

# 2024 Registration Brochure

## NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS, TRANSPORT & INFRASTRUCTURE CONGRESS

Margaret River | 3 - 4 December 2024



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# CEO WELCOME



I am pleased to invite you to attend our 2024 National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress, to be held in Margaret River from 3-4 December.

As with last year's event in Canberra, this year's Congress will not only cover roads and transport, but also include a broader focus on community infrastructure.

Across two days you will hear from government leaders, academics, peak bodies and other councils on topics including enabling infrastructure for future housing development, renewable energy deployment and integration, innovations in active transport, and transitioning to a circular economy.

The Congress also offers a unique opportunity to build your professional networks and meet with local government suppliers that can help your council.

I sincerely hope you can join us at this year's National Local Roads, Transport and Infrastructure Congress and look forward to seeing you there!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Crawford".

Amy Crawford  
Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Local Government Association

# PRELIMINARY CONGRESS PROGRAM

To view the current program please view the website: [RoadsCongress.com.au](https://RoadsCongress.com.au)

## Monday 2 December

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4:00 PM Registration | Arrival and Check-In

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5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Welcome Reception & Exhibition Opening  
Margaret River HEART

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## Tuesday 3 December

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8:00 AM Registration | Arrival Tea and Coffee

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9:00 AM **Opening Ceremony**  
Welcome to Country

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9:05 AM **ALGA President Opening Address**

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9:15 AM **Minister Address (Virtual)**  
The Hon Kristy McBain MP - Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories

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9:20 AM **Shadow Minister Address**  
Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development

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9:30 AM **2050: Australia's Transport Roadmap**

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10:15 AM MORNING TEA

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10:45 AM **Local Government and Housing: Bridging the Trunk Infrastructure Gap**

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12:15 PM LUNCH

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1:15 PM **Session 1: Active Transport and EV Trends**      **Session 2: Regional Airports of the Future**

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2:15 PM **Session 3: Safe and Secure Water Management**      **Session 4: The Changing Freight Landscape**

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3:15 PM AFTERNOON TEA

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3:45 PM **Asset Management: A National Approach**

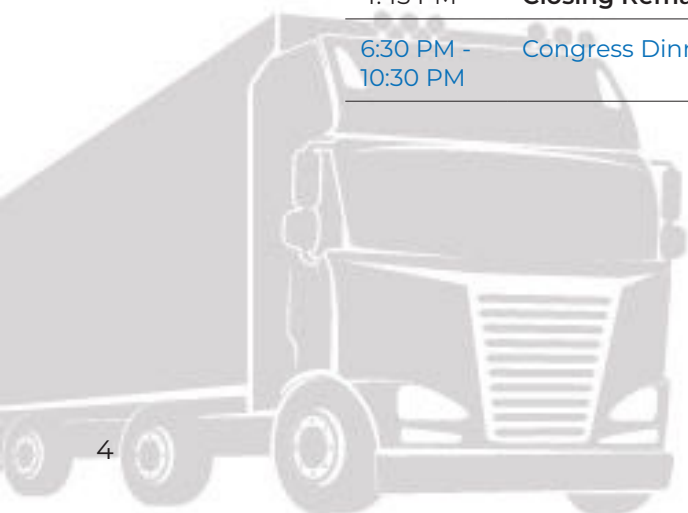
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4:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

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6:30 PM - 10:30 PM Congress Dinner

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## Wednesday 4 December

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8:00 AM Registration | Arrival Tea and Coffee

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9:00 AM **Circular Economy Solutions**

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10:00 AM **Innovations in Road Construction**

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11:00 AM MORNING TEA

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11:30 AM **Resilience in the Built Environment**

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12:30 PM LUNCH

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1:30 PM **Road Safety: Pathways to Vision Zero**

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2:30 PM **Session 5: Road Safety - A Regional Approach**

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**Session 6: Road Safety - Urban Solutions**

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3:30 PM AFTERNOON TEA

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4:00 PM **Renewable Energy: Communities in Transition**

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4:45 PM **Closing Remarks**

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# CONGRESS SPEAKERS



## The Hon Kristy McBain MP

Minister for Regional Development,  
Local Government and Territories

Kristy McBain proudly grew up on the NSW Far South Coast, and she is the first woman to represent Eden-Monaro.

Since being elected in 2020, Kristy has built a formidable reputation as a plain spoken, hard-working local member who advocates with all levels of Government and all sides of politics to get results for her constituents.

A former Mayor of the Bega Shire Council, Kristy advocated day and night for people through the darkest days of the Black Summer Bushfires in 2019-20.

