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Tech Leadership Summit

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Communique

2025 Local Government Tech Leadership Summit

More than 100 local government leaders from across Australia gathered in Sydney on 12 March 2025 for ALGA's Local Government Tech Leadership Summit.

We were welcomed to country by Michael West from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, we recognised the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, and paid our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

Opening the Summit, keynote speaker Nick Abrahams spoke about how local governments around the world are using AI to become more citizen-centric, and increase productivity.

Yarra Ranges Council (Victoria) and City of West Torrens (South Australia) also outlined how they are already using AI tools to more efficiently deliver services to their communities.

Cyber security is an ongoing challenge for local government, with attacks on councils becoming more frequent and sophisticated.

We considered new research from KPMG which highlighted the need for consistent national cyber security policies and practices, additional funding for local government, an uplift in education and awareness, and better partnerships and support systems for councils.

We also heard about cyber security support available for free to councils through the Australian Cyber Security Centre.

Finally, we discussed local government data maturity, and how small data improvements can translate to significant community benefits.

On behalf of ALGA's 537 councils, ALGA will continue to advocate for more support for local government to improve its cyber security capacity and capability, and more efficiently integrate technological solutions into everyday council operations.

All of this relies on ongoing secure formula-based federal funding provided to all councils for the benefit of every community.

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