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14—17 June 2020 Canberra



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# President Welcome

National General Assembly 14 - 17 June 2020



Dear Colleagues,

I'm delighted to invite you to the 2020 National General Assembly of Local Government at the National Convention Centre in Canberra from 14 to 17 June.

The theme for our 26th NGA is Working Together For Our Communities which acknowledges that we cannot tackle major challenges which face our communities by acting alone. We need to work together as a sector, with other levels of government and with nongovernment partners.

We've seen the truth of that in the bush fires that have ravaged so much of Australia over the past spring and summer.

Councils have stepped up to lead and offer help in so many ways, showing the power of working together.

Councils have also shown resilience in action during the bushfire crisis, and ongoing drought.

Community resilience is one of the topics we'll be exploring at length during our NGA.

We'll hear from professionals and council elected members about the ways they're developing and strengthening resilience in their communities, and how their insights can be applied in your council.

You'll also learn from leading practitioners who'll share their expertise about a range of topics encompassing community engagement and crowd-powered communities.

In short, leaders who are keen to help us all work together for our communities.

We hope you'll join as for the 2020 NGA, the premier gathering of Local Government representatives in Australia.

It's a unique event that brings together councils, staff and industry to advocate, network, celebrate, learn and build strategic relationships that will position participants at the forefront of local governance.

Will you join us?

Mayor David O'Loughlin ALGA President



#### **Key Dates:**

Submissions of Motions for Debate by 11.59am Friday 27 March 2020

Early Bird Registration on or before Friday 8 May 2020

Standard Registration on or before Friday 5 June 2020

Late Registration after Friday 5 June 2020

Register online at NGA20.com.au



## Provisional Program

SUNDAY 14	I JUNE	
5.00pm	Welcome Reception	
MONDAY 1	IS JUNE	
9.00am	Opening Ceremony Welcome to Country, Violet Sheridan	
9.15am	ALGA President Opens the Assembly	
9.20am	Prime Minister Address (invited) The Hon Scott Morrison MP	
9.35am	ALGA President Address	
10.00am	MORNING TEA	
11.00am	Keynote Address State of Play in Australian Politics Peter Van Onselen, Political Editor, Network Ten and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith University	
11.45am	What does the Political Landscape Mean for Local Government	
12.30pm	LUNCH AJLT	
1.30pm	Keynote Address Demography, More Than Destiny Liz Allen, Demographer and Postdoctoral Fellow, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences	
2.15pm	Addressing Social Inclusion	
2.45pm	Launch of Local Council Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Toolkit Patty Kinnersly, Chief Executive Officer, Our Watch	
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA  MArthur 5 A proud past. A bright future.	
3.30pm	Debate on Motions	
4.30pm	Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government Address (invited) The Hon Mark Coulton MP	
4.55pm	ALGA President Close	
7.00pm - 11.00pm	Networking Dinner National Museum of Australia  University of South Australia	

TUESDAY 16	JUNE	
9.00am	Keynote Address Building and Leading a Resilient Community Through Times of Crisis Dr Neryl East, Media, Communications, Reputation and Credibility Expert	
9.45am	Panel Responding Under Fire: Shared Reflections on Leading your Community During an Emergency Facilitator: Dr Neryl East Panelists TBC	
10.15am	Keynote Address What Climate Emergency? Looking at Climate Change Through a Financial, Liability and Risk Lens Sarah Barker, Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison	
11.00am	MORNING TEA	
11.30am	Debate on Motions	
12.30pm	LUNCH	
1.30pm	Concurrent Sessions  Preventing Domestic Violence in your Communities  Implications of Climate Change for Local Government  Tackling Technology	
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.30pm	Leader of the Opposition Address (invited) The Hon Anthony Albanese MP	
4.00pm	Debate on Motions	
4.55pm	President Close	
7.00pm - 11.00pm	NGA Dinner Parliament House	