Kristy studied law at the University of Canberra and as the first person in her family to go to university, she is passionate that all kids get the chance to go to university or TAFE and have the opportunity to build their careers and lives in the regions as she has done.



## Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie

Shadow Minister for  
Infrastructure, Transport and  
Regional Development

Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie is a member of the National Party and has been a Senator for Victoria since 2011.

She has held ministerial office in the Turnbull and Morrison governments, also serving as the party's Senate leader since 2019.

McKenzie grew up in Benalla, Victoria, and worked as a schoolteacher and university lecturer before entering politics.

She was elected to the Senate at the 2010 federal election and served as a whip from 2011 to 2013. She has served variously as Minister for Rural Health (2017-2018), Sport (2017-2018), Regional Communications (2017-2018), Regional Services, Local Government and Decentralisation (2018-2019), and Agriculture (2019-2020).





# CONGRESS SPEAKERS



## Sara Hales

Director, Hales North

Sara helps airports and government across Australia and the Pacific to create sustainable and resilient aviation connectivity and infrastructure through strategy development and operationalisation support. Following a career in airport management, Sara has been working in advisory for over 5 years. She is a Non Executive Director on the Board of Aviation Australia and Chairs the Smart City Taskforce on Smart Transport Hubs. Sara has a passion for the role of aviation connectivity in building community social and economic wellbeing, and a deep interest in helping regional airports through the energy transition.



## Al Reid

Chief Operating Officer,  
Microfleet

Al's passion for cycling and a desire to reduce transport emissions and congestion led him to LEVs. Al spent five years developing a universal dock-lock-and-charge system for electric bikes. Al draws on his networks and experience to advise other LEV companies in bike sharing, last mile logistics and private fleets.



## Andrew Higgins

Senior Principal Research Scientist,  
CSIRO

Andrew is a Senior Principal Research Scientist at the CSIRO Environment, specializing in agricultural transport optimization.

With over 20 years at CSIRO, he's developed tools to improve logistics across Australian supply chains. His TraNSIT model has informed major infrastructure projects, including the northern Australia Beef Roads Programme and Inland Rail. Andrew holds a PhD in rail freight optimization.

# CONGRESS SPEAKERS



## Ben Haddock

Future Mobility Lead - Arup

A Chartered Transport Planning Professional based in Western Australia, Ben has over 20 years' experience of managing and delivering transport projects across the world.

He leads multi-discipline teams collaborating with authorities, partners, planners, investors, and other technical specialists to capture scheme benefits and deliver on desired outcomes.

A recognised industry leader in future mobility, energy, and decarbonisation, Ben has extensive knowledge of assessment in urban and rural settings and the analysis of future demands on systems and networks, working through strategy, business cases, management and mitigation to secure approvals and unlock the benefits of a cleaner future.

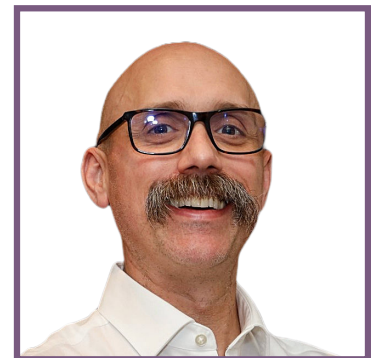


## Adam Wilmot

Technical Director, Roads GHD

With more than 30 years in the Transport industry, Adam has extensive experience in planning, designing, and delivering major road and rail infrastructure projects, contributing his broad expertise to projects across Australia. Adam is particularly passionate about road safety and road trauma reduction.

To this end he leads GHD's Road Safety professional cohort to process, analyse and interpret relevant data, with the aim of influencing decision-makers, planners and designers across industry. Most recently this work has culminated in the release of GHD's landmark global research-based 'Road Safety insights for future generations' report.



## Kenn Beer

Senior Roads Safety Author, Safe System Solutions

Kenn Beer is a Registered Professional Engineer, accredited Senior Road Safety Auditor, transport planner, trainer and assessor. He has over 20 years' experience in road safety engineering, planning, policy and strategy development and was appointed to the highly regarded Austroads Road Design Guidance Expert Panel in 2024.

Kenn is one of Australia's most active Safe System practitioners and trainers, and is a sought-after speaker across the globe – recently giving the keynote address at the 130th Good Roads Conference in Ontario, Canada, and at the TRB International Conference on Roadside Safety in Orlando, Florida.

