THE GAME HAS CHANGED

NOW IT’S ABOUT:

• COMMUNITY-LED GOVERNANCE (COMMUNITY CO-LEADERSHIP & CO-DESIGN)
• CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN COUNCILS

THIS SUMMIT WILL CELEBRATE THE LOCAL: WHO’S LEADING THE (NEW) WAY AND HOW THEY’RE DOING IT.

UNBELIEVABLY ‘WOW’ CONTENT FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA AND THE WORLD.

For possibly the first time in history, we are seeing the simultaneous breakdown of trust in our key institutions: government, church and business. People want to ‘take back control’. This involves a transfer of power to the local level: putting control of government where it belongs: in the hands of the governed: a reset of democracy.
2018 FUTURE OF
LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL SUMMIT

THE 2017 FOLG NATIONAL SUMMIT SAW A RECOGNITION THAT:

- Future Shock is upon us, but our system of governance is disintegrating.
- Business as Usual is not an option. LG is ripe for disruption.
- There is an urgent need to devolve power back to communities. We need to put people, place and planet at the centre (not government). The true objective of LG is to enable communities to determine their own preferred futures and how they are best realised. More attention needs to be given to local government’s role in the context of local governance, with Councillors as stewards of empowered communities.
- A new Australian Localism is emerging, emphasising the fundamental importance of place and place-based governance, and recognising that every issue demands a localist response (and who picks up the tab?)
- Local government needs to demonstrate its relevance and forge partnerships at neighbourhood, regional and national scales. The sector can capture the Australian political imagination by putting people and place first.

Please note the fact that local Councils do many amazing things! Councils manage the most complex service business on earth on a shoestring. They are the elephant in the community, the ‘glue’ that supports communities and makes the system work at the local level. So this is about the way Councils work, and making them more effective, NOT downgrading or replacing them.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

9.10AM WELCOME: MARY LALIOS, MAV PRESIDENT

9.15AM INTRODUCTION BY FACILITATOR STEPHEN YARWOOD, FORMER ADELAIDE LORD MAYOR & URBAN FUTURIST.

9.20AM SUMMIT CONTEXT, JOHN HENNESSY, MAV

9.35AM ‘BEYOND DEVOLUTION AND TOWARDS RESILIENCE’, ANDREW WALKER, POLICY RESEARCHER, UK LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT (LGIU)

The LGIU has been at the forefront of thinking about the future of local government and has recently produced two reports, ‘Beyond Devolution’ and ‘Resilience in Practice’. At this key moment in the trajectory of the UK it is crucial to ask what the future has in store for local democracy. This is precisely what the Beyond Devolution report does: in order to investigate this situation more fully, the LGiU convened a high level network of leaders from councils across the country, as well as senior academics from four universities and practitioners from organisations across the public sector. This leads into the Resilience report which demonstrates the importance of nurturing the power within communities to manage long-term change, supporting the capacity of individual citizens to adapt and participate, and the building the skills and assets within organisations that allow them to work in new ways.


Last year’s Future of Local Government Summit conference called for a fresh model of local governance based on a re-energised civil society that draws on the resourcefulness of people working together in local and regional communities – ‘a new Australian localism’. Many councils across Australia are already starting to work along those lines, but progress seems patchy and slow. Should we do better and what’s happening elsewhere?

Graham Sansom is an Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney. He was previously Director of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government and CEO of the Australian Local Government Association. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at the University of Toronto’s Institute for Municipal Finance and Governance. On his way to Canada Graham spent two weeks in Britain talking to a wide range of local government people and organisations about the latest issues there, with a particular focus on community governance.

10.55AM MORNING TEA NETWORKING
**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, MAY 30**

