



Council Member Training and Conference Report Form

Name of Council Member: Mayor Glenn Docherty

Name of Training/Conference: 2025 NGAA Congress

Date(s) of Training/Conference: 29th of July to August 1 2025

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:

The 2025 NGAA Congress was titled "The Future of Growth Areas". Hosted by the City of Cockburn and City of Gosnells. The Congress focused on the following areas

Economic opportunities for Growth Areas
Government policies affecting Growing Areas
Site tour of Waste to Energy Recovery Centre
Tour of Australian Marine Complex
Tours of Youth and Community Infrastructure
Health and Wellbeing for children and families in Growing Communities ➤
Political landscape post 2025 Federal Election

Key Speakers and Presenters included

Cassandra Winzar, Chief Economist, CEDA
Prof. Hayley Christian AM, The Kids Research Institute
Col Dutton, UDIA National President
Patrick Fagan, Partner, GRA Partners
Grace Stanton, Public Health, Strategic Partnerships & Community Development WA
Justine Conely, Strategy Director, GRA Partners

Link to program is here [6874a8043059d8d969b3e332_2025_Congress Program_Final.pdf \(website-files.com\)](#)

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

City of Playford Staff were also in attendance and have relevant information for the key planning opportunities, future advocacy opportunities, and information for the strategic plan.

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 Council Strategic Plan? If so, what steps?

That the City of Playford continues to be a member of the NGAA

Key slide presentations that could assist with the Strategic Plan or other policy frame works are listed below

[NGAA Congress 2025 Setting the Economic Context Keynote Presentation |](#)

[National Growth Areas Alliance](#)

[Australia's Growth Areas: Housing Challenges and Economic Opportunity | National Growth Areas Alliance \(ngaa.org.au\)](#) [Crafting Strategic Narratives for Growth Area Success | National Growth Areas Alliance \(ngaa.org.au\)](#)

[Future Communities - Designing for Belonging, Health and Opportunity | National Growth Areas Alliance \(ngaa.org.au\)](#)

[WA's Role in AUKUS: Building Australia's Defence Future | National Growth Areas Alliance \(ngaa.org.au\)](#)

Signature:



Date: 23/11/2025

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