

LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN TRANSITION FORUM 2011 : DAY 1

9.30–9.40am Welcome Professor Attila Brungs Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) UTS

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

11.00-1.10pm

Transition Governance

A Fresh Look at Municipal Consolidation in Australia
Chris Aulich, University of Canberra
Sustainability and the Social Contract with Australia's Country Towns: Local Governance in Transition? John Martin, LaTrobe University
Divided by a continent – different approaches to local government reform and the prospects for regional organisations of councils in NSW and Western Australia
Alex Gooding Gooding Davies Consultancy Pty Ltd/ACELG Associate

Facilitator: Robyn Morris

Community Engagement

Local Government and Community Engagement in Australia
Jade Herriman, UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF)
Meeting Challenges through Empowered, Deliberative Participation: A case study of a WA regional local government Rob Weymouth, Western Australian Local Government Association
Evolution of Community Governance: Building on What Works Peter McKinlay, Local Government Centre AUT University NZ

Facilitator: Sarah Artist

Liveability

Options for a local government framework for measuring liveability Ruth Goldsmith, Penrith City Council
Connectivity, Sustainability, Flexibility and Accessibility – Indicators for Liveable Rural and Remote Communities A Liveable Communities Assessment of Gunnedah Shire
Rosemary Pollock, Health Reform Transition Organisation Northern
Health Impact Assessment in a Local Government Context Patrick Harris for Mackay Public Health Unit

Facilitator: Stefanie Pillora

1.10-2.00pm

Lunch

2.00-3.40

Sharing services and Finance in transition

Rating policy – an ad hoc or principled balancing act?
Shane Sody, Local Government Association of South Australia
Regional performance: the leadership difference
Amanda Spalding, Darrell Hair Associates; Alison Dalziel, Dalziel Strategy and Performance
Legal and Governance Models for Shared Services in Local Government David Somerville NM Consulting

Facilitator: Chris Champion

Workforce in Transition

Location as a factor in Gender Equity in Local Government
Karen Purser, ACELG;
Learning in Local Government Sarah Artist and Geraldine O'Connor, UTS Centre for Local Government;
South Australian Local Government Workforce Planning Project Sandy Semmens, Local Government Association of SA

Facilitator: John Ravlic

Climate Change & Transition Governance

Climate change governance by local councils Heather Zeppel University of South Queensland;
Strategic planning for collaborative practice: the potential for inter-organisational cooperation to overcome constraints to climate adaptation Lorraine Bates, CSIRO;
Foreseeing and managing the health risks of climate change: a translational pilot project for local government
Erica Bell, University of Tasmania

Facilitator: Marianne di Giallonardo

3.40-4.00pm

Afternoon Tea

4.00-5.10pm

Local/State Reform Governance

Collaborative Governance and Metropolitan Planning in South East Queensland John Abbott, John Abbott Planning
Collaborative reform process between state and local government: the Victorian Councils Reforming Business Program Leighton Vivian, Department of Planning and Community Development Victoria

Facilitator: Geraldine O'Connor

Cultures of Transition

Building the capacity for local government innovation Mark Evans, University of Canberra
Current perceptions and trends of Local Government as an employer of choice Jennifer Frederick, Logan City Council

Facilitator: Sandy Semmens

Governance

Impacts of the Local Government Reform Process Philip Willis, UTS ISF
Responding to the challenges of collaboration: developing an innovative research partnership between local government and global university Richie Howitt Macquarie University and John Neish, Ryde Council

Facilitator: Rolf Gerritson

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>	