

# LEADING THE WAY



## Information and Registration

WA Local Government Convention  
Sunday, 19 – Tuesday, 21 September 2021  
Crown Perth

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LGIS is proud to partner with WALGA at the WA Local Government Convention. The Convention provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone across the sector to come together, share experiences and network.

As the Local Government mutual indemnity Scheme, our members are at the heart of everything we do. We're proud to have stood with our members for over 25 years protecting your communities, organisations and people.

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The team at LGIS look forward to seeing all of our members and exploring how we can support you.



**CIVIC LEGAL**

## Principal Sponsor

Civic Legal is proud to be the principal sponsor of the WA Local Government Convention again this year. We always look forward to catching up with you to hear your stories and to learn more about the issues Local Governments are facing.

Civic Legal has its roots in Local Government. Our specialist Local Government lawyers are passionate about working out the best solutions for Local Governments in all areas of Local Government law.

Drop by our booth to find out more, and to chat with our team. We can help you with complex contracts, leases, employment law matters, planning, litigation, SAT appeals, governance or any other issues your Local Government may face.

Enjoy the conference, and see you soon!

Best regards

**Anthony Quahe**  
Managing Principal

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# AN INVITATION

**It is my pleasure to invite all Elected Members, Chief Executive Officers and Senior Managers to attend the 2021 WA Local Government Convention, scheduled for Sunday, 19 – Tuesday, 21 September at Crown Perth.**



The theme for the 2021 Local Government Convention is Leading the WAY: Looking Forward, Looking Back, taking place against the backdrop of generational change for the sector with reform of the Local Government Act on the horizon.

Additionally, 2020 and 2021 has seen an unprecedented level of uncertainty experienced in areas such as local and international politics; the economy; the environment, together with the ongoing impact and evolving nature of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Convention program has been developed to specifically support and encourage Local Government representatives.

We are pleased to welcome the Honourable Julie Bishop as our Opening Keynote Speaker, and Australian of the Year – Ms Grace Tame, has agreed to deliver the Closing Keynote Speech.

The event will commence with the AGM, followed by a day and a half of plenary and concurrent sessions. These sessions will discuss both contemporary and controversial topics, while the overarching conference format provides opportunity to converse, debate, discuss and share ideas in a welcoming and professional forum.

There is also an opportunity to register for one of the optional field trips scheduled for Wednesday, 22 September.

A significant contingent of industry suppliers will be on display in the trade exhibition to demonstrate their latest products to the Local Government sector. I encourage you to take this once a year opportunity to meet with these suppliers and be updated on what is currently available.

Finally, I would like to express appreciation for the valuable support provided by our Partnered Service – LGIS and Principal Sponsor – Civic Legal. I also wish to thank our Supporting Sponsor; the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries and our other sponsors, Ventia, Synergy and Credit Solutions.

I look forward to seeing you in September.

**Mayor Tracey Roberts JP**  
President

# ABOUT THE EVENT

## Who should attend?

The WA Local Government Convention is presented specifically for those engaged in the Local Government sector.

The conference sessions aim to support and inform Mayors, Presidents, Elected Members and Chief Executive Officers. Additional attendance by Executive Directors and other senior managers is also highly recommended. Available options include full conference participation and daily registration.

## Optional events

### Monday, 20 September

Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) AGM and Breakfast (\$70pp)  
Convention Gala Dinner at Optus Stadium (\$165pp)

### Tuesday, 21 September

Convention Breakfast with Jelena Dokic (\$95pp)  
PHAIWA Local Government Policy Awards and Breakfast –  
For more information or to register for this breakfast, please visit [www.phaiwa.org.au](http://www.phaiwa.org.au)

### Wednesday, 22 September

Field Trip: Bushmead Estate (\$70)  
Field Trip: Construction Training Fund (\$70)  
WALGA Forum on Aboriginal Engagement and Reconciliation

## Partner Program

The Partner Program offers an interesting range of options for accompanying guests, including a full day tour to Fremantle. Social networking functions include the Opening Welcome Reception on Sunday evening and the Gala Dinner on Monday evening.