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE				
9.00am	The Future of Mobility in Local Government: Minimising the Risks and Capatilising on the Opportunities			
	Daniel Hilson, CEO, Evenergi and Chair, Charge Together Program			
9.45am	Dealing with Disasters			
10.30am	MORNING TEA			
11.00am	Keynote Address  Dr Geoff Wilson, Polar Explorer			
12.00pm	ALGA President's Closing Address			
12.30pm	LUNCH			



### 2020 Speakers



#### **HON ANTHONY ALBANESE MP**

#### Leader of the Opposition

Anthony has represented the Inner West of Sydney as the Federal Member for Grayndler since 1996. He is currently the Leader of the Opposition.

During the Rudd-Gillard Government he served as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy and Leader of the House.

Anthony was named Infrastructure Minister of the Year in 2012 by Londonbased publication Infrastructure Investor and in 2010 was named Aviation Minister of the Year for producing Australia's first ever Aviation White Paper.

Anthony believes strongly in the need for the government to invest in infrastructure and transport in our cities and regions to ensure our growing communities are productive, liveable and sustainable.



#### **LIZ ALLEN**

Demographer and Postdoctoral Fellow, ANU College of Arts and Social Sciences

Liz Allen is a demographer and social researcher, teaching research methods and researching population dynamics at the ANU Centre for Social Research and Methods.

Liz has written for The Conversation, published scholarly articles in academic journals and made contributions to research reports. She was named among the inaugural ABC Top 5 Humanities and Social Sciences academics in Australia 2018. Her book, The Future of Us (2020), is a call to action showing how demography can be harnessed to build a better Australia.

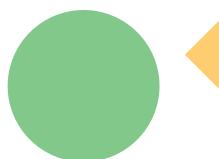


#### SARAH BARKER

Head of Climate Risk Governance, MinterEllison

Sarah Barker has two decades' experience as a corporate lawyer and is regarded as one of the world's foremost experts on investment governance and corporate disclosure issues relating to climate change. Her expertise is sought by public and private sector clients across Australasia, and by global institutions from the Bank of England to the United Nations PRI.

Sarah is a non-executive director of the \$30-billion FUM Emergency Services & State Super and the Responsible Investment Association Australasia, and on the Steering Committee of the Australian Sustainable Finance Initiative. She teaches the Australian Institute of Company Directors' flagship Company Directors' Course and Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership's 'Earth on Board' programme, and in an academic visitor at the Smith School of Enterprise & the Environment at the University of Oxford.







#### HON MARK COULTON MP

Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government

Mark was first elected to the House of Representatives for the seat of Parkes, New South Wales, in 2007. He has since been reelected in 2010, 2013, 2016 and

In January 2020, Mark was appointed to the Coalition Government Ministry by Prime Minister Scott Morrison as the Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communications and Local Government, and was officially sworn-in on 29 May 2019. From March 2018 to May 2019, Mark was the Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment.

During his time in the Federal Parliament, Mark has also held the positions of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives, National Party's Chief Whip, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Ageing and the Voluntary Sector, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Water and Conservation and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development and **Emerging Trade Markets.** 

Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, Mark was the Mayor of Gwydir Shire Council from 2004 until 2007. Mark has an extensive agricultural background having spent 30 years as a farmer and grazier. Mark and his wife Robyn owned and operated a mixed farming system growing cereal crops and running beef cattle. As the Federal Member for Parkes, Mark represents one of the largest Aboriginal populations in the Australian Parliament.



Media, Communications, Reputation and Credibility Expert

Dr Neryl East is a professional speaker and facilitator who shows current and aspiring local government leaders how to be heard, stand out and command influence.

After a media career, Neryl moved into local government where she held senior communication roles at Wollongong and Shellharbour City Councils. She managed communications at Wollongong during one of the biggest corruption scandals in Australian local government history, which led to public ICAC hearings and the dismissal of the elected council. She has also managed communications at times of fire and flood.

