

LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION FORUM 2011 : DAY 1

9.30–9.40am Welcome Margaret Reynolds Chairperson ACELG Board

9.40-10.30am *Introduction Local Governance in Transition: an overview* Graham Sansom and Mark Evans; *Local Government Research: Future Directions & Practitioner Involvement*; Austin Ley
City of Melbourne

10.30-11.00am **Morning Tea**

Stream 1: Transition Governance, Lvl 6-Large Room	Stream 2: People in Transition, Lvl 6-Nurses Room	Stream 3: Environments in Transition, Lvl 6-Small Room
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<p>11.00-1.10pm Transition Governance <i>A Fresh Look at Municipal Consolidation in Australia</i> Chris Aulich, University of Canberra</p> <p><i>Sustainability and the Social Contract with Australia's Country Towns: Local Governance in Transition?</i> John Martin, LaTrobe University</p> <p><i>Divided by a continent – different approaches to local government reform and the prospects for regional organisations of councils in NSW and Western Australia</i> Alex Gooding Gooding Davies Consultancy Pty Ltd/ACELG Associate Facilitator: Robyn Morris</p>	<p>Community Engagement <i>Local Government and Community Engagement in Australia</i> Jade Herriman, UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF)</p> <p><i>Meeting Challenges through Empowered, Deliberative Participation: A case study of a WA regional local government</i> Rob Weymouth, Western Australian Local Government Association</p> <p><i>Evolution of Community Governance: Building on What Works</i> Peter McKinlay, Local Government Centre AUT University NZ</p> <p>Facilitator: Sarah Artist</p>	<p>Liveability <i>Health Impact Assessment in a Local Government Context</i> Patrick Harris for Mackay Public Health Unit</p> <p><i>Connectivity, Sustainability, Flexibility and Accessibility – Indicators for Liveable Rural and Remote Communities</i> A Liveable Communities Assessment of Gunnedah Shire Rosemary Pollock, Health Reform Transition Organisation Northern</p> <p><i>Options for a local government framework for measuring liveability</i> Ruth Goldsmith, Penrith City Council</p> <p>Facilitator: Stefanie Pillora</p>
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1.10-2.00pm **Lunch**

<p>2.00-3.40 Sharing services and Finance in transition <i>Rating policy – an ad hoc or principled balancing act?</i> Shane Sody, Local Government Association of South Australia</p> <p><i>Regional performance: the leadership difference</i> Amanda Spalding, Darrell Hair Associates; Alison Dalziel</p> <p><i>Legal and Governance Models for Shared Services in Local Government</i> David Somerville NM Consulting</p> <p>Facilitator: Chris Champion</p>	<p>Workforce in Transition <i>Location as a factor in Gender Equity in Local Government</i> Karen Purser, ACELG;</p> <p><i>Learning in Local Government</i> Sarah Artist and Geraldine O'Connor, UTS Centre for Local Government;</p> <p><i>South Australian Local Government Workforce Planning Project</i> Sandy Semmens, Local Government Association of SA</p> <p>Facilitator: John Ravlic</p>	<p>Climate Change & Transition Governance <i>Climate change governance by local councils</i> Heather Zeppel University of South Queensland;</p> <p><i>Strategic planning for collaborative practice: the potential for inter-organisational cooperation to overcome constraints to climate adaptation</i> Lorraine Bates, CSIRO;</p> <p><i>Foreseeing and managing the health risks of climate change: a translational pilot project for local government</i> Erica Bell, University of Tasmania Facilitator: Marianne di Giallonardo</p>
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3.40-4.00pm **Afternoon Tea**

<p>4.00-5.10pm Local/State Reform Governance <i>Collaborative Governance and Metropolitan Planning in South East Queensland</i> John Abbott, John Abbott Planning</p> <p><i>Collaborative reform process between state and local government: the Victorian Councils Reforming Business Program</i> Leighton Vivian, Department of Planning and Community Development Victoria Facilitator: Geraldine O'Connor</p>	<p>Cultures of Transition <i>Building the capacity for local government innovation</i> Mark Evans, University of Canberra</p> <p><i>Current perceptions and trends of Local Government as an employer of choice</i> Jennifer Frederick, Logan City Council</p> <p>Facilitator: Sandy Semmens</p>	<p>Governance <i>Impacts of the Local Government Reform Process</i> Philip Willis, UTS ISF</p> <p><i>Responding to the challenges of collaboration: developing an innovative research partnership between local government and global university</i> Richie Howitt Macquarie University and John Neish, Ryde Council Facilitator: Rolf Gerritson</p>
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5.10-6.00pm **Transition Themes Day 1 - Mark Evans to facilitate**