## Elected Member training

WALGA Training has scheduled a selection of its Elected Member training opportunities prior and post-Convention for your convenience.

- **Friday, 17 September**  
[Developing Specifications for Excellence](#)
- **Wednesday, 22 September**  
[CEO Performance Appraisals](#)
- **Wednesday, 22 & Thursday, 23 September**  
[Recovery Coordinators Course for Local Government](#)

More information on WALGA Training opportunities can be found in the [WALGA Training Directory](#) or on [WALGA Training Website](#).

## 2021 #shoWcAse in Pixels Competition

#shoWcAse in PIXELS is an annual exhibition of artwork from Local Governments, displayed on the iconic 45-metre high digital tower at the heart of Yagan Square in Perth City.

As one of the State's largest ongoing community arts projects, the event is widely acknowledged as being one of the most colourful and vibrant displays throughout the year.

The art competition was held in this format for the first time in 2019, which saw art submissions created from recycled products, wall murals and large-scale canvasses.

Artwork will be displayed in Yagan Square from Monday, **6 September** to Sunday, **26 September**, at 12:00pm each day (subject to changes by Yagan Square).



2019 Overall Winner – Shire of Meekatharra

# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



## Hon Julie Bishop

**The Honourable Julie Bishop served as Australia's Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2013 until her resignation in 2018. She was the first female to hold the role as well as the first female Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party, serving for 11 years.**

As Foreign Minister, Ms Bishop was responsible for strengthening Australia's key strategic and economic relationships with Ministerial responsibility for more than 5000 departmental staff, 110 overseas missions as well as government agencies Australian Secret Intelligence Service and Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research.

In 2014, she led the international response to the downing of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17 over Ukraine, and was awarded the Commander of the Order of Merit of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Under her leadership, the 2017 Foreign Policy White Paper was developed, providing a comprehensive policy framework for the next decade; and the New Colombo Plan was established, enabling Australian undergraduates to live, study and work in the Indo-Pacific region. Within five years more than 40,000 students have participated in the Plan.

In a political career spanning over 20 years, Julie also served as Minister for Education, Science and Training, Minister for Women's Issues and Minister for Ageing.

Prior to entering politics, Ms Bishop was Managing Partner of the law firm Clayton Utz in Perth.

In 2020 Julie was awarded a Fisher Family Fellowship for the Future of Diplomacy Project at Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Centre for Science and International Affairs. In 2021 Julie was awarded the Kissinger Fellowship at the McCain Institute of International Leadership at Arizona State University. In 2021 Julie was appointed by the UK Government to the G7 Equality Advisory Council (GEAC).

Julie is the Chancellor of Australian National University, chair of Telethon Kid's Institute, Chair of The Prince's Trust Australia, member of the international advisory boards of Afiniti and the Human Vaccines Project and is the Patron of Shooting Stars – an education programme for young Aboriginal girls.

She has also established a boutique advisory firm, Julie Bishop and Partners.



## Hon Jason Clare MP

### Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government; Housing and Homelessness

Jason is a member of the Australian Parliament where he represents the seat of Blaxland in Western Sydney.

He was a Minister in the Rudd and Gillard Labor Governments, where he served as Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Justice, Minister for Defence Materiel and Cabinet Secretary.

Jason is currently the Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government.

He has also served as Shadow Minister for Communications, Shadow Minister for Trade and Investment and Shadow Minister for Resources and Northern Australia.

Jason's most important job though is being Louise's husband and Jack's dad.

## Hon Mark Coulton MP

### Federal Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government

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

On 6 February 2020, Mark was sworn-in as the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government.

During his time in the Federal Parliament, Mark has also held the positions of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Party's Chief Whip, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Ageing and the

Voluntary Sector, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Water and Conservation and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and Emerging Trade Markets.