He also hosted the Australasian College of Road Safety's Road Safety Conversations podcast series. Passionate about making roads safe for everyone, Kenn's contribution was recognised with a Prince Michael International Road Safety Award in 2017.





# CONGRESS SPEAKERS



## Stephen Hodge

Director - National Advocacy,  
We Ride Australia

Stephen brings decades of experience and expertise as both a past elite road cycling competitor and, since 2008, as a high-level advocate for active transport. Following a Bachelor of Science degree (ANU) in 1982, Stephen competed internationally in cycling for 13 years. Since establishing a corporate consulting business in 1998, he has worked across health, transport, environment and sport sectors and since 2008 as Director - National Advocacy for We Ride Australia.

In the corridors Australia's Parliament, Stephen is the only professional focused purely on advocating for cycling. In this role Stephen advocates for federal investment in cycling and works in strategic alliances across political, health prevention, environment and built environment, and transport sectors. This experience and major reports such as the Australian Cycling and e-Scooter Economy Report has earned WeRide a unique role as the independent voice for cycling nationally.



## Dr Elliot Fishman

Director - Institute for Sensible  
Transport

Dr Fishman is a widely recognised authority on strategic transport innovation in Australia. He has advised the Prime Minister's Office on sustainable mobility policy, the NYC Department of Transportation and Transport for London.

He has a long standing connection with the Netherlands, and has previously worked at Utrecht University and maintains strong connections with leading Dutch transport practitioners. His research measuring the health and economic benefits of Dutch cycling has appeared on the front page Dutch newspapers and peer reviewed journals.

In 2016 Dr Fishman completed two landmark reports for the City of Melbourne and City of Adelaide on disruptive transport technology and the implications for local government. Dr Fishman has written for The Age, the Herald Sun and other major daily newspapers on transport issues. His work has been among the most read and cited articles in peer reviewed transport journals.



## VENUE

Margaret River HEART (Hospitality, Education, Arts, Recreation, and Tourism) is a vibrant community hub located in the heart of Margaret River, Western Australia. It serves as a focal point for local events, educational programs, and artistic exhibitions, while also supporting tourism and recreational activities. This multi-purpose facility integrates cultural, educational, and recreational experiences, fostering community engagement and enhancing the region's appeal as a destination. The HEART is designed to reflect the unique character of Margaret River, offering a dynamic space for residents and visitors to connect and explore.

### **Margaret River HEART**

47 Wallcliffe Road, Margaret River, WA 6285

## LOCATION

Margaret River, located in the southwestern corner of Western Australia, is a charming town set approximately 277 kilometers south of Perth. With a population of around 8,000 residents, it serves as the heart of the Margaret River region, known for its exceptional natural beauty and dynamic local culture. The town's uniqueness lies in its combination of world-renowned wineries, pristine beaches, and ancient forests. Visitors can enjoy a range of activities including wine tasting at award-winning vineyards, surfing on legendary waves, and exploring spectacular limestone caves like Jewel Cave and Lake Cave. The surrounding area also offers scenic bushwalking trails, such as those in Leeuwin-Naturaliste National Park, and vibrant local markets showcasing artisanal goods and fresh produce. Margaret River's blend of outdoor adventure, cultural richness, and gourmet experiences makes it an captivating destination for travelers seeking both relaxation and excitement.

# REGISTRATION

**REGISTER ONLINE AT  
ROADS CONGRESS.COM.AU**

## **EARLY REGISTRATION \$925**

Payment received on or before Friday 1 November 2024

## **LATE REGISTRATION \$1,025**

Payment received after Friday 1 November 2024

## **DAY REGISTRATION \$525**

Rate is per day

### **REGISTRATION INCLUDES:**

- » Attendance at all Congress sessions
- » One ticket to the Welcome Drinks, Monday
- » One ticket to the Congress Dinner, Tuesday
- » Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea as per the Congress program
- » Congress satchel and materials

### **PAYMENT PROCEDURES**

Payment can be made by:

- » Credit card: MasterCard or Visa
- » Electronic Fund Transfer:

Account: ALGA Roads Congress

Bank: Commonwealth

Branch: Woden ACT

BSB No: 062 905

Account No: 1014 6120

### **CANCELLATIONS OR ALTERATIONS**

All alterations or cancellations to your registration must be made in writing and will be acknowledged by email. Notification should be sent to:

Conference Co-ordinators

PO Box 905

WODEN ACT 2606

E-mail: [conference@confco.com.au](mailto:conference@confco.com.au)

An administration charge of \$110.00 will be made to any participant cancelling before Friday 1 November 2024.

