



NATIONAL
Growth Areas
ALLIANCE

10 years on...
are we there yet?

NATIONAL CONGRESS

18-20 November 2018, Sydney

Bringing together NGAA Members, policy makers and industry stakeholders to ask the question, '10 years on...are we there yet?'

We will explore our shared vision for our fast growing outer suburbs over the next 10 years and beyond.

Proudly hosted by Camden Council, Campbelltown City Council and Wollondilly Shire Council



Welcome from our Host Councils

Camden Council, Campbelltown City Council and Wollondilly Shire Council are pleased to welcome you to the Macarthur region for the National Growth Areas Alliance Congress.

As one of the fastest growing regions in Australia, Macarthur is well placed to make the most of the unprecedented population growth currently taking place across Greater Western Sydney and consolidate its leading role in the development of the Western Parkland City.

What we don't want is the growth to come at the cost of our people and what they love about living and working in the Macarthur region.

We are committed to working together, and with other NGAA members, to ensure that the advocacy light continues to shine on our shared need for adequate government investment in roads, public transport and other essential services and infrastructure. The efficient functioning of our region is vital to ensure the opportunities presented by growth are handled in the best possible way for our communities of today and those of the future.

While you are here for the Congress, we hope you find time to explore our beautiful region. From rural landscapes, to country charm, to city experiences, there is something for everyone in Macarthur. It is our unique blend which makes the Macarthur region the ideal destination to live, work, visit, learn and play.



Cr Peter Sidgreaves
Mayor of Camden



Cr George Brticevic
Mayor of Campbelltown



Cr Judith Hannan
Mayor of Wollondilly

About the Macarthur Region

The fast growing Macarthur region is home to more than 310,000 people today and is expected to grow beyond 800,000 people by 2036.

Made up of the three local government areas of Camden, Campbelltown and Wollondilly, the Macarthur region is rich in European and Indigenous history, dating back more than 40,000 years.

Camden is the fastest growing local government area in NSW, with an estimated 230,000 people expected to call it home in less than 20 years. Evolving from its agricultural roots into a modern, dynamic place, Camden is a blend of country and urban charm with a mix of agricultural farmland, towns and villages, new residential areas and commercial hubs.

The City of Campbelltown is the vibrant and creative heart of the Macarthur, a city that celebrates its more than 167,000 people. With a combination of relaxing lifestyle and a diverse blend of culture and unique attractions, it is a destination city that is strong and distinctive. As the southern gateway to Sydney, the City of Campbelltown is experiencing a hive of new activity that is driving infrastructure, investments and jobs. It is a city where people and business want to be.

Wollondilly Shire is surrounded by spectacular, natural beauty and rural pastures. A patchwork of agricultural lands, rural landscapes, bushland and small towns and villages, Wollondilly has a rich farming history; agriculture is integral to the development, character, economy and identity of the shire. The 50,000 plus strong community is proud of their rural heritage, and value the character and unique opportunities that set them apart.

***Macarthur - more than you imagine,
closer than you think.***

Dharawal National Park



Welcome

NGAA Chair



Our 2018 Congress theme, '10 years on...are we there yet?' prompts us to reflect on what our Alliance has achieved in its ten year history. We also look to the future and the policy shifts necessary to ensure our rapidly growing communities reach their potential. Over the past decade, our Members have used NGAA research to support successful advocacy and funding submissions. We have used the power of our collective voice and a strong evidence base to benefit the communities we represent.

So are we there yet? The destination keeps moving further out. There is still much work to do: the rapid and ongoing growth our communities are experiencing requires long term Government investment. We need to tell the Government "We are already here...catch up with the outer suburbs!

Since the last Federal Election in 2016, around 340,000 additional people have moved to Australia's fast-growing outer suburbs. By April 2019, that number will be around 400,000. Government investment in essential and non-essential services and infrastructure has not kept pace.

The rate of population growth in Australia's outer suburbs is faster than any Government expected or planned for – so now it is time to catch up. Even as recently as 2007, the Australian population was not predicted to reach 25 million until 2027. But we have arrived at that number nearly a decade early.