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Mark was the Mayor of Gwydir Shire Council from 2004 until 2007.

Mark has an extensive agricultural background having spent 30 years as a farmer and grazier. Mark and his wife Robyn owned and operated a mixed farming system growing cereal crops and running beef cattle.





## Anthony De Ceglie

### Three-time Walkley Award winner and Editor-in-Chief of West Australian Newspapers

He first started his career as a cadet journalist in regional WA with the *Collie Mail* before becoming a journalist and sub editor at the *Mandurah Mail*.

Anthony previously worked as a reporter with *The Sunday Times* before becoming chief of staff and deputy editor of the newspaper and its website *Perth Now*.

During a secondment to New York in 2011, Anthony helped to launch the iPad newspaper *The Daily* before moving to Sydney to work for *The Daily Telegraph*.

In January 2019 he was appointed senior editor of *The West Australian*, becoming editor in chief in December that same year.

In addition to responsibility for *The West Australian*, *The Weekend West*, *The Sunday Times*, [thewest.com.au](http://thewest.com.au) and [perthnow.com.au](http://perthnow.com.au) and the company's 19 regional publications, Anthony has overseen the successful integration of the Community Newspaper Group and Regional Newspapers and the launch of digital subscriptions on the [west.com.au](http://west.com.au)

## Hon Pru Goward

### The Honourable Pru Goward is a former Cabinet minister, Sex Discrimination Commissioner and was a pioneering television reporter with the ABC.

Pru has a long history of promoting women's rights, driving reform and getting it done and has frequently challenged institutional bullying and harassment.

Since leaving politics, Pru is a Professor of Social Interventions and Policy at Western Sydney University, a board member of Anglicare, a regular newspaper columnist, and a diversity and discrimination expert who has recently reviewed sexual misconduct for ministerial staff in the NSW Government and the NSW Supreme Court.

Her outstanding career as a senior government official and government minister saw reforms in Family Law and more recently child protection, social and affordable housing and urban planning.

With her drive, New South Wales overhauled the State Government's approach to domestic violence and is the only Australian state or territory to witness a decline in assault rates.

Prior to this, Pru was Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner for six years, promoting the landmark introduction of paid maternity leave, now a national entitlement. She also oversaw Australia's first statistically valid sexual harassment survey which continues to be the benchmark for governments and business and reported on the state of work-life balance for men and women in Australia. Pru was also the commissioner responsible for age discrimination.

As a senior current affairs reporter with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation for 19 years, Pru was ABC Television's first female correspondent, the inaugural presenter of Radio National Breakfast and the recipient of a prestigious Walkley Award for her courageous television profile of organized crime figure George Freeman.

She has authored *A Business of Her Own* and has co-authored a biography of John Howard.

*Hon Pru Goward appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau*





## Greg Hire

### Founder, A Stitch in Time

As the former Perth Wildcats Vice-Captain, Greg Hire undoubtedly made a huge impact on basketball, however it could be argued his greatest contribution to our State is the work he is doing off the court. A championship player with both the Wanneroo (now Joondalup) Wolves in the State Basketball League, and the Perth Wildcats in the NBL, Hire was named 2018 Western Australian of the Year (Youth) for his efforts as an advocate for youth mental health. Hire grew up around domestic violence, drugs, alcohol, depression and a lack of positive role models and is heavily involved in community and youth sporting activities and other initiatives that aim to combat mental illness and youth suicide.

Greg played for the Perth Wildcats from 2010 until 2019; accumulating 243 games, winning four NBL Championships as Vice-Captain and recently has represented Australia at the World Cup in 3 on 3 Basketball, winning a Gold Medal at 2020 Asia Cup. As the founder of charity A Stitch in Time, his passion and efforts are now transpiring off the court in the work he is doing in the mental health space.