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<td>‘RENEWABLE NEWSTEAD’, GENEVIEVE BARLOW AND GEOFF PARK.</td>
<td>Newstead is a diverse, creative and cohesive community with a high level of community participation and volunteerism. The locals are keen to have a say in the future of their town. One of the key initiatives, Renewable Newstead, commenced in 2010 to enable the Newstead community to transition to 100% renewable energy, using a combination of solar and storage. The project seeks to ensure barriers to participation are minimised, while providing a balance of financial, social and community benefit to Newstead residents. We have taken significant strides towards the ‘roll out’ of a feasible, cost-effective and replicable community energy model. The presentation will provide an overview of the project and it’s achievements to date, but more importantly we will share our insights into problem solving and community building at the ‘grass roots’ level.</td>
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| 11.55AM | ‘THE NEW WARATAH COMMUNITY CHARTER AND ADVISORY BOARD’, TRACEY BRADLEY, DIRECTOR CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, WARATAH-WYNYARD COUNCIL. | The Waratah Community in Tasmania is the first Australian place to follow the New Zealand Community Board model and establish a Community Charter and Advisory Board, to devolve responsibility to the community and to ensure delivery of the community plan. The role of the Board is:  
  a) The achievement of Waratah Community Plan 2018-21  
  b) Developing and delivering on community priorities  
  c) Local and representative leadership for the Waratah community  
  d) Effective engagement with the local community and organisations  
  e) Liaison with and advice to Council and other relevant authorities. Tracey will discuss the journey to date and next steps. |

| 12.25PM | LUNCH | |

| 1.15PM | Discussion topic: community-led/devolution: what is the best way to do it? | |

| 1.35PM | ‘CREATING AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES IN THE US’, DANIELLE ARIGONI, DIRECTOR, AARP LIVABLE COMMUNITIES (USA). | In the face of a changing federal landscape, new approaches are being tapped to create great communities -- with robust housing and transportation options, and engaging public spaces -- throughout the US. AARP -- a national nonprofit organization representing 38 million members aged 50+ -- has piloted one of these new approaches through its promotion of “livable communities” work. Learn more about how AARP is working in partnership with states and localities to use frame of “age-friendly” to help create more livable, sustainable and ultimately resilient communities. Danielle will discuss the work of AARP in assessing and improving the liveability and sustainability of communities. Danielle was the staff representative to President Barack Obama’s White House Council on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. In addition, Danielle helped to coordinate federal investments and policies to support more integrated, community-driven local land use and decision-making. Danielle previously worked in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Smart Growth program, where she won awards and led efforts to better integrate affordable housing into the smart growth movement. |

| 2.25PM | ‘BHIVE: A WORLD FIRST, PLACE-BASED SHARING ECONOMY COOPERATIVE’, IAN MCBURNEY, DIRECTOR AND EO. | The bHive Cooperative is a community owned, person-to-person sharing economy platform being developed for Bendigo by a team of five local entrepreneurs. bHive is the future of work, economic development and community development. bHive was featured at the third Platform Cooperatives conference in New York in November 2017. In direct contrast to the Ubers and Airbnbs of the world who destroy local jobs, create precarious work and take profits and tax overseas, bHive is being built in Bendigo from the ground up. Bendigo people will build, operate and own the platform that will build over time to provides skill sharing, car sharing, lifts, food sharing, logistics, house sharing, crowdfunding, insurance and lots more. |

| 2.55PM | PANEL SESSION: THE ADVANTAGES OF BEING COMMUNITY-LED | |

| 3.15PM | AFTERNOON TEA | |

| 3.35PM | ‘TRANSITIONING TO A ZERO CARBON COMMUNITY WITHIN 10 YEARS’, IMOGEN JUBB, NATIONAL MANAGER, ZERO CARBON COMMUNITIES, BEYOND ZERO EMISSIONS. | Imogen will present on the BZE local government climate review as well as regional and local approaches to repowering and engaging communities, including case studies of communities transitioning to a zero carbon community within 10 years. Imogen is a communication specialist who has provided climate change and sustainability advice to organisations including the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO and the Moreland Energy Foundation. She has published articles in The Age, SBS, Huffington Post and The Fifth Estate, worked as television presenter and script writer for the ABC and co-authored reports with some of Australia’s leading climate-change scientists. She is an elected Board Member of Climate for Change is passionate about strategies that will work our way to a sustainable world. |
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4.05PM ‘COMMUNITY-LED PROCESSES TO ACHIEVE LOCAL SUSTAINABILITY’, DR. ALICE HOWE, MANAGER, SUSTAINABILITY, LAKE MACQUARIE CITY COUNCIL.