The Congress is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and share our experiences of dealing with all the challenges and charms of the areas that are home to most of Australia's population growth. We celebrate and showcase best practice in projects and initiatives supporting the development of growth areas with the 2018 NGAA Awards. And we will learn from the knowledge and expertise of our diverse range of guest speakers.

Our strength as an Alliance is our united voice. I thank our Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and Council Officers who contribute to our policy development and budget submissions, who attend our events and participate in our advocacy work. Together we are a strong collective voice for growth areas saying "Catch up with the outer suburbs!"

Mayor Glenn Docherty
Chair

Message

From the Executive Officer



It is a genuine pleasure to welcome you to the 2018 NGAA Congress, my first as Executive Officer.

I have always found our annual gatherings energising and thought-provoking as we hear about research, policy and project initiatives that are making a positive difference in our communities.

This year also provides an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come after a decade as an Alliance in our pursuit of better outcomes for growth areas.

The original research commissioned by growth Councils interested in forming an Alliance (and delivered by SGS Economics and Planning) in 2007 called for:

- a National Urban Policy to acknowledge growth areas as the main development hubs for metropolitan Australia
- a New Deal on Partnerships, Coordination and Delivery where responsibilities were shared between three levels of government, and
- Improved Funding Allocations to match need, when measured against population proportions and population growth shares.

Successive Federal Governments have advanced and, at times, retreated on these three objectives and while the topics remain relevant, the landscape has changed significantly.

Local government's role and contribution to creating good growth is more sophisticated, pragmatic and complex. The pace of population growth, rise of technology and political volatility have kept all of us on our toes and changed the way we engage both with our communities and with governments.

NGAA's solid evidence base and advocacy efforts have made significant inroads into each of those priorities. Members can rightly claim influence over initiatives such as the Smart Cities Plan including City Deals and Smart Cities and Suburbs funding, the Urban Congestion Fund, the Suburban Jobs Program, the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation, Value Capture and Liveable Cities projects and policies to name but a few.

I am excited about NGAA's future and how we can influence future policy and funding decisions together. The team and I are looking forward to working with you in the coming years.

Bronwen Clark
Executive Officer



NATIONAL Growth Areas ALLIANCE

About the NGAA

The National Growth Areas Alliance is the peak body representing the nearly five million people who live in the fast-growing outer suburbs of Australia's capital cities.

Our Member Councils are united by shared experiences of population growth rates at double the national average, inadequate infrastructure to cope with the increased demand, and a long-term lack of Federal government investment in roads, public transport and essential services.

NGAA's purpose is to provide a solid evidence base to support our calls for policy shifts in favour of growth areas, to influence Federal Government policy and funding and to give growth area councils a platform to share experiences and learn from each other.

Our Members

NSW

- Blacktown City Council
- Camden Council
- Campbelltown City Council
- Liverpool City Council
- Penrith City Council
- Wollondilly Shire Council

VIC

- City of Casey
- Cardinia Shire Council
- Wyndham City Council
- City of Melton
- Hume City Council
- City of Whittlesea

WA

- City of Wanneroo
- City of Swan
- City of Cockburn
- Serpentine-Jarrahdale Shire
- City of Kwinana
- City of Armadale
- City of Gosnells

SA

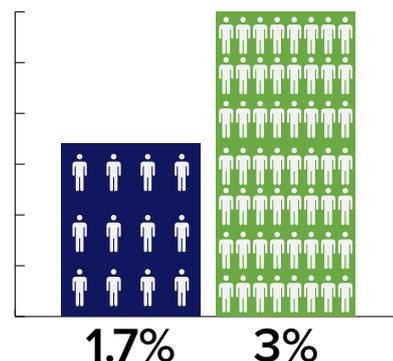
- District Council of Mount Barker
- City of Playford

1 in 5 Australians live in a fast growing outer suburb.

