governments.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost to Council will include conference registration, travel, accommodation costs and sundry expenses. The approximate total cost for one Councillor will be \$3,000.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:

Theme 2 - Prosperity

Council plans, builds and maintains the infrastructure required to improve our lifestyle and promote economic growth, working actively to support local businesses.

2.7 - Build strong local, State and Federal relations.

Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:

New project arisen during the financial year.

LEGISLATION AND POLICY

Not applicable

CONSULTATION

Not applicable

CONCLUSION

Council are asked to endorse the attendance of Mayor Lisa Scomazzon at the 2026 NGA from 23 – 25 June 2026 in Canberra.

ATTACHMENTS

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NGA 2026
National General Assembly

INFORMATION FLYER

National Convention Centre, Canberra 23 - 25 June 2026

Proposed Programs

Forums

TUESDAY 23 JUNE REGIONAL FORUM: ROYAL THEATRE

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Regional Forum Opening Session
10.00AM	MORNING TEA
10.30am	Opportunities & Challenges - Renewable Transition
11.30am	State of the Regions
12.30PM	LUNCH
1.30pm	Disaster Management Fatigue
2.30pm	National productivity & local roads
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA
4.30pm	Regional Health
5.30pm - 7.30pm	National General Assembly Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening Sponsored by Payble

TUESDAY 23 JUNE URBAN FORUM: BRADMAN THEATRE

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Urban Forum Opening Session
10.00AM	MORNING TEA
10.30am	State of the Cities
11.30am	Precinct Building: Creating places people want to be
12.30PM	LUNCH
1.30pm	Emergency Management: Communicating to large populations
2.30pm	Growing pains: Rapid urban growth
3.30PM	AFTERNOON TEA
4.30pm	Decarbonisation in the urban context
5.30pm - 7.30pm	National General Assembly Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening Sponsored by Payble

National General Assembly

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8.00am	Registrations Open
9.00am	Opening Session MC Welcome and Introduction Welcome to Country
10.00am	Session 1 David Speers (MC) in conversation with Ministers
11.00AM	MEAL BREAK ONE
12.00pm	Session 2: Listen and Action With Jason Clarke, including the launch of the Jobs and Skills Survey
2.00PM	MEAL BREAK TWO
3.00pm	Session 3: Debate on Motions
5.30pm	Close of day one

THURSDAY 25 JUNE NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

8.30am	Session 4: Debate on Motions
11.00AM	MEAL BREAK ONE
12.00pm	Session 5: Financial Sustainability Launch of State of the Assets & Around the Grounds (Association Presidents)
1.00pm	Session 6: Disability Inclusion in Action
2.00PM	MEAL BREAK TWO
3.00pm	Session 7: Securing Funds How to Get that Grant & Payable Research
4.00pm	Session 8: Respectful communication in the online world
7.00pm	General Assembly Dinner Australian War Memorial Sponsored by Telstra
7.00pm	Networking Event Verity Lane Market

View the full program on the website
NGA26.com.au

NGA 2026 INFORMATION

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening

Sponsored by Payble
Tuesday 23 June 2026

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

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

5:30pm - 7:30pm

\$55.00 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

Sponsored by Telstra
Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: Australian War Memorial

7:00pm - 10:00pm

\$245.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

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

Networking Night at Verity Lane

Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: Verity Lane Market

7:00pm - 11:00pm

\$109.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

**Note: These functions are on the same night **

General Assembly Business Sessions

Wednesday 24 June 2026 - Thursday 25 June 2026

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

Tuesday 23 June 2026 - Thursday 25 June 2026

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

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

Partner Tours

The partners meet at the Crowne Plaza Hotel each morning to commence their tour.

A Day in Hall

Wednesday 24 June - 9.45am

Explore the character and charm of Hall on this relaxed, full-day experience. Begin at the Hall School Museum & Heritage Centre, where local stories and historic displays paint a picture of the region's past. Move on to a guided spirit and wine tasting with Local Spirit Group, complemented by a fresh lunch from 1882 Hall. Finish the day with a wander through Cockington Green Gardens, taking in the detailed miniature villages and beautifully maintained grounds. Enjoy a ride on the miniature steam train before heading off. A balanced mix of history, flavour and leisurely sightseeing.

Lake Side Art & History Tour

Thursday 25 June - 9:45am

Experience Canberra from three unique angles on the Lakeside Art & History Tour tour. Start with a relaxed circuit of Lake Burley Griffin, where the calm surroundings provide a comfortable setting for a lakeside life-drawing session and Morning Tea. Enjoy a laid-back lunch at Wilma Asian BBQ, combining good food with an easy atmosphere. Finish with a guided visit to Calthorpes House, exploring its well-preserved architecture, gardens and the stories that reflect Canberra's early heritage. A balanced mix of art, nature, food and history.

NOTE These programs are subject to change without notice.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration form available at NGA26.COM.AU

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION

- Attendance to all General Assembly sessions
- Meal breaks as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening
- General Assembly satchel and materials

Early Bird Payment recieved by Thursday 30 April 2026	\$999.00
Late Payment recieved after Thursday 30 April 2026	\$1,125.00

DAY REGISTRATION FEES

- Attendance to all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
- Meal breaks as per the General Assembly program
- One ticket to the Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening
- General Assembly satchel and materials

Wednesday 24 June 2026	\$570.00
Thursday 25 June 2026	\$570.00

TUESDAY REGIONAL FORUM OR URBAN FORUM REGISTRATION FEES

- Attendance to all registered Forum sessions
- Meal breaks as per the Forum program

Forum Only Tuesday 23 June 2026	\$555.00
Forum NGA Delegate Discount	\$350.00

ACCOMPANYING PARTNER REGISTRATION FEES

- 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening
- Day tour Wednesday 24 June 2026
- Day tour Thursday 25 June 2026

Partner Registration Fee	\$335.00
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All amounts include GST

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 \$23.50 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately \$20.00 per day. The voucher machines accept either cash or cards (Visa or MasterCard).

PAYMENT PROCEDURES

Payment can be made by:

Credit card MasterCard and Visa

Electronic Funds Transfer

Bank: Commonwealth Bank

Branch: Woden

BSB No: 062905

Account No: 10097760

ALGA ABN

31 008 613 876

Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 11-15°C and temperatures do drop to 0°C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket.

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

CANCELLATION POLICY

STANDARD REGISTRATION TERMS

An administration charge of \$220.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Thursday 30 April 2026. Cancellations received after Thursday 30 April 2026 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.

Conference Hotels

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: \$249 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$299 per night
— Single/double

Adina Serviced Apartments

79 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Adina Serviced Apartments Canberra James Court (formerly Medina) is located in the heart of the city on Northbourne Ave. offering contemporary spacious one bedroom apartments. Each apartment features a fully-equipped kitchen, in-room laundry and modern conveniences including flat screen TVs and free WiFi, outdoor pool, sauna, gym, spa and undercover parking on site (\$20/day). The hotel is approximately a 20-minute walk from the National Convention Centre.

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$219 per night
— Single

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 \$330 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$360 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.

City View Room \$375 per night
— Single/twin/double

Park View Room \$420 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.

1 Bedroom Apartments: \$219 per night
— Single/double

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 two guests are within the one room.

Studio Apartment \$289 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$309 per night
— Single/twin/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.

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

Superior King Room \$269 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 Room \$235 per night
— Single/double

Executive Room \$265 per night
— Single/double

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