Neryl now consults to councils around Australia and provides training, mentoring and strategic advice on all elements of media and communication. Her expertise in emergency communication has seen her provide advice to agencies including the State Emergency Service, Transport for NSW and the South Australian **Emergency Management Committee**, chaired by the Premier.

Neryl has a PhD in Journalism and is a Certified Speaking Professional - an international designation awarded to only a small percentage of professional speakers globally. She is the author of five books including an Amazon best-seller on media and reputation.

#### **DANIEL HILSON**

Chief Executive Officer, Evenergi and Chair, Charge Together Program

Daniel is Founder / CEO of Evenergi, operating in UK, Australia, France and Denmark. Evenergi has helped many local governments understand the opportunities and risks in the new world of electric, autonomous, shared and connected mobility. They have completed major projects for over 20 local governments, helping with future fleet transitions, community engagement and behavioural change, and charging infrastructure planning.

Daniel is Chair of the Charge Together Program (with over 74 councils signed up) and has delivered major reports for Federal and State Governments in the area of mobility and energy markets. He is a frequent speaker on eMobility and energy markets and runs a popular Webinar series in electrification of fleets.

He has worked in Senior Management roles for global companies, including Siemens, EDF, Brookfield Infrastructure. Daniel holds a Masters of Environment Science (UNSW) and Masters of Commerce (USYD).

### 2020 Speakers



#### HON SCOTT MORRISON MP

#### Prime Minister of Australia

Scott Morrison was sworn in as Prime Minister of Australia on 24 August 2018.

Prior to becoming Prime Minister, Scott Morrison was Federal Treasurer. His achievements as Treasurer include:

- Record jobs growth
- Delivering tax relief for families and small businesses
- Reducing the deficit
- Getting debt under control
- Ensuring multinationals pay their fair share of tax
- The Prime Minister says the achievement he is most proud of is the more than 100,000 jobs that were created for young people during 2017-18. This is the best result on record.

As Minister for Immigration and Border Protection, Scott Morrison successfully stopped the boats. This stopped the deaths at sea that had been occurring over the previous six years under Labor. Stopping the boats meant that, the Government could close 19 detention centres and remove all children from detention and from Nauru.

As Social Services Minister, Scott reduced abuse of the welfare system and put Australia's social safety net on a more sustainable footing.

Throughout his career in government and in the private sector, Scott Morrison has established a reputation as someone who listens to people and solves difficult policy problems.

Scott Morrison is from the Sutherland Shire in Sydney's south. He has represented his local community in Parliament for over 11 years.



#### **VIOLET SHERIDAN**

#### Ngunnawal Elder

Violet is a Ngunnawal Elder who grew up in her mother's country of Yass.

With her daughter and three sons and eighteen grandchildren, Violet passes on the knowledge she learnt from her Uncle Bruce Merritt of the history and stories of the Ngunnawal People the traditional owners of the lands on which we meet.



#### PETER VAN ONSELEN

Political Editor, Network Ten and Professor of Politics and Public Policy, Griffith University

Peter van Onselen is Network Ten's political editor and a contributing editor for The Australian, where he writes a weekly column. He is also a professor of political science and Foundation Chair of Journalism at the University of Western Australia, as well as a professor of politics and public policy at Griffith University.

Peter is a host on The Project and appears as a panelist on ABC Insiders. He has won Walkley and Logie awards for his broadcast journalism on Sky News where he worked for nearly ten years as a host, and a News Award for his feature and opinion writing in the Australia.

He is the author or editor of six books, including a biography of former Prime Minister John Howard, rated by the Wall Street Journal as the best biography of 2007. He has a PhD in political science and a masters of policy studies and a masters of commerce.



#### **GEOFF WILSON**

#### Polar Explorer

Dr Geoff Wilson is an Australian motivational speaker with a difference. Sure, he's a vet, successful business owner and entrepreneur. But he's also without a doubt one of Australia's most accomplished adventurers.

