



25 March 2024

President Rob Coales
Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale
By email to: rCoales@sjshire.wa.gov.au

Dear President Coales,

It is my honour, on behalf of my colleagues in the Strategic Advisory Committee, to extend a warm invitation to you, your colleagues, and staff to attend the National Growth Areas Alliance National Congress, scheduled to take place from Wednesday, May 29, to Friday, May 31, 2024, in Penrith, NSW.

The theme for this year's conference is '**Building Australia's newest cities – A model for the new wave of growth**', hosted by Penrith City Council.

This congress will explore Australia's newest cities, being built on the edges of greater metropolitan areas, around major new infrastructure, with place, productivity, innovation, and digital connectivity at their core.

We will explore the requirements of a new governance model needed for Australia's new cities – looking at lessons from City Deals but daring to imagine systems that empower communities and local governments, engender collaboration and cooperation with industry and across tiers of government, and which produce well-functioning cities and suburbs into the next century.

Program Highlights:

Wednesday: Welcome drinks at Penrith Panther's Chairmans lounge.

Thursday: Site tour showcasing Penrith innovations including a stop at the new Western Sydney Airport.

Thursday night: NGAA Awards celebrating excellence and innovation from our growth areas.

Friday: A day filled with insightful speakers and interesting discussions focused around new city governance, future policies and future design and functionality.

Political speakers, keynote speakers and panelists for the event will be announced as they are confirmed.

For more details on the program and to register for congress, please visit:

<https://ngaa.org.au/congress>

We look forward to welcoming you to Penrith. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mark your calendars for these future NGAA events. These events will provide you with an opportunity to speak with Federal Ministers and a chance to network with other members:

- Members' lunch during the ALGA National General Assembly.
Join NGAA Mayors, Councillors and Officers for a free lunch on Thursday, 4 July during the ALGA National General Assembly. It will be an important opportunity for growth area councils to meet in advance of the Australian Council of Local Governments on Friday, 5 July. **Registrations essential. Visit ngaa.org.au/events to register.**
- 21 November: Growth Areas Event at Parliament House
As is now a tradition, we will be taking Growth Area issues to Parliament House before the end of this Parliamentary year, with a view to placing our advocacy squarely on the national agenda, particularly in the lead up to the next federal election. We understand this date coincides with the LGNSW conference, however the availability of a date and venue within Parliament House was extremely narrow.

More details will be provided closer to the events.

Yours sincerely,



Cr Matthew Deeth
Deputy Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council
Chair, National Growth Areas Alliance
On behalf of the Strategic Advisory Committee



Mayor Teresa Lynes
City of Gosnells



Mayor David Leach
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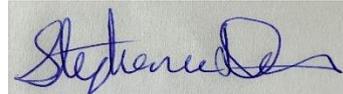
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