

6.2.11 National General Assembly of Local Government

REPORT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER TO 2 APRIL 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

National General Assembly of Local Government

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RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. **the report by the General Manager on the National General Assembly of Local Government be received;**
2. **Council approve the Mayor Des Kennedy or if he is unavailable the Deputy Mayor and the General Manager to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government to be held in Canberra from 15 to 18 June 2014.**

Detailed report

Please find attached a self-explanatory letter from the Australian Local Government Association inviting representatives of this Council to attend the National General Assembly of Local Government in Canberra from 15 to 18 June 2014. Also attached is the program for the Assembly. This Council has in the past sent the Mayor and General Manager to this assembly, and they report back directly to the Council. The recommendation in this report is that the Mayor or in his absence the Deputy Mayor and General Manager attend this National General Assembly.

Financial and Operational Plan implications

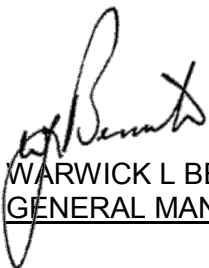
The cost of sending two delegates to this conference would be \$900 per delegate registration fee, and a further \$500 for accommodation and meals per person, bringing the total to \$3,000 which would be debited to Council's conference expenses.

Community Plan implications

Nil.

4 March 2014

Attachments: 1. Letter and Provisional Program from President of Australian Local Government Association, dated 28 February 2014



WARWICK L BENNETT
GENERAL MANAGER

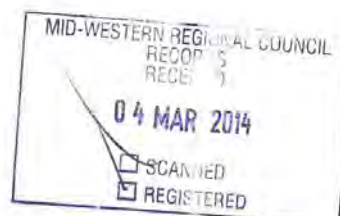


AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

28 February 2014

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Mid-Western Regional Council
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To the Mayor, Councillors and CEO

I am writing to invite you to attend this year's National General Assembly of Local Government (NGA) in Canberra from 15 - 18 June.

I have invited the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition. We will also be joined by other ministers and 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 *'Getting Down to Business'*. There is no more relevant an issue for government across Australia at the moment. The Federal Government is working through the outcomes on its Commission of Audit and is preparing for White Papers on the Federation and our taxation system. Each of these processes will help to shape Government in Australia in the coming years and local government needs to be in a strong position to respond to whatever changes may emerge.

This year also marks the 20th NGA. This is a time for local government to celebrate our achievements over those 20 years and provides an opportunity to focus on the future and apply lessons learned from the past.

Enclosed is the NGA Registration Brochure which contains full details of the program, business agenda and associated events.

Your council's involvement in the NGA is vital to assist ALGA to maintain the renewed focus on local government and to drive improved outcomes for local government at the national level. A number of important policy motions will be debated at the NGA and it is essential that every council is represented in these debates and is able to have its say.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra.

Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
President

2014 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Provisional Program

SUNDAY 15 JUNE

5:00-7:00 pm Welcome Reception

MONDAY 16 JUNE

9:00 am Opening Ceremony

9:20 am President's Welcome

9:30 am Prime Minister, **The Hon Tony Abbott** (invited)10:00 am KEYNOTE **Ken Henry AC** (invited)

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am PANEL SESSION Local Government in the Federation

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS
'Building a Sustainable Future'

- Finance and Infrastructure
- The Environment
- Human Services

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Collaboration on Climate Action

4:00 pm Debate on motions

5:00 pm Close Day 1

7:00 pm Dinner

TUESDAY 17 JUNE

9:00 am KEYNOTE **Helen Silver**, Chief General Manager, Worker's Compensation, Allianz; Former Secretary, Department of Premier and Cabinet, Victoria

9:30 am Debate on motions

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Shadow Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, **The Hon Julie Collins** (Invited)

11:30 pm Debate on motions

12:30 pm LUNCH

1:30 pm PANEL SESSION Councils Getting Down to Business

3:00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3:30 pm Debate on Motions

4:30 pm Leader of the Opposition, **The Hon Bill Shorten** (invited)

5:00 pm Close Day 2

7:00 pm OFFICIAL DINNER Parliament House

WEDNESDAY 18 JUNE

9:00 am Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, **The Hon Warren Truss**

9:30 am Debate on Motions

10:30 am MORNING TEA

11:00 am Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, **The Hon Scott Morrison**11:30 am **Dr Brendan Nelson**, Director, The Australian War Memorial

12:00 noon KEYNOTE TBC

12:20 pm President's Closing remarks

12:30 pm Close