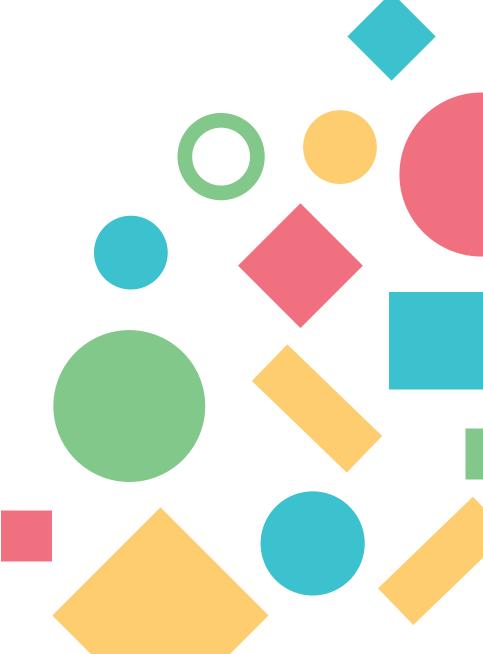
Geoff recently set a new solo and unsupported polar record for the longest expedition across Antarctica at 5,306km, taking 58 days to achieve. He also completed the first and only summit of Dome Argus by ski, and was the first Australian to reach the Pole Of Inaccessibility by ski.

Geoff knows motivation is an essential element in all of life's situations. After all, it's what drives us, makes us hungry for continuous improvement, and for many, can be the difference between success and failure. This is where Geoff comes in.

His life achievements are nothing short of inspiring. As a result, his talks have the power to kick-start real change and breathe fresh air into your approach to each and every day.

Geoff holds numerous world records including;

- Longest solo and unsupported polar expedition
- First and only summit of Dome Argus by ski
- First Australian to reach the Pole Of Inaccessibility by ski.
- Longest land journey ever by kite across the Sahara Desert
- First ever kite surfing expedition across the Torres Strait
- Fastest Solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica, coast to coast through the South Pole



## **General Registration**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Registration Fees — Early Bird \$98 Payment received by Friday 8 May 2020		Attendance at all General Assembly sessions     Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the
Registration Fees — Standard Payment received on or before Friday 5 June 2020	\$1,099.00	General Assembly program  — One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Sunday  — General Assembly satchel and materials
Registration Fees — Late Payment received after Friday 5 June 2020	\$1,199.00	General Assembly satcher and materials

DAY REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Monday 15 June 2020	\$529.00	Attendance at all General Assembly sessions on the day of registration
Tuesday 16 June 2020	\$529.00	Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the General Assembly program on that day
Wednesday 17 June 2020	\$280.00	— General Assembly satchel and materials

SUNDAY REGIONAL FORUM REGISTRATION FEES		
Forum Only Sunday 14 June	2020	\$425.00
	nding the Regional Forum and the	\$225.00 e

ACCOMPANYING PARTNERS REGISTRATION FEES		INCLUSIONS
Accompanying Partners Registration Fee	\$280.00	— 1 ticket to the Welcome Reception, Sunday 14 June  — Day tour 'Explore Canberra's Hidden Gems' Monday 15 June  — Day tour 'Pialligo Master Class Experience' Tuesday 16 June  — Lunch with General Assembly Delegates on Wednesday 17 June

# General Information



#### **Payment Procedures**

Payment can be made by:

<u>Credit card</u> MasterCard and Visa

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Electronic Funds Transfer Bank: Commonwealth Bank Branch: Curtin BSB No: 062905 Account No: 10097760

#### **Cancellation Policy**

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators PO Box 4994 Chisholm ACT 2905

E-mail: nga@confco.com.au

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 8 May 2020. Cancellations received after Friday 8 May 2020 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration, you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

#### **Privacy Disclosure**

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities.

If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name may also be included in the General Assembly List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

#### **Photographs**

During the National General Assembly there will be a contracted photographer. The photographer will take images during the sessions and social functions. If you have your picture taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image.

Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

#### Canberra Weather in June

Winter days in Canberra are characterised by clear sunny skies but the days are cool at around 12-15C and temperatures do drop to 1C on average in the evenings, so be sure to bring a warm jacket. Mornings can be foggy so keep this in mind when booking flights. It is best to avoid early arrivals or departures in case of delays due to fog.

#### **Coach Transfers**

## Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening - Sunday 14 June 2020 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) at approximately 4:45pm. The return coaches will depart at 7:00pm.

#### Daily Shuttles to and from the National Convention Centre

A shuttle service between all General Assembly hotels (except Crowne Plaza Canberra) and the National Convention Centre will operate between 8:00am and 8:30am. Return shuttles will depart the National Convention Centre at 5:30pm.

#### Networking Dinner – National Museum of Australia – Monday 15 June 2020 Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. A return shuttle service will

#### General Assembly Annual Dinner – Parliament House – Tuesday 16 June 2020

commence at 10:15pm.

Coaches will collect delegates from all General Assembly hotels at approximately 6:45pm. A return shuttle service will operate between 10:30pm and 11:45pm.

#### **Car Parking**

Parking for delegates is available underneath the National Convention Centre for a cost of approximately \$19.00 per day. Alternatively, voucher public parking is available 300m from the Centre at a cost of approximately \$15.70 per day. The voucher machines accept either coins or credit cards (Visa or MasterCard).

### **Social** Functions

#### Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening

#### Sunday 14 June 2020

Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

The Welcome Reception will be held in the exhibition hall and foyer

05:00pm - 07:00pm

\$50.00 per person for day delegates and guests. No charge for full registered delegates. No charge for registered accompanying partners

Dress Code: Smart casual.

#### **Networking Dinner**

#### Monday 15 June 2020

Venue: National Museum of Australia

The dinner is being held in the Gandel Atrium

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$115.00 per person

Dress Code: Smart casual.

The Networking Dinner will be held at the National Museum of Australia this year as we continue to showcase Canberra's range of venues. Dinner will be held in the Gandel Atrium with objects from the museum's collections around the room including a Muttaburrasaurus skeleton that was discovered in Muttaburra, Queensland in 1963 and the iconic 1955 FJ Holden. Enjoy the view of Lake Burley Griffin from the bay windows as you network with delegates from other councils and organisations.

#### **General Assembly Dinner**

#### Tuesday 17 June 2020

Venue: Parliament House

The dinner is being held in The Great Hall

07:00pm - 11:00pm

\$150.00 per person

Dress Code: Formal/Cocktail

With upgrades now completed, we are pleased to be returning to Parliament House for the Tuesday night's dinner. Tickets to the prestigious General Assembly Annual Dinner at Parliament House are always highly sought after. Places are limited and therefore booking early is highly recommended to ensure your place.

**Note:** Bookings are accepted in order of receipt.

#### General Assembly Business Sessions

#### Monday 15 June 2020 -Wednesday 17 June 2020

**Venue:** National Convention Centre Canberra

All plenary sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre at the National Convention

**Dress Code:** Business Attire

#### **Exhibition**

#### Monday 15 June 2020 -Wednesday 17 June 2020

Venue: National Convention Centre

The exhibition is being held in the Exhibition Hall of the National Convention Centre.

Dress code: Smart casual

#### **Partner Tours**

#### Monday 15 June 2020 Explore Canberra's Hidden Gems

Canberra is full of famous landmarks and we've taken you to many of them over the years so today we're going to be showing you some of the city's lesser known locations and attractions. The day will start with a visit to the Classics Museum tucked away in the ANU followed by a small walk around the lower levels of the Nishi Building in the New Acton precinct before lunch.