## Paul Kelly

### Editor-at-Large, The Australian

Paul Kelly is currently the Editor-at-Large at *The Australian*. He was previously Editor-in-Chief and he writes on Australian politics, public policy and international affairs.

Paul has covered Australian governments from Gough Whitlam to Scott Morrison and is a regular television commentator on Sky News. He is the author of nine books including *The Hawke Ascendancy*, *The End of Certainty* and *The March of Patriots*. His most recent book, *Triumph and Demise* covered the Rudd-Gillard era.

Paul has been a Fellow at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Fellow at the Menzies Centre, King's College, London.







## Glenn Mitchell

**Glenn is a former leading ABC sports broadcaster. During his 20 years with ABC Sport in Perth he became a familiar voice around the country with his commentaries on international and domestic cricket and AFL football.**

He also commentated at four Olympic Games (Atlanta, Sydney, Athens and Beijing), and three Commonwealth Games.

One of the ABC's senior cricket commentators, Glenn broadcast over 110 Tests and One Day Internationals, covering overseas tours against Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, England and New Zealand.

But all through this period, Glenn was a sufferer of mental illness and in early 2011 he descended into a highly depressive state that resulted in him inexplicably resigning his dream position at the ABC and making an attempt on his own life. After overcoming his personal demons and reshaping his life, Glenn now aims to try and prevent others from enduring the torturous path he did by candidly speaking about his own journey.

*Glenn Mitchell appears by arrangement with Cheri Gardiner & Associates*

## Grace Tame

**After being raped and sexually abused by her maths teacher when she was just 15 years old, Grace Tame has spent the last 10 years turning her traumatic experience into being an advocate for survivors of child sexual abuse and a leader of positive change.**

Recognising the injustice of Tasmania's gag order that prevented survivors from self-identifying publicly, Grace offered her story to the #LetHerSpeak campaign created by Nina Funnell, along with the stories of 16 other brave survivors. In 2019, she finally won the court order to speak out under her own name, making her the state's first female child sexual abuse survivor to do so.

Now, 26 and based in Hobart, Grace is dedicated to eradicating child sexual abuse in Australia, and supporting the survivors of child sexual abuse.

Her focus is around enabling survivors to tell their stories without shame, educating the public around the process and lasting effects of grooming and working with policy and decision-makers to ensure we have a federal legal system that supports the survivors, not just perpetrators.

She is also a passionate yoga teacher, visual artist, and champion long-distance runner, having won the 2020 Ross Marathon in a female course record time of 2:59:31.

Grace is the 2021 Australian of the Year.





## Liam Bartlett

**60 Minutes reporter, host of Radio LPR's morning program, award winning broadcaster and journalist**

Having spent nearly 30 years working in Australian media, Liam is one of Perth's highest profile journalists and public broadcasters.

With a Bachelor of Economics from the University of Western Australia, he has held a series of high profile positions across all three major platforms – television, radio and print. His roles have included hosting the State-based 7.30 Report on ABC TV,

news anchor at STW Channel Nine in Perth, reporting for the Nine Network's Melbourne bureau of A Current Affair, columnist and feature writer for News Limited through the Sunday Times and the host of prime-time talkback shifts on Radio 6PR and 720 ABC Perth.

*Liam Bartlett appears by arrangement with Cheri Gardiner & Associates*

## Convention Breakfast – Jelena Dokic

**Jelena Dokic has had a storied and well-documented life and tennis career both on and off the tennis court. She started playing tennis when she was six years old and very quickly became the national champion in multiple age groups. However, the war erupted in former Yugoslavia and the family was forced to escape twice. Jelena and her family were refugees before settling in Australia when she was 11 years old.**

In 1998, as a 15-year-old, Jelena won the US Open junior title and the French Open doubles title. She became number 1 junior in the world in 1998 and also made a Fed Cup debut the same year winning both her singles matches and becoming the youngest player ever to represent Australia in the Fed Cup.