6.00-7.00pm **Cocktails**

LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION FORUM 2011 : DAY 2

	Stream 1 Transition Governance, <i>Aerial Function Centre, Jones Room</i>	Stream 2 Communities in Transition, <i>Nurses Education Room</i>	Stream 3 Environments in Transition, <i>Lvl 6-Large Room</i>
8.30-10.10am	<p>Rural, Remote, Indigenous Local Government <i>Local government service delivery to remote Indigenous communities: funding and service delivery model design</i> Michael Limerick and Robyn Morris, Edith Cowan University</p> <p><i>Roles and expectations of rural-remote and indigenous councils</i> Alan Morton, Morton Consulting Services</p> <p><i>Who Defines 'Sustainability'? Perspectives on the recent transition from Community Councils to Regional Shires in the Northern Territory</i> Thomas Michel, Roper Gulf Shire Council</p> <p>Facilitator: Melissa Gibbs</p>	<p>Community Engagement <i>The UK Transition Network and Community Governance: A discussion paper for Australian Local Government</i> Hazel Storey, The Storey Agency</p> <p><i>Winning Positive Community Outcomes Through Good Governance of Stakeholder Relationships: The Case of the City of Melville, Western Australia</i> Raymond de Silva, City of Melville Council</p> <p><i>Citizen Participation and Murray Darling Basin Futures – Better Practice Design</i> Mark Evans, University of Canberra</p> <p>Facilitator: John Martin</p>	<p>Environments in Transition <i>Delivering improved climate change projections to NSW Councils</i> Erin Roger, NSW Office of Environment and Heritage</p> <p><i>Visualising the complex web of a locality's environmental risk governance</i> Dick Osborn PhD Researcher, Australian National University</p> <p><i>Local Government and Landfill Futures</i> Anne Gero and Dustin Moore UTS ISF</p> <p>Facilitator: Su-Fei Tan</p>
10.10-10.40am	Morning Tea		
10.40-12.10pm	<p>Leadership in Transition <i>Local political leadership in transition: lessons from the new Auckland Council</i> Christine Cheyne Massey, University NZ</p> <p><i>Leadership in Australian Local Government Reform: Institutional and Ethical Approaches</i> Bligh Grant, University of New England</p> <p><i>Political Management Leadership in Australian Local Government</i> John Martin, Latrobe University/Chris Aulich, UC</p> <p>Facilitator: Sophi Bruce</p>	<p>Communicating in Transition <i>Local Government and the National Broadband: How the Sector is Preparing to Capture the Benefits</i> Ian Tiley, University of New England</p> <p><i>Engaging City Futures: Social Media Success Factors</i> Colin Russo, Gold Coast City Council</p> <p><i>From Extension to Engagement – Application and Use of Social Media to Enhance Local Government Performance</i> Anne Howard, University of Canberra</p> <p>Facilitator: Paul Bateson</p>	<p>Measuring Governance <i>Demographics and local Government</i> Lisa Conolly Australian Bureau of Statistics</p> <p><i>Measuring Liveability: the contribution of a Census of Land Use and Employment</i> Austin Ley City Of Melbourne and Serryn Eagleson Department of Planning and Community Development Victoria</p> <p>Facilitator: Mervyn Carter</p>
12.10-1pm	Transition Themes Day 2		
1.00-1.40pm	Lunch		
1.40-2.30pm	<p>Research Debate Chair: Erica Bell FOR: John Martin and Greg Hoffman AGAINST: Melissa Gibbs and Lawrence Pratchett Aerial Function Centre Jones Room</p>	<p>'Researchers are from Venus, local government is from Mars: politics, not evidence, shapes policy'</p>	
2.30-3.00pm	<p>Research Futures and wrap up Graham Sansom and Mark Evans</p>	<p>What is the future of local government research? How do we encourage practitioner involvement?</p>	