Alice will discuss Lake Macquarie’s Sustainable Neighbourhood groups and their community-led processes. Sustainable Neighbourhood groups are made up of local residents who care about their neighbourhood and are committed to working together to make it more sustainable. Each Sustainable Neighbourhood Group engages widely with their community to develop a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP). The Action Plan includes:
- A long term vision for the neighbourhood
- Lists the things that people value about their neighbourhood
- Identifies challenges and opportunities for action
- Details the actions and projects that people in the neighbourhood will undertake to achieve their vision.

4.35PM ‘VISIONS AND PATHWAYS 2040’, VICTORIAN ECO-INNOVATION LAB, UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE.

Visions, Scenarios and Pathways for Low-Carbon Resilient Futures in Australian Cities

4.40PM FACILITATED DISCUSSION: IMPLICATIONS FOR MY COUNCIL

5 PM INFORMAL NETWORKING SESSION WITH NIBBLES AND DRINKS.

6PM CLOSE

**DAY 2: THURSDAY, MAY 31**

9AM DISCUSSION


LogoNet Australia is a national network of individuals dedicated to fresh thinking about the future of Local Government and community governance, and to promoting innovation in the way local councils go about their business. The inaugural LogoNet meeting was held in Sydney in November 2016 and identified a primary need to develop a platform to share information, support practical research and influence decision-making by highlighting the value and importance of effective local government and community democracy.

**The LogoNet Dialogue**

A key LogoNet initiative is the LogoNet Dialogue, an opportunity to discuss some critical issues affecting local communities and local government. Everyone who has an interest in these issues is invited to submit a commentary, article or case study related to the Dialogue theme. Please go to Introducing the LogoNet Dialogue page for more details.

**The LogoNet Website**

The LogoNet Dialogue is only one feature of the LogoNet website which is also the main hub, driver and resource for the network. The website has an extensive Resources section with a directory of Local Government Associations and related organisations in Australia, New Zealand and a number of other countries. There is also a Publications and Research page with links to research agencies, reports, publications and other resource material relating to Local Government.
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9.45AM  ‘THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL CO-OPERATION AND COLLABORATION’, SCOTT SMITH, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNCIL OF MAYORS, SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND.

The Council of Mayors (SEQ) was established in September 2005 as an independent political advocacy organisation to represent the interests of one of the nation’s fastest growing regions – South East Queensland. It is Australia’s largest regional local government advocacy organisation, representing the one in seven Australians who call SEQ home. The membership of the Council of Mayors (SEQ) consists of the 11 Mayors representing the Councils of SEQ: Brisbane, Gold Coast, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Logan, Moreton Bay, Redland, Scenic Rim, Somerset, Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba councils. With five out of the ten largest Councils in Australia in SEQ, the region is no longer just a series of disparate geographic areas but a region that, in practical terms, functions as a single metropolitan area.

10.15AM  MORNING TEA

10.35AM  DRIVING CHANGE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT: WHAT WORKS AND WHAT DOESN’T ?’, LES ROBINSON, CHANGEOLOGY.

Les is a specialist in achieving change and innovation, and is the author of ‘Changeology’, How to Enable Groups, Communities and Societies to do Things They’ve Never Done Before, an entertaining and illuminating “crash course in social change thinking”. Les has just completed a research study of a group of key local government leaders nationally to identify characteristics of success in LG projects.

11.05AM  WHAT ARE THE LEARNINGS FROM THIS RESEARCH?

11.15AM  ‘ACTION FOCUSSED INNOVATION’, MARTIJN SCHRODER,

Martijn, who was very well received at the 2017 Summit, is passionate about the need for Councils to transform their operations. His presentation will cover

• Practicality and action as a mechanism for change
• Complexity thinking and the power of narratives
• A new paradigm for service delivery merging the lessons learned from the past with the capabilities of today

Martijn has worked in Continuous Improvement, Transformation and Business Change for over 20 years. He is particularly known for his human-based change management. Martijn has extensive international experience across both public and private sectors and has assisted many organisations with strategy, service based governance and sourcing, process improvement and coaching of executives. He applies innovative thinking in and achieves out of the box solutions and improvements.

11.45AM  ‘LEARNING HOW TO BE COMMUNITY-LED’, RHYS WILLIAMS, MAYOR OF MANDURAH COUNCIL (WA)

Rhys Williams, the 2015 Young Western Australian of the Year, was appointed Mayor of Mandurah in late 2017. He had previously established Make Place – a hub for young entrepreneurs and leaders to collaborate and has an extensive background in volunteer organisations. Rhys will discuss how he plans to devolve power to the community to achieve a vision for Mandurah.