In early 1999, still only 15 she won the Hopman Cup for Australia partnering Mark Philippoussis and also reached the 3rd round of the Australian Open at 15. Later that year at the age of 16, she caused one of the biggest upsets in tennis history beating world number 1 Martina Hingis as a qualifier. It still remains the only time a world number 1 has lost to a qualifier at Wimbledon. She went on to reach the quarter-finals of Wimbledon that year and it catapulted Jelena to prominence on the world stage.

In 2001 Jelena won her first WTA singles title in Rome. She went on to win two more titles that year and reach the top 10 in the world at the age of 18. At the age of 19 she reached world number 4.

After a string of injuries and a battle with depression, Jelena made a comeback to tennis in 2008 and had an incredible run at the 2009 Australian Open,

reaching the quarterfinals and also winning her first WTA title in nine years in Kuala Lumpur. Jelena's latter part of her career was riddled with injury and illness which forced her to retire early.

Jelena has penned the best-selling autobiography *Unbreakable*, a book which details her career and her life. In the book, she details the struggles of being a refugee, dealing with poverty, racism, bullying, and discrimination. She also talks about the physical and emotional abuse she suffered for over 20 years at the hands of her father which started when she was just six years old.

Jelena now pours her efforts into commentary and TV work for Channel 9, Fox Sports and Tennis Australia. She does work for multiple radio stations and she regularly writes columns.

*Jelena Dokic appears by arrangement with ICMI*



# THE PROGRAM

## SUNDAY, 19 September (pre-conference)

2:30pm – 6:00pm	Delegate Service Desk open for Convention Registration
3:00pm – 5:00pm	<b>Mayors and Presidents' Forum</b> (separate registration – by invitation only)
5:00pm – 6:30pm	<b>Opening Welcome Reception</b> A welcoming space to network your way through an evening of food, beverages, music and friendly conversation. Included in Full Delegate Registration.

## Monday, 20 September

7:00am	Delegate Service Desk open for Convention Registration
7:00am – 8:30am	<b>ALGWA (WA) AGM and Breakfast (\$70)</b> Register online via Delegate Registration. Other enquiries to Cr Karen Wheatland, City of Melville - 0401 335 642 or <a href="mailto:CrKaren.Wheatland@melville.wa.gov.au">CrKaren.Wheatland@melville.wa.gov.au</a>
7:30am – 8:45am	<b>Breakfast with Heads of Agencies</b> This breakfast is for Mayors, Presidents and CEOs only and invitations will be sent directly. Sponsored by Aware Super.
9:00am – 12:45pm	<b>WALGA Annual General Meeting</b> (includes recognition of Honours Award recipients)
12:45pm – 1:45pm	Lunch for AGM attendees
12:45pm – 1:45pm	<b>2021 Honour Awards Lunch</b> (by invitation only)
1:50pm – 3:00pm	<b>Opening Keynote Speaker: The Honourable Julie Bishop</b>
3:00pm – 3:40pm	Afternoon Tea
3:40pm – 5:00pm	<b>Local Government, a Federal Perspective</b> <b>Hon Mark Coulton MP</b> , Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government <b>Hon Jason Clare MP</b> , Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government; Housing and Homelessness Moderated by <b>Liam Bartlett</b>
6:30pm – 11:00pm	<b>Gala Dinner, Optus Stadium</b> (\$165) Put aside business for the night and enjoy a stunning view, food, drinks and dancing Includes announcement of #shoWcAse in Pixels winners

