



BUILDING AUSTRALIA'S NEWEST CITIES

A Model for the New Wave of Growth



NATIONAL CONGRESS • 29-31 May 2024, Penrith NSW

In the midst of a housing crisis and with an ambitious national target of 1.2 million new homes within five years, the role of growth areas in the new urban landscape has never been more important.

The 2024 NGAA Congress will explore Australia's newest cities, being built on the edges of greater metropolitan areas, around major new infrastructure, with place, productivity, innovation and digital connectivity at their core.

We will explore the requirements of a new governance model needed for Australia's new cities – looking at lessons from City Deals, but daring to imagine systems that empower communities and local governments, engender collaboration and cooperation with industry and across tiers of government, and which produce well-functioning cities and suburbs into the next century.

Host Council

Penrith City epitomises the perfect blend of urban convenience and rural charm. Over the last four decades, Penrith has undergone a remarkable transformation, evolving from an outer-urban semi-rural centre into an emerging major city.



Positioned at the intersection of Sydney's east-west connection and the north-south growth arc, which is expected to become a significant future economic corridor, Penrith sits at the heart of this growth. The NSW Government's ambitious vision for Western Sydney as the national capital for advanced manufacturing, anchored by the future Western Sydney International Airport and the development of the Aerotropolis precinct, highlights the role that this region is poised to play in shaping the economic landscape of the nation.

NBNco - Connectivity Partner

We are thrilled to announce NBNco as the Connectivity Partner for NGAA's 2024 Congress, themed "Building Australia's newest cities – A model for the new wave of growth." NBNco's vision of being the nation's digital backbone perfectly aligns with the theme of our event. As pioneers in powering Australia's digital future, they are transforming the way we live, work, and play. This partnership highlights the critical role of connectivity in fostering resilient, liveable and thriving communities. It's not just about facilitating employment; it's about fundamentally reshaping our lives for the better. With NBNco's participation, we are positioned to propel discussions on connectivity to the forefront, ensuring that Australia's newest cities are not just connected, but connected with foresight and innovation.



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Program

29 May; 5:30pm – 7:00pm | Penrith Stadium Chairman's Lounge

Welcome Drinks

Welcome by Cr Todd Carney, Mayor, Penrith City Council

Guest Speaker to be announced

30 May; 10:00am – 3:30pm | Western Sydney

Penrith and Western Sydney Site tour (lunch included)

Stop 1: Western Sydney International Airport (WSI Airport) Experience Centre

At the WSI Experience centre, we'll hear about how this major infrastructure project will cater to 10 million passengers annually and stimulate economic growth and employment opportunities for the Western Sydney region.

En Route: Significant development areas of Penrith

We'll journey through various sites of Penrith City, a thriving urban centre estimated to reach over 369,000 residents in the next two decades. Learn about the priority infrastructure projects advocated by Council to support sustainable growth in Penrith.

Stop 2: Nepean River

Our tour continues along the picturesque riverside locations of Penrith, where nature and culture converge. We'll hear more about Council's efforts to update the River Master Plan, aimed at connecting the Nepean River with the City Centre, enhancing the river's natural environment, promoting active lifestyles, and fostering community well-being.

Stop 3: Penrith Lakes

Our final stop brings us to Penrith Lakes. Recently opened during the summer as a beach, the vision for Penrith Lakes is to be a unique western waterfront, combining the best that a harbour foreshore and beachfront has to offer accompanied by one of the most innovative developments in Australia.

30 May; 6:00pm – 10:00pm | Western Sydney Conference Centre

2024 NGAA Awards

Join us as we showcase and celebrate innovative and best practice from growth area Councils across Australia, with categories of Research and Practice, Built Environment, Building Connections, Advocacy and Leadership. A two course dinner and drinks are included.

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31 May; 8:30am – 4:00pm | Western Sydney Conference Centre

National Congress

8:30am | Welcomes

Welcome to Country

NGAA Chair Matt Deeth, *Deputy Mayor, Wollondilly Shire Council*

Mayor Todd Carney, *Penrith City Council*

9:00am | Political Speakers

The Hon Michelle Rowland, *Minister for Communications* (invited)

9:30am | Keynote - AI and Future Cities

Dr Michael Kollo, *CEO Evolved Reasoning*

10:30am | Morning tea

11:00am | Political Speakers (cont)

The Hon Senator Bridget McKenzie, *Shadow Minister for Infrastructure* (invited)

11:30am | Keynote – The Metro Vancouver regional governance model

Heather McNell, *Deputy CAO, Metro Vancouver*

12:00pm | Panel: Governance Models for New Cities (including City Deal lessons)

Tim Williams, *Cities and Practice Lead, Grimshaw* (Facilitator)

Panellists:

Kylie Powell, *Director City Futures, Penrith City Council*

Prof. Nicole Gurrán, *Chair of Urbanism, University of Sydney* (invited)

Rachel Dapiran, *Director of City Planning and Places, Hume City Council*

1:00pm | Lunch

1:45pm | Keynote – Reimagining the population of Australia's future cities

Dr Liz Allen, *Demographer at Centre for Social Research and Methods, ANU*

2:45pm | Panel - Aiming for equity: How can we build new cities for the benefit of all?

Panellists:

Prof. Mark Western, *Director, The QLD Commitment & Centre for Policy Futures, University of Queensland*

Jaqueline Vozzo, *President, UDIA NSW* (invited)

Marc Snape, *National Stakeholder Relations Manager – City Development, NBNco* (invited)

3:45pm | Wrap up and close