



# Media Release

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## National Growth Areas Alliance Awards Applaud Initiatives in Outer Suburbs

The National Growth Areas Alliance have awarded councils in Outer Metropolitan areas for their initiative and forward thinking in the following categories.

- **Jobs Category** – An award which focuses on projects or actions that will generate the jobs of the future, specifically employment opportunities through industry growth and jobs generation. Won by **Renewal SA Works Program – Renewal SA and partners**. A program which saw development of a place-based economic participation model for a highly disadvantaged community. The model is now being applied by Renewal SA in four other major developments across Adelaide and in various forms by a number of registered training organisations.
- **Skills Category** – An award which focuses on projects or actions that will provide the skills for the jobs of the future. Won by **The Cockburn Integrated Health and Education Project – City of Cockburn, WA**. Based at the Cockburn Integrated Health and Community Facility, the Cockburn GP Super Clinic is co-located with Success Regional Library, relocated Centrelink offices, a Pharmacy, Café and quality offices and student accommodation. The service model, derived from a collaborative partnership between the City of Cockburn, Cockburn GP Super Clinic and Curtin University adds value to the investment by creating education and training opportunities to develop future skills, create local jobs and sustain growth in the area.
- **Resilience Category** - An award which focuses on projects or actions which will build resilience. Won by **Melton Library and Learning Hub Project – Melton City Council, Vic** The project is a state of the art library and learning facility designed and built to the GBCA's 5-Star Green Star standard for Public Buildings, and is Australia's first Green Star Library. The facility offers library facilities; a focus for community engagement; access to children's health resources; formal and informal learning spaces and opportunities with educational partners; business incubator spaces and an integrated social enterprise offering ongoing local employment and training opportunities.

Commendations were awarded to:

- **Casey Cardinia Region Investment Attraction Partnership – Casey Cardinia Region, Vic**
- **Developing Apprenticeship Skills in Northern Adelaide – St Patrick's Technical College, SA.**
- **SYC Operations in Outer Metropolitan Areas – SYC, SA, Vic and NSW** and
- **Neighbourhood Renewal, Building Resilience – Penrith City Council, NSW**

NGAA Chair, Mayor Glenn Docherty said “These awards are part of the Growth that Works Congress being held in Adelaide. This event has provided expert input to help us examine how to open up the opportunities and jobs of the future in outer metropolitan growth areas. Our aim is to end the ‘drive in drive out’ phenomenon and create more productive and liveable cities. These areas currently house 4million residents. 1million jobs are needed by 2026 just to maintain the status quo. The awards show what we are capable of. We want to build on these successes to become the ‘go to’ areas for innovation and showcases for Growth That Works. Yesterday we were happy to be joined by The Hon Ian Macfarlane Minister for Industry. Today we are joined by The Hon Jamie Briggs, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development at 11AM.”

For more information or to talk with Mayor Docherty please contact Geoff Setty on 0407673545

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- NGAA covers 25 growth municipalities on the outskirts of capital cities nationally
- Number of residents in NGAA member areas 3.5million <sup>1</sup>
- Proportion of Australia’s growth 2006-2011 27.5%
- Rate of growth compared to Australia Double <sup>2</sup>
- Forecast population in NGAA member areas by 2021 4.4 million <sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If all eligible outer metro growth areas are included, the projected population by 2021 is 5.5m.

<sup>2</sup> Hugo G & Harris K, University of Adelaide, *Population Dynamics in Outer Suburbs 2006-2011* (2013)

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