## Tuesday, 21 September

- 7:00am Delegate Service Desk open for Registration
- 7:00am – 8:45am **PHAIWA Local Government Policy Awards and Breakfast**  
For more information or to register for this breakfast, please visit [www.phaiwa.org.au](http://www.phaiwa.org.au)
- 7:30am – 8:45am **Convention Breakfast with Jelena Dokic** (\$95)
- 8:50am **Minding Your Mental Health** – Panel Discussion  
Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal mental health is an issue that all Australians need to confront to offer genuine support and care for those affected and to help mitigate risks in workplaces and interactions. Local Government in particular, with its role as a major employer and provider of community services, needs to continuously explore how mental health issues manifest and evolve to best inform their options in responding.  
**Hon Pru Goward**, former Cabinet Minister  
**Greg Hire**, Founder, A Stitch in Time  
**Glenn Mitchell**, former leading ABC sports broadcaster
- 10:00am **State and Federal Political Insights**  
A conversation centred on the political landscape including the current State Government's performance following the recent State Government Election and an overview of Federal Government initiatives, emerging critical issues and the media response.  
**Paul Kelly**, Editor-at-Large, *The Australian*  
**Anthony De Ceglie**, Editor-in-Chief, *The West Australian*
- 10:40am – 11:15am Morning Tea

11:15am

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

### Recovery from Emergencies in WA

Western Australia communities have been hit hard by emergencies in 2021. In February, a fire ignited in the Wooroloo area in the Shire of Mundaring. The blaze rapidly escalated to a level 3 fire, burning for almost a week and crossing two Local Government areas, destroying 86 homes and causing widespread damage.

In April, Tropical Cyclone Seroja made landfall between Kalbarri and Port Gregory. Winds of up to 170 kilometres an hour left a trail of destruction over 35,000 square kilometres of Western Australia. Throughout 10 Local Government areas; it destroyed homes, businesses, resorts, sheds, fences and water stations, leaving thousands of people homeless and without power and communication for extended periods.

Whilst Local Government has the legislative responsibility for recovery, the scale and significance of both of these recovery effects, has seen the State appoint a State Recovery Controller for each of these events to lead the whole of government approach to recovery efforts.

During this session, we will hear the experience of those involved and learn about how they managed the unique challenges of these extensive recovery efforts.

### Governance: Roles & Responsibilities

The purpose and intent of the Local Government Act 1995 is to provide efficient and effective good governance to communities. Inherent in this purpose and intent is the separation of powers principle which, as Parliament considered when the Act was introduced in 1993, stated '...there will be clear specifications of the roles of key players ... to promote efficiency ...and to avoid conflicts caused by uncertainty...".

The question of separation of powers remains a focus of Local Government advocacy and has featured in the Final Report of the Local Government Review Panel, Report of the Inquiry into the City of Perth and Select Committee into the Local Government Final Report.

This session will examine why this remains a topic of interest to the sector, scenarios that led to commentary in recent Reports and how proposals for improvements in role clarity will foster efficient and effective Local Government.

### Elected Members:

#### Champions of economic resilience and community prosperity

As community leaders and key decision makers, Elected Members have an important role to play in supporting local economic development and prosperity. This session provides a valuable opportunity to get exclusive access to Economic Development Australia's (EDA's) new economic development education and training program and will cover important topics such as:

- principles for economic development planning
- leading recovery and building resilience for your community; and
- being an Economic Development Champion - promoting economic prosperity for your community

Economic Development Australia (EDA) is the national peak body for economic development professionals.

## Tuesday, 21 September (continued)

12:45pm – 1:40pm

Lunch

1:40pm

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

#### **Bushfire Volunteers**

Western Australians in rural and pastoral areas rely heavily on Bush Fire Brigade volunteers to keep them safe from the threat of fire. Local Governments are responsible for administering and training the 19,500 volunteers in 565 bushfire brigades around the State.

This session will provide the latest information on volunteer workplace health and safety obligations, training opportunities and the changing landscape in attracting and retaining bushfire volunteers.

#### **Local Government Audits**

The WA State Government amended legislation and regulations to provide for the Auditor General to be responsible for undertaking Local Government audits effective from 1 July 2018. The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) phased in over three years the responsibility for undertaking the audits previously carried out by Local Government appointed commercial contract auditors.