Lunch will be followed by a tour of the National Film and Sound Archive, Australia's 'living' archive with over 3 million items that they collect and preserve for future generations to experience. The final stop for the day will be at Molly, a whiskey bar hidden away in the style of a 1920s speakeasy. Here the bartenders will teach you how to make a cocktail as well as take the opportunity to show off some of their flashy skills.

#### Tuesday 16 June 2020 Pialligo Masterclass Experience

Today will begin with a leisurely stroll around Rodney's Nursery, the large shop here features local products and quirky items not seen in everyday shops. You will then travel up to Pialligo Estate where you will attend a pasta masterclass featuring Canberra and surrounds produce taught by one of Pialligo's masterchefs. They will teach you how to roll out your own pasta and sauces for a delicious stuffed pasta dish and a dessert with a twist as you learn a dessert pasta recipe!

The best part? You get to eat it all afterwards!

### Accommodation



1 Binara Street, Canberra

The Crowne Plaza is adjacent to the Convention Centre and only a short walk from restaurants, bars and the main shopping district.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two double beds.

Superior Room \$325 per night
— Single/twin/double

Deluxe Room \$375 per night
— Single/twin/double

#### Avenue Hotel

80 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Avenue Hotel is one of the newest options in Canberra and offers guests both studio and apartment style rooms. The hotel is a 15-20 minute walk from the Convention Centre.

The apartments have a fully functioning kitchen. Twin option at the hotel consists of two king singles.

Superior King Rooms \$285 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$335 per night— Single/double

### Nesuto Apartments (previously the Waldorf)

2 Akuna Street, Canberra

Located in the heart of Canberra's CBD, the Nesuto Apartments is only a fiveminute walk from the National Convention Centre. The one-bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge/dining area.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds. Additional costs will apply if more than 2 guests are within the one

Studio Apartment \$210 per night
— Single/twin/double

1 Bedroom Apartments \$230 per night
— Single/twin/double

#### Novotel

65 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Located on Northbourne Avenue, one of Canberra's main thoroughfares, the Novotel is a 15-minute walk from the National Convention Centre. Standard rooms have a Queen size bed while the Executive rooms have a King size bed.

Twin option for the Standard Room type consists of two double beds and the Executive Room type consists of one king bed and a pull-out sofa bed.

Standard Room \$290 per night
— Single/twin/double

Executive Room \$325 per night
— Single/twin/double

#### Mantra

84 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

Mantra on Northbourne is centrally located within the CBD and approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. One-bedroom apartments also offer a separate lounge and dining area, kitchen and a fully equipped laundry.

Bedding configuration in a hotel room is one king or two single beds and a onebedroom apartment has one queen or two singles.

Hotel Room \$220 per night
— Single/twin/double

- 1 Bedroom Apartment \$260 per night
- Single/twin/double

#### Adina Apartment Hotel James Court

74 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra

The Adina Apartments Hotel James Court is approximately a 15-20 minute walk from the National Convention Centre. Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Note: Reception operates between the hours of 6.30am and 11.00pm

- 1 Bedroom Apartment \$235 per night
- Single/twin/double
- 2 Bedroom Apartment \$309 per night— Single/double

#### Qt Hotel

1 London Circuit, Canberra

The Qt Hotel is a modern hotel with boutique style furnishings, central to the city and a 10-minute walk to the National Convention Centre.

Twin option at the hotel consists of two single beds.

Standard Room \$249 per night
— Single/twin/double

#### The Sebel Canberra Civic

197 London Circuit, Canberra

The Sebel Canberra Civic is Canberra's newest hotel opened in June 2019 and just a 7-minute walk to the National Convention Centre. Every bathroom is accessibility friendly with walk in showers.

Superior rooms come with a queen bed.

Superior Room \$160 per night
— Single/double

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#### Registration:

Online: NGA20.com.au

Hard copy registration forms and PDF versions are available

by emailing

NGA@confco.com.au

#### **Debate on Motions:**

To assist in identifying motions for the 2020 NGA, a discussion paper has been prepared and is available at: alga.asn.au

