





# 9th Annual Local Government Roadshow

The Opportunities for Local Government to Innovate, Grow, and Drive Capabilities

April 5 - 18, 2024

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# The Opportunities for Local Government to Innovate, Grow, and Drive Capabilities

In recent years, there has been a drive globally for a more digital public sector. The desired outcome for this is a more seamless citizen experience. Australia and New Zealand have been part of this journey. Local governments in these countries have and need to follow suit for a more integrated approach to delivering citizen services.

The biggest element required to digitally transform operations and services is resources. Budget availability has been a resounding echo from the wider public sector across both countries, so how do you innovate with what you have? How do you leverage new skills, digital capabilities, and ways of working that better connect the internal teams of council, as well as better connect and engage with the community?

The **9th Annual Local Government Roadshow** will explore key projects, best practices, and insights to demonstrate how local government can embrace ongoing change to transform culture and provide exemplary citizen services.

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#### Who You'll Meet

This series is designed for professionals involved in:

- Corporate Services
- Community
- ICT and Digital
- **Customer Experience**
- Transformation and Change
- Organisation Design and Development
- Strategy and Engagement
- People and Culture

# **Benefits of Attending**



**Delve into insights and strategies** regarding key issues impacting local government, including workforce, customer experience, technology, and data



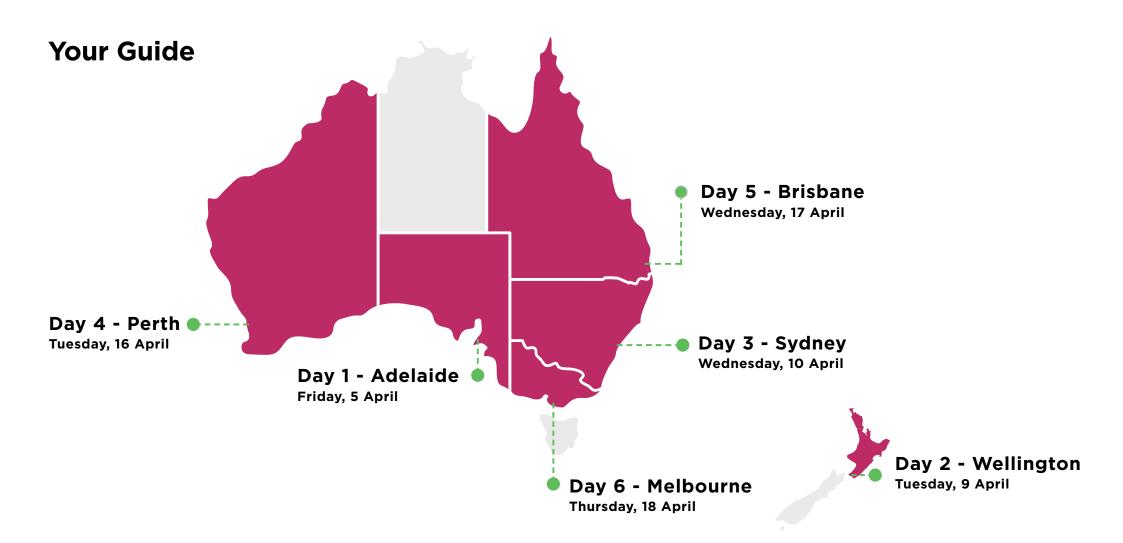
Hear about the latest initiatives being undertaken at other councils within your state



Find solutions with innovative talks, roundtables and expo presented by leading local government partners



Hear case studies from your peers and get actionable insights to implement your strategies







Friday, 5 April 2024 | Adelaide, South Australia Tuesday, 9 April 2024 | Wellington, New Zealand Tuesday, 16 April 2024 | Perth, Western Australia Wednesday, 17 April 2024 | Brisbane, Queensland

# **Your Inspiring Speakers - SA**



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**TONY HARRISON** Chief Executive Officer

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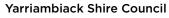
**TAMMY SMITH** Chief Executive Officer



**NICOLA TINNING** General Manager - Business Support & Improvement

City of Unley

**Campbelltown City Council** 







**CHRIS WHITE** Chief Executive Officer **City of Prospect** 



Chief Executive Officer SurePact

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# **Explore the Agenda - SA**

8:30am	Registration and Networking Coffee
9:00am	Opening from Public Sector Network
9:05am	Welcome from Chair Liz Watts, Partner and National Local Government Lead, KPMG
9:15am	Case Study: Embracing a Fresh Perspective: Fostering Creativity in Operational Excellence  • Discussing the strategies implemented to foster creativity – how does organisational culture play a role in the success of this?  • Looking at resources available to support operational excellence  • Providing insights into challenges and solutions to overcome them  Chris White, Chief Executive Officer, City of Prospect
9:35am	<ul> <li>Innovating Within Budget Constraints: Harnessing Emerging and Existing Technologies to Improve Service Delivery</li> <li>Laying out the roadmap for a service delivery project</li> <li>Exploring opportunities to enhance capabilities with the resources available</li> <li>Utilising tech resources available for a service delivery project - where does the gaps lie?</li> <li>Nicola Tinning, General Manager - Business Support &amp; Improvement, City of Unley</li> </ul>
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#### 11:55am Case Study: Harnessing the Power of People and Inclusive Leadership: The Untapped Potential of Skills and Culture

- ASPIRE Program (Emerging Leaders)
- Defining the characteristics of a people leader and their role in influencing inclusive culture in an organisation
- Strategies for assessing the current skills and cultural landscape within local government
- Recognising and leveraging the unique skills and talents of employees

