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Conference & Dinner

18-19 November 2025
DoubleTree by Hilton, Esplanade Darwin

Leading with Strength: Building Resilient Councils, Connecting Communities



Richard Margetson,
MC



Anne-Marie Cade,
Nationally Accredited
Mediator, Lawyer
& Conflict Management
Specialist



Kate Dinning,
Public Relations and
Communications
Specialist



Dan Barr,
Founder & Director
Engagement
Manager Pty Ltd



Nicole Battle,
Director Community
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Alice Springs
Town Council



Kylie Spears,
President
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Liz Drumm,
Disaster
Management Lead
LGAQ



Wayne Snell,
Chief Officer
NT Emergency
Service



Nick Sloan,
Chief Executive Officer
Western Australian
Local Government
Association



Bridgette Bellenger,
Group Manager
Central
NIAA



Mark Coffey PSM,
Chairperson
NT Planning
Commission



Jennifer Marston,
Chief Executive
Officer,
Victoria Daly
Regional Council



Julie Love,
Employee Relations
Services Manager
WALGA



Greg Bowden,
Client Engagement
Manager (QLD/NT)
.id (informed decisions)

DAY 1 – Tuesday, 18th November

8:00	REGISTRATION OPEN
8:30	DELEGATES ARRIVE
9:00	MC Welcome Richard Margetson
9:05	Welcome to Darwin Peter Styles, Lord Mayor City of Darwin
9:10	Welcome to Country Edwin Fejo
9:15	LGANT Vice Presidents' Address Allison Bitar, Vice President Municipals and Brian Pedwell, Vice President Regional and Shires
9:20	Minister's Address Luke Gosling OAM, MP, Special Envoy for Defence, Veterans' Affairs and Northern Australia (on behalf of Madeleine King, Minister for Northern Australia)
9:30	Panel: Developing the North • Matt Burnett, President ALGA and Local Government Association of Queensland • Luke Gosling, OAM, MP, Special Envoy for Defence, Veterans' Affairs and Northern Australia • Nick Sloan, CEO Western Australia Local Government Association
10:15	ALGA Update Matt Burnett, President Australian Local Government Association
10:35	State of the Region – Economic and Demographic Profiling for NT Greg Bowden, Client Engagement Manager (QLD/NT) .id (informed decisions) in conjunction with RDANT
11:20	MORNING TEA
11:45	NT Councils Discretionary Trust Update (Corporate Partner) James Sheridan, General Manager WA/NT JLT Public Sector, JLT Risk Solutions Pty Ltd
11:55	Council Case Study: Don't Hate Me, I'm from the South Jennifer Marston, CEO Victoria Daly Regional Council
12:15	Keynote: Conflict Management for Local Government Leaders Anne-Marie Cade, Conflict Management Specialist
13:00	Smart Technology for Resilient Roads: Empowering Pavement Outcomes with Ai (Corporate Partner) Justin Fischer, General Manager Client and Corporate, SHEPHERD
13:05	LUNCH
13:45	Council Case Study: Community Engagement • Nicole Battle, Director Community Development Alice Springs Town Council • Dan Barr, Founder and Director Engagement Manager Pty Ltd
14:10	Council to Council Emergency Management Support Program Liz Drumm, Disaster Management Lead, LGAQ
14:35	Northern Territory Emergency Service and Local Government Opportunities and Partnerships Wayne Snell, Chief Officer of NT Emergency Service
14:55	AGM Agenda Briefing Mary Watson, CEO LGANT
15:25	AFTERNOON TEA
15:40	Concurrent Session: closed to Mayors/ Presidents only • Julie Love, Employee Relations Services Manager, WALGA • Open Floor
	Concurrent Session: closed to CEOs only • Mark Coffey PSM, Chairperson, NT Planning Commission • Open Floor
17:10	DAY 1 CONCLUDES
18:15	Dinner at Pee Wee's at the Point > Bus departs DoubleTree at 6:15pm sharp for 6:30pm arrival. > Return buses depart Pee Wee's at 9:30pm and 10:00pm.

DAY 2 – Wednesday, 19 November

8:00	REGISTRATION OPEN
8:30	DELEGATES ARRIVE
9:00	MC Welcome Richard Margetson
9:05	Minister's Address (incl. Q&A) Hon Steven Edgington MLA, Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development
10:05	Social Media for Elected Members Kate Dinning, Public Relations and Communications Specialist
11:05	MORNING TEA
11:30	Opposition Address Selena Uiibo MLA, Leader of the Opposition
11:45	Foreign Interference and Cyber Security • Kitty Mostyn, Director, Counter Foreign Interference Partnerships QLD and NT, Department of Home Affairs • Tristan Gough, Assistant Director, ACSC Partnership Program QLD and NT, Australian Signals Directorate
12:15	ALGWA NT Branch Launch Cr Kylie Spears, President Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA)
12:25	Concurrent Session: closed to Regional and Shires only • Bridgette Bellenger, Group Manager Central NIAA • Open Floor
	Concurrent Session: closed to Municipals only • Open Floor
13:25	LUNCH
14:05	Annual General Meeting
15:05	AFTERNOON TEA
15:20	Annual General Meeting cont.
16:20	DAY 2 CONCLUDES

*program subject to change



Hon Mr. Steven Edgington,
Minister for Housing,
Local Government
and Community
Development and
Member for Barkly



Selena Uiibo MLA,
Leader of the
Opposition



Luke Gosling OAM, MP
Special Envoy for
Defence, Veterans'
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Northern Australia



**Right Worshipful
Lord Mayor,
The Honourable,
Peter Styles, Lord Mayor
City of Darwin**



Brian Pedwell,
Vice President
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Allison Bitar,
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Matt Burnett, President
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