

# 2020 NGAA Research Symposium: Webinar Series



The aim of the NGAA Research Symposium is to share the latest knowledge, research and practice from growth area councils. NGAA Member Councils, grappling every day with the challenges and opportunities of sustained population growth, are at the heart of our comprehensive evidence base about life in Australia's outer metropolitan growth areas.

In 2020 the NGAA Research Symposium took the form of seven issues-based webinars. This format was due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you to the following Member Councils for presenting and sharing their research and practice in the webinars:

- o City of Armadale
- o Camden Council
- o Liverpool Council
- o City of Wanneroo
- o Wyndham City Council

Thanks also to the following organisations and businesses for sharing their knowledge and experience in the webinars: Australian Local Government Association; Centre for International Research on Education Systems (CIRES), Victoria University; Deloitte Access Economics; Digital Finance Analytics; Headspace; .id The Population Experts; PlaceScore NSW; WestJustice.

Click on the titles below to watch webinar recordings or see research reports.

## [Working from Home - launch of the NGAA-commissioned research](#)

Presentation of [Close to Home: benefits of working from home in outer urban growth areas](#) (Quantum Market Research, 2020) and [Jobs and Commuting in outer growth suburbs](#) (Astrolabe Group, 2020)

## [Dis/Advantage: Young people in Australia's outer suburbs after Covid-19](#)

Exploring how the risks facing young people in growth areas can be turned around, and their geographic location in the outer suburbs become an advantage.

## [Financial Stress in Growth Areas – the ticking time bomb](#)

A detailed look at the impact of financial stress on growth area households and Councils, and the ticking time bomb of mortgage defaults and rental stress.

### [Youth mental Health - Getting help where it is needed in growth areas](#)

This webinar explored how Camden Council secured a Headspace presence for their community.

### [A Post-Budget look at the economic impact of COVID-19 on Australia's outer urban growth areas](#)

The impact of COVID-19 on outer urban growth areas.

### [Placemaking for nervous people](#)

Engaging communities and creating connection to 'place' has never been more important than in a time of significant social change. Some of Australia's leading placemaking and community engagement practitioners talk about their 'new normal' in growth areas.

### [Shifting planning policy or shifting planning responsibility? A report from the weekly Planning Ministers meetings](#)

Examining whether crisis-induced shifts in planning processes will endure after COVID-19 - and how local government can keep its seat at the planning table.