1 in 5 Australians



Our Member's populations are growing at almost twice the rate as the rest of Australia.



2018 National Congress Outline

Welcome Function

Sunday 18 November

5.30pm – 7.30pm
NSW Rail Museum
10 Barbour Road
Thirlmere NSW

National Congress

Monday 19 November

9.00am – 5.00pm
Rydges Campbelltown
15 Old Menangle Road
Campbelltown NSW

Congress Dinner and NGAA Awards Presentation

Monday 19 November

7.00pm – 10.00pm
Rydges Campbelltown

Member Workshop and Growth Areas Site Tour

Tuesday 20 November

9.00am – 4.30pm
Camden Council
Administration Building
70 Central Avenue
Oran Park

Transport

Return bus transport is provided for delegates from Rydges Campbelltown to the Welcome Function and the Member Workshop and Growth Areas Site Tour.

Travel time between Rydges Campbelltown and Sydney Airport is approximately 35 minutes by car (this will vary depending on the time) or approximately one hour by public transport.

Sunday 18 November

- Bus departs at 5.00pm from Rydges Campbelltown to NSW Rail Museum for Welcome Function.
- Return bus departs NSW Rail Museum at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 20 November

- Bus departs at 8.20am from Rydges Campbelltown to Camden Council Administration Building for Member Workshop and Growth Areas Site Tour.
- Delegates return to Rydges Campbelltown at approximately 4.30pm.

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In lieu of gifts for speakers this year we will be making a donation to the Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation. Kidsofmacarthur.com.au



Sunday 18 November

WELCOME FUNCTION NSW Rail Museum, Thirlmere

5.30pm	Welcome Function commences Drinks and food served
6.00pm	OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS Introduction Bronwen Clark, NGAA Executive Officer Welcome to Country Aunty Karen Adams, Tharawal Descendant of the Eora Nation Welcome to Congress Mayor Glenn Docherty, NGAA Chair Host Council Welcome Cr Judith Hannan, Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council
7.30pm	Delegates' transport returns to Rydges Campbelltown

Monday 19 November

2018 NGAA NATIONAL CONGRESS Macarthur Room, Rydges Campbelltown

8.30am - 9.00am	Registration desk open
9.00am - 9.20am	Welcome and Introductions Bronwen Clark (MC) Executive Officer, NGAA
	Host Council Welcome Cr George Brticevic, Mayor, City of Campbelltown
	National Growth Areas Alliance Opening Address Mayor Glenn Docherty, NGAA Chair And Mayor Tracey Roberts, NGAA Deputy Chair
9.20am - 9.50am	Address by the Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population, The Hon. Alan Tudge MP
9.50am - 10.30am	Planning Liveable Cities Peter Colacino, Executive Director, Policy and Research, Infrastructure Australia
10.30am - 11.00am	MORNING TEA
11.00am - 11.30am	Address by the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Cities, Tourism and Regional Development, The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
11.30am - 12.00pm	The Future of Precinct Developments Nicki Hutley, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics
12.00pm - 12.30pm	South West Sydney's Growth Corridor - A Case Study Lindy Deitz, General Manager, City of Campbelltown; Ron Moore, General Manager, Camden Council and Ally Dench, Executive Director, Community and Corporate, Wollondilly Shire Council



12.30pm - 1.30pm	LUNCH
1.30pm - 2.00pm	A Suburban Nation – Australia’s past influencing its future George Megalogenis, Journalist and Social Commentator
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Panel session: 25 million - Where to from here? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. George Megalogenis, Journalist and Social Commentator (Facilitator) 2. Nicki Hutley, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics 3. Adam Beck, Executive Director, Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand 4. Laura Schmahmann, Associate, SGS Economics and Planning
3.00pm - 3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3.30pm - 4.00pm	Keynote address: Principles for Good Growth in Australia’s Cities and Suburbs Professor Greg Clark CBE, Global Cities Expert (by video)
4.00pm - 4.15pm	Table discussion to develop questions for video link discussion with Professor Greg Clark
4.15pm - 5.00pm	Q&A – The Future of Governance and Growth in Australia Prof Greg Clark CBE, Global Cities Expert (by video link) Facilitator: Bronwen Clark, NGAA Executive Officer
5.00pm	CLOSE
7.00pm - 10.00pm	NGAA Awards Ceremony and Dinner Enjoy a delicious 3 course meal, drinks and entertainment from MC and local radio personality, Josh Webster. Announcement of 2018 Award winners.

