



# *LEAN* INTO LEGACY

WALGA LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
CONVENTION 2025



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# WALGA's Local Government Convention returns to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre from Monday 22 – Wednesday 24 September 2025.

Our 2025 theme 'Lean into Legacy' delves into how the decisions we make today form the building blocks for tomorrow. With a focus on reflective, current and future legacy, we will explore how leaving a lasting, positive legacy as a Local Government means making choices that endure far beyond election cycles.

MONDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER	
9:30am-3:15pm	<b>Planning Showcase</b> – Meeting Rooms 1-3
11:00am	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
11:30am-2:30pm	<b>Heads of Agency Lunch</b> – Riverview Room 4
3:30pm-5:00pm	<b>Mayors and Presidents Forum</b> – Riverview Room 4 Keynote Speaker: Anthony De Ceglie, Perth Bears CEO
4:00pm	<b>Exhibition Opens</b>
4:00pm-6:00pm	<b>Officer Free Entry Program (Exhibition)</b>
6:00pm-9:00pm	<b>Welcome Drinks</b> – Pavilion 1
9:00pm	<b>Exhibition Closes</b>

# TUESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

## SESSION ONE – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

7:00am	<b>Registration Desk Opens</b>
7:30am	<b>Exhibition Opens</b>
8:30am	<b>Main Session Doors Open</b>
9:00am	<b>Welcome to Country</b> – Dylan Collard
9:15am	<b>MC Welcome</b> – Di Darmody
9:20am	<b>Opening Address</b> Hon Josh Wilson MP, Assistant Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Assistant Minister for Emergency Management, Federal Member for Fremantle
9:30am	<b>WALGA Address</b> President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
9:40am	<b>Video Address</b> – Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Federal Member for Member for Eden-Monaro
9:45am	<b>Leader of the Opposition Address</b> Basil Zempilas MLA, Leader of the Opposition; Leader of the WA Liberal Party; Shadow Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests
9:55am	<b>Keynote Address</b> – Dr Richard Hames
10:55am	<b>Morning Tea</b> - Pavilion 1

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### SESSION TWO – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

11:30am	<b>Video Address</b> – Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
11:40am	<b>State of Play</b>  Facilitated by: Jessica Page – State Political Editor, The West Australian  Panellists:  Kirrilee Warr MLA, Shadow Minister for Local Government; Fisheries, Member for Geraldton  Rhys Williams MLA, Member for Mandurah  Hon Lauren Cayoun MLC, Government Whip in the Legislative Council  David Bolt MLA, Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness; Environment and Climate; Science and Innovation, Member for Murray-Wellington
1:15pm	<b>Lunch</b> – Pavilion 1

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

2:15pm-5:00pm	<b>WALGA Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b>
2:30pm-4:00pm	<b>Free Officer Entry Program (Exhibition)</b>
4:00pm	<b>Exhibition Closes</b>
6:30pm-10:30pm	<b>Convention Cocktail Gala</b> The Art Gallery of Western Australia

## WEDNESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

### ICONS BREAKFAST – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

6:30am **Registration Desk Opens**

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7:00am-8:45am **Icons Breakfast**  
In Conversation with Glenn McGrath

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7:30am **Exhibition Opens**

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8:00am-10:00am **Free Officer Entry Program (Exhibition)**

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8:45am **Icons Photo Opportunity**

### OPENING SESSION – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

9:30am **Opening – Showcase in Pixels**

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9:40am **Panel Session**

Cooperation and Shared Services  
between Local Governments

Facilitated by: Di Darmody

Panellists:

**Economic Development:** Warwick Carter, Director Perth  
South West Metropolitan Alliance

**Planning:** Fiona Mullen, Manager Development  
Services, City of South Perth

**Building:** Anthony Vuleta, CEO City of Kalamunda

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10:40am **ALGA President's Address**  
Mayor Matt Burnett

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10:50am **Morning Tea** – Pavilion 1

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## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:25am-12:55pm

### **Breakout Session 1** – Riverview Room 4

Electrification: As all tiers of Government continue to work through the energy transition, this breakout session will explore how Local Government can best navigate the next phase of electrification.

Facilitated by: Jessica Seares, Managing Director, Amica Advisory

**Part 1** – Strategic Direction for energy policy and the energy transition

Jai Thomas, Deputy Director General – Coordinator of Energy, Energy Policy WA

**Part 2** – How WALGA is supporting Local Government's Power Purchase Agreement and ARENA

Paul Kellick - Manager Facilities, Projects & Assets, City of Stirling

Katie Biggs - Sustainability Planning Officer, Shire of Augusta Margaret River

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11:25am-12:55pm

### **Breakout Session 2** – Riverview Room 5

Economic Development: Critical to the function of Local Governments and strengthening local communities, this session will bring public awareness to Economic Development projects being delivered by Local Governments that contribute to local economies.

Facilitated by: Lisa Smith, Manager Economic Development & Advocacy, City of Kwinana

Panellists:

Dean Unsworth - Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Murray

Clive Coutinho - Coordinator Economic Development, City of Swan

David Nicholson - Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Gnowangerup

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12:55pm

**Lunch** – Pavilion 1

CLOSING SESSION – BELLEVUE BALLROOM 1+2

2:00pm

**Closing Session**

In Conversation with Adam Goodes

3:00pm

**WALGA Closing Remarks**

President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP

3:15pm

**Convention Close**



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