This session will provide information on the:

- Experience of initial three years of financial audits
- Lessons learnt from the OAG perspective
- OAG perspective on Local Government financial statutory provisions
- Expectations for future auditing
- Overview of Local Government Performance Audits and future focus

#### **Waste Avoidance and the impact of the Waste Export Bans**

In WA, the majority of material that is recycled through the kerbside recycling bin is exported for reprocessing and use in new products. That's all set to change with the introduction of export bans for plastic, paper and cardboard. As of 1 July 2021, mixed plastic, which is about 4% of what is collected through the kerbside recycling bin, will no longer be able to be exported and will be reprocessed locally. While this is a good outcome in relation to increasing transparency of where material goes, it is likely to have a financial impact on the costs of kerbside recycling.

This session will outline the impact of the export bans, the local processing options being developed and ultimately the best thing that Local Government and the community can do with waste – avoid it completely.

3:10pm– 3:45pm

Afternoon Tea

3:45pm

**Closing Speaker: Grace Tame**

4:45pm

Official Close of the 2021 Local Government Convention

## Wednesday, 22 September (post-conference)

8:30am Delegate Service Desk open

### 9:00am – 11:30am **Field Trip: Bushmead Estate, Shaped by Nature (\$70)**

Bushmead Estate, 16 km east of Perth's CBD, is a new land development located in the City of Swan that has placed the pristine natural bushland at the forefront of design, with every household connected to the bush. The development which will eventually be home to around 950 new dwellings aims to minimise the environmental footprint and places high importance on the retention of trees within the development. Bushmead is also one of the few estates in Western Australia to have received 6-Leaf EnviroDevelopment Accreditation, ensuring sustainable living for residents.

The land developer, Cedar Woods, will discuss the sustainability features of the estate and the process involved around tree retention from planning to construction, and participants will view a development shaped by the natural site features and experience the parks and walking trails of this unique community.

Includes bus transfers from Crown Perth and Morning Tea.

### 9:00am – 12:00pm **Field Trip: Construction Futures Centre (\$70)**



Construction Training Fund (CTF) is a government statutory authority creating a skilled Western Australian construction workforce. It collects a training levy, helps pay for training, conducts research, showcases training and career opportunities and makes a contribution to building our communities. It also operates an interactive venue, the Construction Futures Centre in Belmont, designed to educate school aged children, young adults and others to consider the many job options on offer within the industry.

Join this tour to explore a range of virtual and augmented reality technologies, artefacts, videos, games and static displays that offer a unique insight into the scope of WA's building and construction industry.

Includes bus transfers from Crown Perth and Morning Tea.

### 9:30am – 3:00pm **WALGA Forum on Aboriginal Engagement and Reconciliation**

Hear from State Government on key Native Title Settlements in WA, and learn from Local Governments about the process of commencing Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) through to embedding reconciliation activities as core business. Join Traditional Owners and Aboriginal leaders for a round-table yarn on opportunities and barriers experienced by local Aboriginal communities, and the positive impact Local Government can make. The program will cover Aboriginal engagement methods, employment and economic opportunities, cultural awareness and interpretation, and traditional ecological knowledge in landcare.

Separate registration - [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

# PARTNER ACTIVITIES

Registration is required for all activities – prices include GST. Please contact WALGA for more information should your partner be interested in attending a particular conference session.

## SUNDAY, 19 September

### Fremantle Tour

8:30am – 4:00pm \$175

Departing Crown Perth at 8:30am we make our way to Fremantle where you will be taken on a private tour of Fremantle Prison. Following the tour, we will replenish ourselves with a two-course lunch at the National Hotel. From there we do a short walking tour of Fremantle before heading back to Crown Perth via train.