12.15PM  HEALTHY, VIBRANT, RESILIENT & ENTERPRISING COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY: HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY CASE STUDY WITH SHERRIE COOTE AND SANDRA SLATTER.

Heathcote is a rural community located in Central Victoria. One of the most exciting developments in the community is the Heathcote dementia friendly village (Village) proposal. The community’s care providers (such as Heathcote Health) are finding it increasingly difficult to manage severe dementia behaviours within traditional residential care settings. There are no models of care currently available locally (or even within Australia). The Village would be the first of its type in Australia and would establish Heathcote and Central Victoria as a centre of dementia care best practice and learning. The Village proposal is similar to Hogewey village in the Netherlands but would also incorporate the “Green Care Program”. This program links healthcare to agriculture, gardening, landscaping and nature conservation, caring for animals and community activities. It would also create new economic drivers, as well as new training and employment opportunities. (It is estimated the Village would inject $15M into the local economy each year).
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12.45PM LUNCH

1.25PM EXPOSURE TIME: 2 CATEGORIES:
- What is my Councils doing to contribute to the New Story?
- OR
- What can my Council do to join the New Story?

1.50PM ‘TINY HOUSES HAVE A BIG FUTURE’, TOM DANBY, COMMUNITY DEVELOPER.
The Tiny House movement is expanding globally and may have significant implications for inequality, housing affordability and homelessness. But what are the implications and opportunities for local government?

2.15PM ‘THE TRANSITION MOVEMENT’, MARY STRINGER, TRANSITION STREETS BANYULE.
The Transition Movement’ was launched in the UK in 2006 and is today operating in 35 countries. It is comprised of vibrant, grassroots community initiatives that seek to build community resilience in the face of such challenges as peak oil, climate change and the economic crisis. Transition Initiatives differentiate themselves from other sustainability and “environmental” groups by seeking to mitigate these converging global crises by engaging their communities in home-grown, citizen-led education, action, and multi-stakeholder planning to increase local self reliance and resilience. Locally, Transition Newcastle has produced a workbook that can be accessed at: http://transitionnewcastle.org.au/transition-streets-workbooks/

2.40PM ‘WHY INVESTING IN TOURISM IS GOOD FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES’, WAYNE KAYLER-THOMSON, CHAIR, GREAT OCEAN ROAD REGIONAL TOURISM LTD.
Tourism is often taken for granted in the bigger economic development context but it is one of the biggest generators of benefits for local communities. The visitor economy continues to deliver growth in times of change. Wayne will discuss why and how Councils can invest in and support the visitor economy to deliver community benefit.

2.55PM ‘MOVEMENT AND PLACE: THE IMPLICATIONS OF AMAZON FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN A NEW GAME PLAN FOR PLACES’, DAVID MEPHAM, PLACE PLANNER.
Will the advent of Amazon be to the benefit of local government and communities? Major changes are impacting the retail and land use area and local government needs to be alert to the opportunity. David has an extensive place planning and design background. As City Building Manager for the Gold Coast Light Rail he oversaw planning and urban design issues and as Coordinator Transport Futures he produced the innovative City of Gold Coast City Parking Plan. David has also developed ‘Last Mile’ concepts for the 2018 Commonwealth Games venues, established community transport schemes and has assisted in the planning of numerous other major projects.

3.15PM NEXT STEPS: THE COUNCIL CHALLENGE

3.25PM CLOSE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN CHANGE AND THE FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT: including Councillors, CEOs, Directors, and managers and officers in Community Development, Innovation, Organisational Development, Corporate Planners, Strategic Planning, Human Resources, Governance, Service Planners, Business Transformation, Digital Transformation, Information Management and Business Analysis.


COST: $594 (INCLUDING GST)
Note: no single day registrations are available.

TO REGISTER: For online registration and conference details go to www.mav.asn.au/events (click on ‘upcoming events’ and scroll down to May 30).

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SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATION: Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William St, Melbourne Vic 3000. Phone (03) 9322 8000 (refer to MAV event at Angliss Conference Centre for discount).