



Council Member Training and Conference Report Form

Name of Council Member: Misty Norris

Name of Training/Conference: Australian Local Government National General Assembly, Canberra

Date(s) of Training/Conference: 23-26 June, 2026

Was this a group training session? Yes ☐ No ☒

Was the training provided by the LGA or ALGA? Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide a brief overview of the issues discussed at the training/conference:

- Sustainability of Councils (long-term financial plans)
- Housing affordability & planning
- Service delivery expectations
- Funding
- Economic Development
- Disaster management

Please provide a brief overview of any information you received at the training or conference that may be of assistance to the Council:

Connected with some service providers ongoing communication. Will pass contacts to Council if relevant.

* Please see attachment

In light of the training you received, do you believe there are steps that the Council may undertake to advance the Playford Community Vision 2043 and/or Councils Strategic Plan? If so, what steps

* Please see attachment

Signature: M Norris

Date: 28/07/2026

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Councillor: Misty Norris

Event: Australian Local Government National General Assembly 2026, Canberra Convention Centre

Dates: 23 - 26 June 2026

Overview: The 2026 ALGA NGA brought together elected members, in this instance from Playford; myself, Cr Halls & Mayor Docherty, as well as local government professionals, federal Ministers, academics and industry leaders from across Australia to discuss the future of local Government.

- * A significant focus was the long-term financial sustainability of Councils, with discussions regarding increasing service delivery expectations, rising infrastructure costs and the need for strong partnerships across local, state and federal governments. Delegates explored and moved motions on housing affordability, enabling infrastructure, transport, disaster management, cyber security, economic development, leadership and innovation within local government.

The conference provided valuable opportunities to meet with Councillors, Mayors, CEO's and industry stakeholders. These conversations highlighted innovative approaches being adopted by Councils including the use of emerging technologies, data-informed decision making, digital service delivery, strategic partnerships and community engagement models that are improving organisational efficiency (ie Payble) and delivering better outcomes for residents.

* Attending the conference reinforced that many of the challenges facing Councils nationally are equally relevant to the City of Playford. Increasing demands for roads, sporting facilities, libraries, open space, community infrastructure and essential services which require ongoing strategic planning and advocacy for sustainable funding, not just short-term grant opportunities

So how is this applicable to the Playford 2043 Vision and Strategic Plan?

- Advocate for long-term sustainable funding that recognises the needs of rapidly growing Councils and supports the delivery of essential infrastructure
- Strengthen collaboration with neighbouring Councils, the LGA-SA, ALGA and government agencies to share knowledge, influence policy and pursue joint advocacy opportunities
- Investigate innovative technologies that have the potential to improve organisational efficiency and customer experience
- Adopt evidence-based planning to ensure infrastructure aligns with population growth and community needs
- Encourage professional development for employees and elected members to strengthen skills and informed decision making