



NGAA 2022 SYMPOSIUM

Research and Practice from
Australia's Growth Areas

24 & 31
AUGUST



PROGRAM - ONLINE EVENT

The 2022 Symposium is a two-day, online showcase of the latest research and practice from Australia's outer urban growth areas. Presentations include:

- The values and experiences of outer suburban communities
- A focus on our youngest residents
- Digital futures, infrastructure and equity in growth areas
- Urban design in the suburbs

Research launch

- Exclusive launch of the NGAA's latest original research - Quantifying the benefits of Federal and State government investment in growth areas infrastructure, by RMIT.

Who should attend

- Local, State and Federal government specialists in planning, infrastructure, urban design, sustainability and community building
- Researchers and academics from urban policy, planning and development, disciplines
- Professionals in urban and regional planning, land development, urban design, transport planning, economic development, environmental sustainability and social planning.



Symposium Major Partner



Symposium Presenting Partners



Bolder thinking for urban life

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Wednesday 24 August, 1 – 4pm AEST

Welcome address - Peita Duncan, Administrator, City of Whittlesea

PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES IN GROWTH AREAS

OPENING SESSION 1: Growth area communities – who lives there, what do they value, what is changing?

Keynote speaker - Daniel Evans, Informed Decisions

SESSION 2: A focus on our youngest residents

Maternal and Child Health: a sector in crisis. A partnership approach to place-based responses	Amelia Ryan, Manager Children and Families, City of Whittlesea
2168 Children's Parliament	Galavizh Ahmadi Nia, Manager Community Development and Planning, Liverpool City Council
Room to Grow – How and why local governments can support children to prosper	Peter Madden, Manager Community Capacity Development, City of Gosnells

Panel

Putting children and young people front of mind in planning and service delivery

- > Galavizh Ahmadi Nia, Liverpool City Council
- > Peter Madden, City of Gosnells
- > Amelia Ryan, City of Whittlesea
- > Life Course Centre academic

SESSION 3: Digital futures and the use of analytics for community insight

Keynote speaker - Jackie Svedas, Stakeholder Engagement Manager NSW, NBN Co

Innovating for growth and inclusion	Laura Baker, Head of Smart City and Innovation, City of Casey
Penrith Resilience Mapping project: Integrating GIS data to create an online interactive visualisation tool for estimating climate risks and vulnerabilities	Adam Worthington, Data and Visualisation Manager, Penrith City Council
Bicycle Transport Analysis	Peter Bourke Executive Officer, WeRide

Panel

Digital infrastructure opportunities, digital inclusion and equity in growth areas

- > Andrew Walsh, NBN Co
- > Laura Baker, City of Casey
- > Iman Ghaffari, Smart Cities Council ANZ
- > Adam Worthington, Penrith City Council
- > Peter Bourke, WeRide

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BETTER SPACES, RESILIENT PLACES

OPENING SESSION 1: Research Launch

Quantifying the benefits of Federal and state government investment in infrastructure – RMIT

NGAA's latest research, in conjunction with RMIT, investigates the quantitative and qualitative benefits of Australian government investment in infrastructure in outer urban growth areas, using case studies from NGAA member councils.

RMIT Research team:

- Dr Annette Kroen, Research Fellow, Centre for Urban Research, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT
- Associate Professor Andrew Butt, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT
- Dr Jago Dodson, Professor of Urban Policy & Director, Centre for Urban Research, RMIT

SESSION 1A: Community benefit – infrastructure to support connectedness and community building

A deeper dive into community infrastructure case studies

Social Planning Infrastructure tool

Joanne Kyrkilis, Manager Community and Place, City of Whittlesea

SESSION 1B: Economic development – infrastructure to support jobs and growth

A deeper dive into economic development case studies

Investment Attraction for growth areas

Sarah Rowe, Manager Economic Development, City of Whittlesea

Collaboration to improve access to tertiary education in Western Sydney

Chris Shannon, Manager Strategic Planning, Blacktown City Council

Panel

Understanding the benefits of infrastructure funding in growth area communities

SESSION 2: Better places – a focus on urban design to improve growth area development and infrastructure

Keynote speaker - Jennifer Michelmore, CEO, Studio THI

How policy settings affect developer decisions

Professor Steven Rowley, School of Accounting Economics and Finance, Curtin University

Better Places, Better Development: the Casey Design Excellence Program

Yogeshwari Biju, Team Leader Urban Design, City of Casey

Panel

Better urban design in the suburbs