Cancellations received after Friday 1 November 2024 will be required to pay full registration fees. However, if you are unable to attend, substitutes are welcome at no additional cost.

By submitting your registration you agree to the terms of the cancellation policy.

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**

There will be photographs taken at the Congress during the sessions and social functions. If you have your photo taken it is assumed that you are giving consent for ALGA to use the image. Images may be used for print and electronic publications.

### **PRIVACY DISCLOSURE**

ALGA collects your personal contact information in its role as a peak body for local government. ALGA may disclose your personal contact information to the sponsors of the event for the purposes of commercial business opportunities. If you consent to ALGA using and disclosing your personal contact information in this way, please tick the appropriate box on the registration form.

Importantly, your name may also be included in the Congress List of Participants. You must tick the appropriate box on the registration form if you wish your name to appear in this list.

**All prices quoted include GST**

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# ACCOMMODATION

You can book your accommodation when you register online:  
**[ROADSCONGRESS.COM.AU](http://ROADSCONGRESS.COM.AU)**



## MARGARET IN TOWN APARTMENTS

*6 Tunbridge Street, Margaret River*

Margarets In Town Apartments is situated in the heart of Margaret River, adjacent to beautiful forests with walk and bike trails right on your doorstep. The congress venue is a 14 min walk from the accommodation. The accommodation offers free parking, an onsite bar, heated pool, tennis court and free wifi. All rooms have a King size bed, tea/coffee making facilities, internet access, and climate control air-conditioning.

Standard Room: \$187 per night

1 Bedroom Apartment: \$308 per night



## MARGARET RIVER MOTEL

*18 Farrelly Street, Margaret River*

Situated in a quiet location only a 7-minute walk from the congress venue, Margaret River Motel's facilities include spacious gardens with a half-size tennis court, BBQ area and outdoor swimming pool. They offer a variety of different rooms to accommodate those travelling for leisure or for business. Each room is situated within a ground floor garden setting and includes car parking for every room, reverse-cycle air conditioning and free Wi-Fi.

King Room: \$192 per night

King Room with Twin: \$209 per night

Queen with Corner Spa: \$198 - \$231 per night

Rates listed are only available on the congress website and are room only.

# CONGRESS SOCIAL PROGRAM



## WELCOME RECEPTION

MONDAY 2 DECEMBER: 5.30PM - 7.30PM

This year the Congress welcome reception & exhibition opening will be on-site at the Margaret River HEART. This will be a great opportunity for delegates and exhibitors to network.

- Included in full registration fees
- \$50 for guests
- Dress code: Smart casual



## CONGRESS DINNER

TUESDAY 3 DECEMBER: 6.30PM - 10.30PM

Leeuwin Estate, Stevens Rd, Witchcliffe WA 6286

Leeuwin Estate, one of the founding wineries in the Margaret River region of Western Australia, is a family producer with an international reputation for creating wines ranking alongside the world's finest. The acclaimed Leeuwin Restaurant maintains the food philosophy of combining exceptional seasonal West Australian produce, focusing on flavour, texture and aromas, with current and museum release Leeuwin Estate wines. Celebrating the art of living well, the Leeuwin Restaurant combines fine wine and food in a picturesque setting. Sweeping verandahs, bifolding doors and domed skylights allow Leeuwin's Restaurant to bask in the tranquillity and beauty of its superb setting, overlooking a meadow surrounded by a forest of majestic karri trees.

- Included in full registration fees
- \$250 for guests
- Dress code: Smart casual



# EXHIBITION AND SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Book your display table for the 2024 National Local Roads, Transport & Infrastructure Congress now!

The Congress delegates are key influencers and decision makers within councils, so the Congress provides a valuable networking and sales opportunity for businesses and organisations who want councils to use their products and services. Councils in Australia are big businesses with an annual expenditure of around \$43 billion. Around \$10 billion of this is spent on roads and other community assets.

In 2020-21, local government non-financial assets including roads, community infrastructure such as buildings, facilities, airports, water, and sewerage were valued at more than \$500 billion. Councils also employ more than 200,000 people, across more than 400 different occupations.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please call Conference Co-ordinators for more information on 02 6292 9000.

ALGA also has a range of sponsorship opportunities available for the 2024 Congress in Margaret River. You can have a sponsorship package tailored to your requirements.

For further information about sponsorship contact ALGA on 02 6122 9400 or [events@alga.asn.au](mailto:events@alga.asn.au)

**Visit the website to book a display table now: [RoadsCongress.com.au](https://RoadsCongress.com.au)**