Tuesday 20 November

MEMBER WORKSHOP AND GROWTH AREAS SITE TOUR Camden Council Administration Building, Oran Park

8.20am - 8.30am Bus departs from Rydges Campbelltown to Camden Council Administration Building

8.50am - 9.00am Registration desk open

9.00am - 9.15am **Welcome and Overview**
Bronwen Clark, NGAA Executive Officer

Host Council Welcome
Cr Peter Sidgreaves, Mayor, Camden Council

9.15am - 11.00am **NGAA Annual Meeting**
Bronwen Clark, NGAA Executive Officer

11.00am - 12.00pm **Member workshop:** Looking at the Western Sydney City Deal from a Local Government perspective – panel session with representatives from Campbelltown City Council, Camden Council, Wollondilly Shire Council, Liverpool City Council and Penrith City Council

12.00pm - 1.20pm **LUNCH**

1.20pm **Members board bus for site tour**

1.30pm - 4.30pm **Tour of development projects in Camden and Campbelltown**

4.30pm **Tour concludes and transport returns to Rydges Campbelltown and then Camden Council Administration Building**





Keynote speaker

Professor Greg Clark CBE, Global Cities Expert

Prof. Clark is a global advisor, author, chairman, and non-executive director on cities and urban development. He is chairman of the Business of Cities Ltd, an advisory team providing intelligence and benchmarking services on cities to a global client base. These include inter-governmental organisations and major professional associations in sectors such as Technology, Real Estate & Construction, Retail, MICE, Manufacturing, Law, Higher Education, and Financial Services.

Prof. Clark's expertise covers city economies, globalisation and trade, planning and transport, city and metropolitan development, technology and smart cities, urban investment, national and regional strategies.



The Hon. Alan Tudge MP, Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population

Alan Tudge is the Federal Member for Aston and Minister for Cities, Urban Infrastructure and Population.

This new portfolio brings together population policy with infrastructure and cities in order to better plan for our growth in our big urban centres. He has previously served as Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, Minister for Human Services (where he introduced the cashless welfare card) and Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

Alan was first elected in 2010 and before entering parliament he spent most of his career in business including with the Boston Consulting Group in Australia and the United States, and worked as a senior adviser to the Foreign Minister and Education Minister. He holds a Law degree and Arts degree from Melbourne University and an MBA from Harvard University.



The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Cities, Tourism and Regional Development

Anthony is the Federal Member for Grayndler and the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Cities, Tourism and Regional Development. He has been a Member of Parliament since 1996 and believes strongly in the need for Government to invest in local communities. This includes Federal Government investment in public transport to address the issue of urban congestion.

Following the election of the Federal Labor Government in November 2007, Anthony became the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, and Leader of the House of Representatives. In June 2013, he became Deputy Prime Minister, and also took on additional responsibility as Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy.

Anthony is committed to growing our communities in regional and metropolitan areas and believes infrastructure and transport have a crucial role to play in achieving this.



Peter Colacino, Executive Director, Policy and Research, Infrastructure Australia

Peter Colacino leads Infrastructure Australia's Policy and Research team and is tasked with identifying the greatest challenges and opportunities facing the delivery of infrastructure for Australia's growing cities and regions. Peter brings his experience working both in positions across the public and private sectors on some of Australia's largest infrastructure projects, including Northconnex, Transport for Newcastle and Gold Coast Light Rail.

More recently, as a member of the NRMA Executive, Peter has been at the forefront of a generational change in transport services, championing the adoption of connected and autonomous vehicle technology, electric vehicle adoption and new models of transport service provision.