**Please note:** We recommend comfortable walking shoes for this tour.

**Includes:** Coach transfer, morning tea, tour of Fremantle Prison, Lunch at the National Hotel, walking tour, return train to Crown Perth and Guide

(Minimum 15 – maximum 20)

### Opening Welcome Reception

5:00pm – 6:30pm \$85

## MONDAY, 20 September

### Shaken not Stirred Cocktail Course

2:00pm – 4:00pm \$90

Get ready to have fun and learn how to make cocktails! Held at Crown Perth, your Cocktail Master will teach you insider mixologist techniques and fun facts about each cocktail. All you have to do is sip and enjoy while the demonstrations are given and the ingredients for the next cocktail are prepared.

**Includes:** 2-hour cocktail course

(Minimum 15 maximum 35)

### Convention Gala Dinner at Optus Stadium

6:30pm – 11:00pm \$165

## TUESDAY, 21 September

### Breakfast with Jelena Dokic

7:30am – 8:45am \$95

### Optus Stadium Tour and Morning Tea

8:30am – 11:30am \$70

This private tour presents an exclusive opportunity to explore Optus Stadium. It will be followed by morning tea at the gorgeous City View Café.

**Please note:** We recommend comfortable walking shoes for this tour and a reasonable level of fitness as there is a lot of walking involved.

**Includes:** Guide, Morning Tea and Private Tour of Optus Stadium.

(Minimum 12 – maximum 20)

### Matagarup Bridge Climb and Zip

12:30pm – 4:00pm \$175

Dare if you will, to climb Matagarup Bridge and Zip down. Afterwards we will have celebratory drinks and nibbles at The Camfield Tavern.

**Includes:** Matagarup Bridge Zip & Climb Adventure for 2 hours, Drinks & Nibbles and Guide

(Minimum 8 – maximum 16)



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ONLINE CONVENTION REGISTRATIONS

Visit [www.walga.asn.au/lgc21](http://www.walga.asn.au/lgc21) to complete your registration online

Full Delegate fees cover the daily conference program, lunches, refreshments, and the Opening Reception on Sunday, 19 September. The Convention Gala Dinner on Monday evening and Convention Breakfast on Tuesday morning are optional, and a ticket fee applies.

## Convention Fees

Prices are per person and are all inclusive of GST.

Deadline for all Registrations is **Wednesday, 1 September 2021**

### Convention Registration

Full Delegate	\$1,200
WALGA Life Members	Complimentary
Corporate	\$1,500

### Optional Extras

ALGWA AGM and Breakfast (Monday)	\$70
Gala Dinner at Optus Stadium (Monday)	
Delegates/Exhibitors/Partners	\$165
Life Members and their partners	\$95
Convention Breakfast with Jelena Dokic (Tuesday)	\$95

### Partners/Guests

Opening Reception (Sunday)	\$85
Lunch (Monday/Tuesday)	\$50
Partner Tours	Individual tour fees as listed

Please contact WALGA for more information should your partner like to attend a particular conference session.

## Changes to your registration

You can modify your online booking at any time before the close of registrations. Once you have completed your registration, an email with your confirmation number will be emailed to you. Click on the link and enter your confirmation number to make any changes or additions to your reservation.

**Registration cancellations** must be advised **in writing** prior to the deadline date of **Wednesday, 1 September**. Thereafter full fees are payable. Alternatively, a registration may be transferred to another member of the Council.

## Special Requirements

Special dietary requirements, mobility or any other special needs should be indicated when registering – WALGA will use its best endeavours to meet these requests.

## Accommodation

Hotel information is available at [www.walga.asn.au/lgc21](http://www.walga.asn.au/lgc21). Reservations are to be made direct with hotel. Please note that city hotels have limited guest parking so please clarify these arrangements when booking.

## Crown Perth Parking

There is a range of free, paid, undercover and open car parks at Crown Perth; including over 3000 free parking bays available across the property plus 50 accessible ACROD parking bays.

To view the Crown Perth Parking Map, please [CLICK HERE](#). Access to Crown Perth is also available via train (Armadale & Thornlie Lines), bus (Great Eastern Highway) and taxi/ride share.

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