



PROGRAM

WALGA's 2026 Local Government Convention program, under the theme of *Tomorrow's World*, reflects the rapidly changing environment facing Local Governments across Western Australia. From emerging technologies and shifting community expectations to economic

pressures and global uncertainty, we know the challenges and opportunities facing the sector are evolving faster than ever before, so we've tailored a program to support the sector to prepare and build the capability to respond.

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Wednesday, 16 September		
8.30am 3.45pm	Registration Desk Opens Level 3, Ballroom Foyer PCEC	
9.00am 10.30am	Mayors & Presidents Forum – By invitation only Riverview Room 5 PCEC	
11.30am 2.30pm	Heads of Agency Lunch – By invitation only Riverview Room 5 PCEC	
3.30pm 5.00pm	Content Coming Soon – By invitation only Riverview Room 5 PCEC	
4.30pm 8.00pm	Exhibition Opens Pavilion 1 PCEC	
5.00pm 8.00pm	Welcome Drinks The opening event for networking and a chance to see the new Exhibition layout, featuring entertainment and light refreshments. Pavilion 1 PCEC	
Thursday, 17 September		
7.00am 3.00pm	Registration Desk Opens Level 3, Ballroom Foyer PCEC	
7.30am 4.00pm	Exhibition Opens Pavilion 1 PCEC	
8.30am 8.45am	Opening Segment / Welcome to Country BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	
8.45am 8.50am	MC Welcome BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	
8.50am 9.05am	Opening Address BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	
9.05am 9.15am	WALGA President Address BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	9.00am – 10.30am Transforming Services Module – A Focus for Officers Meeting Rooms 1, 2 & 3 PCEC Smarter Together: Shared Services in Local Government This session will explore successful shared service models, Local Government case studies and success stories that demonstrate the benefits of collaboration and innovation.
9.15am 9.30am	Leader of the Opposition Address – Basil Zempilas BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	
9.30am 10.30am	Keynote Speaker – Understanding Today's Geopolitical Landscape & Protecting Democracy: Recognising and Building Resilience to Foreign Interference BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	
10.30am 11.15am	Morning Tea Pavilion 1 PCEC	

11.15am 12.15pm	State of Play Gary Adshead Senior Journalist, Business News Hon Hannah Beazley BA MLA Minister for Local Government; Disability Services, Veterans; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne Kirrilee Warr MLA Shadow Minister for Local Government; Fisheries BelleVue Ballroom PCEC		11.15am – 1.30pm Transforming Services Module – A Focus for Officers Meeting Rooms 1, 2 & 3 PCEC AI 101 – Tools, Risks and Real-World Applications A practical introduction to artificial intelligence, including leading applications, risks, and opportunities to improve efficiency, enhance decision-making, and deliver better outcomes for communities.	
12.15pm 1.30pm	Breakout Session A – Building Connected Communities: Strengthening Social Cohesion and Inclusion BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	12.15pm 1.30pm	Breakout Session B – Future-Ready Regions: WA's Path Forward Riverview Room 4 and 5 PCEC	
1.30pm 2.30pm	Lunch & Exhibition Time Pavilion 1 PCEC			
2.30pm 5.30pm	WALGA's Annual General Meeting Attendance at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is free for all Elected Members and Officers from Member Local Governments. Voting Delegates and Proxies must be registered prior to the AGM start time and must be approved by the CEO. Our AGM Helpdesk will be available for voting delegate check in and support from 7.00am to 2.00pm on the day. BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			
6.30pm 10.30pm	The Kingsman Soirée A premium evening event featuring high end canapés, entertainment and drinks. The Kingsman Corner Grosvenors Avenue & Riverside Drive, Perth WA 6000			
Friday, 18 September				
6.30am 3.00pm	Registration Desk Opens Level 3, Ballroom Foyer PCEC			
7.00am 3.00pm	Exhibition Opens Pavilion 1 PCEC			
7.00am 8.45am	Icons Breakfast – Ariarne Titmus OAM with Dean Boxall Four-time Olympic gold medallist and world record holder, Ariarne Titmus OAM made history in Paris with back-to-back Olympic golds in the 400m freestyle. Ariarne will be joined by renowned coach Dean Boxall, whose leadership helped drive some of Australia's greatest swimming achievements and whose passion captured the world's attention. BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			Ariarne Titmus OAM Olympic Freestyle Champion Dean Boxall Australian Swimming Coach
8.45am 9.00am	Icons Photo Opportunity			
9.30am 9.35am	Opening Segment BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			9.00am – 3.30pm Procurement Network Forum – exclusive to WALGA Procurement subscribers Meeting Rooms 1, 2 & 3 PCEC The Procurement Network Forum is WALGA's flagship event for the Local Government procurement community, bringing together practitioners from across the sector for a day of learning, networking and discussion.
9.35am 10.50am	Housing Priorities: Insights from Key State Agencies BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			
10.50am 11.30am	Morning Tea Break Pavilion 1 PCEC			
11.30am 1.00pm	Strengthening the Mayor/President & CEO Partnership: Building Trust for Success BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			
1.00pm 2.00pm	Lunch Break Pavilion 1 PCEC			
2.00pm 3.00pm	Breakout Session C – Digital Presence and Psychosocial Wellbeing: Building Your Profile While Protecting Your Mental Health BelleVue Ballroom PCEC	2.00pm 3.00pm	Breakout Session D – Navigating Native Title in Western Australia Riverview Room 4 and 5 PCEC	
3.15pm 4.15pm	Closing Keynote BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			
4.15pm 4.30pm	Closing Remarks BelleVue Ballroom PCEC			