Nicki Hutley, Partner, Deloitte Access Economics

Nicki Hutley is a highly experienced economist, with broad-based expertise gained over nearly three decades of practice. She has worked for both public and private sectors, and in financial markets, investment management, and economic consulting.

In addition to macroeconomic modelling and forecasting, Nicki is particularly skilled in the application of economic modelling and analysis in addressing policy issues relating to urban renewal, social and economic infrastructure investment, affordable housing, climate mitigation and adaptation, and social impact investing. Nicki takes a true triple bottom line approach, to ensure social and environmental considerations are captured alongside economic and financial returns.

Nicki has led strategic policy research and government reviews on issues as diverse as positive credit reporting, emissions trading schemes, the NSW Waste Levy, Social Housing renewal, youth justice initiatives and palliative care. Nicki appears regularly on Sky Business and ABC's *The Drum*, as well as other media.



George Megalogenis, Journalist and Social Commentator

George Megalogenis is an author and journalist with three decades' experience in the media. His work examines the political, economic and social history of Australia and his books include *Australia's Second Chance: What Our History Tells Us About Our Future*, and *The Australian Moment*, which won the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Non-fiction and the 2012 Walkley Award for Non-fiction, and formed the basis for his ABC documentary series *Making Australia Great*. He is also the author of *Faultlines*, *The Longest Decade*, and two Quarterly Essays: *QE40: Trivial Pursuit – Leadership and the End of the Reform Era* and *QE61: Balancing Act – Australia Between Recession and Renewal*.

George speaks on big-picture global economic and political trends. He has been a regular guest on the ABC's political analysis program *Insiders*, and in 2015 wrote and presented the documentary tribute to former Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, *Life Wasn't Meant To Be Easy*.



Adam Beck, Executive Director, Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand

Adam is Founding Executive Director of Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand, an organisation dedicated to accelerate sustainability outcomes in cities and towns through the adoption of technology, data and intelligent design.

Adam is also an Ambassador with Portland-based thinktank EcoDistricts, where he was previously Director of Innovation. Prior to this Adam was Executive Director at the Green Building Council of Australia, and lecturer and studio lead in social impact assessment and community engagement at the University of Queensland. Before entering the mission-driven sector, Adam spent 15 years with global consulting firms, including almost a decade at Arup.



Laura Schmahmann, Associate, SGS Economics and Planning

Laura is a planner with Australia-wide experience advising clients on innovation precincts and economic development policy, strategic housing and employment studies and integrated transport and land use policy.

Laura's postgraduate research investigated knowledge transfer between workers and firms within industry clusters in Sydney, and the role of the urban context in influencing this. Laura has been involved in preparing innovation precinct strategies and advice on these precincts for a range of clients across Australia. Recent projects include Tonsley in Adelaide, White Bay Power Station in Sydney and the National Employment and Innovation Clusters in Melbourne.

Laura also prepared the award-winning Integrated Transport and Land Use Planning guidelines for the new Australian Transport Assessment and Planning framework.

Speakers - Host Councils



**Lindy Deitz,
General Manager,
Campbelltown City Council**



**Ron Moore,
General Manager,
Camden Council**



**Luke Johnson,
Chief Executive Officer,
Wollondilly Shire Council**



**Ally Dench,
Executive Director Community
and Corporate,
Wollondilly Shire Council**

NGAA AWARDS 2018



The biennial NGAA Awards celebrate excellence in projects supporting the development of growth areas across the country.

This year we have received an unprecedented number of entries, showcasing best practice across a diverse range of initiatives from our Member Councils.

Award winners will be announced at the NGAA Awards Dinner on Monday, November 19.

Thank you to our judging panel:

- Dr Paul Maginn, Associate Professor University of Western Australia, Urban and Regional Planning, and Editor in Chief of the Urban Policy and Research journal
- Rebecca Douthwaite, National Policy Manager, Property Council of Australia
- Michael Campbell, Principal Consultant, Lucid Economics

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