Rachel Read, Manager People & Culture, Campbelltown City Council

# 12:15pm Panel: Simplicity of Experience = Trust. How Can We Deliver a Personalised, Relevant Service to Build Citizen Confidence in Local Government? • Improving product and service deliveries as citizens need and access to these services grows smarter with quicker access - the importance of continuous citizen engagement in service design • Examining the correlation between simplicity in service delivery and citizen trust • Balancing personalisation with privacy and security considerations Marcel Althoff, Chief Information Officer, City of Marion Tony Harrison, Chief Executive Officer, City of Marion Tammy Smith, Chief Executive Officer, Yarriambiack Shire Council Dan Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer, SurePact 12:45pm Closing Remarks from Chair

12:55pm Networking Lunch

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# **Your Inspiring Speakers - NZ**



**JAMES DOWLE** Digital Partner

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**CLIVE MANLEY** Chief Executive Officer

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**SARAH MORRIS** General Manager, People and Capability

Kaipara District Council

Chief Infrastructure Officer

**Wellington City Council** 





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8:30am	Registration and Networking Coffee
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9:05am	Welcome from the Chair  James Dowle, Digital Partner, KPMG
9:15am	Leveraging Data and Insights for Efficiency, Cost Saving and Operational Excellence: What Will Deliver the Most Value, With the Least Resource?
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	Utilising data analytics to assess and optimize workflows
	Balancing cost savings with maintaining or improving service quality
	Dr Claudia Wyss, Director Customer and Community Services, Auckland Council
9:35am	Case Study: Empowering Infrastructure with a Cutting-Edge Data Sharing Platform
	Leveraging the initiative's potential to support long-term success
	Transitioning from traditional records to an advanced digital platform for benefits on underground asset information
	Broadening the transformative impact on efficiency, risk reduction, cost savings, and timely project delivery
	Siobhan Procter, Chief Infrastructure Officer, Wellington City Council
9:55am	Short Break

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- Al in Action: Real-world Al applications boosting service delivery and engagement.
- Impact Analysis: Evaluating Al's effects on councils, citizens, and communities.

This roundtable aims to share best practice insights into adopting, governing, and leveraging generative AI to enhance public services and citizen experiences

Facilitated by **Simon Shanks,** *General Manager,* Synergy Enterprise Solutions & **Casey Ayala,** *Commercial Sales Manager,* Zendesk

#### Roundtable 2: Building a Customer Service Roadmap for Local Government

- What are the most important, most affordable improvements you'd like to apply right now to improve customer service?
- What future smart tools is your Council interested in, to help improve customer service delivery medium-longer term?

Facilitated by **Dennis Gleitsmann**, Sales Manager, Enghouse Interactive

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	Sarah Morris, General Manager, People and Capability, Kaipara District Council
12:15pm	Partner Perspective: AI-enabled Citizen Experience: Effective Adoption Tactics for Local Government
	Identify and prioritise use cases where AI can make the most significant impact.
	How to foster stakeholder collaboration to build trust and buy-in for AI adoption.
	Develop AI governance frameworks that prioritise ethical principles, transparency, and accountability
	Casey Ayala, Commercial Sales Manager, Zendesk
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	Clive Manley, Chief Executive Officer, Ruapehu District Council
	Neville Williams, Director, Customer, Community and Services, Waikato Regional Council
	Dennis Gleitsmann, Sales Manager, Enghouse Interactive
1:05pm	Closing Remarks from Chair
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# **Your Inspiring Speakers - WA**



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DAVID MACLENNAN

Chief Executive Officer

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MIRIAM SANCHEZ-BLANCO

Chief Technology Officer



FRAZER SULLIVAN

Director Corporate Services



**ANTHONY VULETA** 

Chief Executive Officer

City of Stirling

Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Town of Victoria Park



**ALBERT VISSCHER** 

Sales Manager ANZ

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9:05am	Welcome from the Chair Matt Woods, Partner, KPMG
9:15am	How to Use Strategic Planning to Achieve Operational Excellence
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	David MacLennan, Chief Executive Officer, City of Vincent
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	Chantelle Hanrahan, Acting Executive, People Experience and Transformation, City of Cockburn
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#### Roundtable 3: TBC

#### 10:45am

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#### 11:05am

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# **Your Inspiring Speakers - QLD**



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Chief Customer Officer

**Townsville City Council** 





CATH DRINKWATER

General Manager, Strategy, Performance and Transformation

City of Gold Coast





**TANIA ORR** 

General Manager, Transport Planning and Operations

**Brisbane City Council** 



DR NIKOLA STEPANOV, PHD

General Manager, Planning and Development Services Group

Toowoomba Regional Council



DAN PRITCHARD

Chief Executive Officer

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	Dr Nikola Stepanov, PhD, General Manager, Planning and Development Services Group, Toowoomba Regional Council
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#### 11:50am Short Break

#### 11:55am Myth vs. Reality in AI and CX

- Debunking the myth that AI eliminates the need for human interaction in CX
- Exploring ways AI can enhance and complement human-led customer interactions
- Strategies for local governments to approach and implement AI in CX

Amrita Bhattacharyya, Chief Customer Officer, Townsville City Council

#### 12:15pm

#### Panel: Simplicity of Experience = Trust. How Can We Deliver a Personalised, Relevant Service to Build Citizen Confidence in Local **Government?**

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Cath Drinkwater, General Manager, Strategy, Performance and Transformation, City of Gold Coast Tania Orr, General Manager, Transport Planning and Operations, Brisbane City Council Dan Pritchard, Chief Executive Officer, SurePact

12:45pm

**Closing Remarks from Chair** 

12:55pm Networking Lunch

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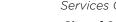
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DR TOM GAO

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**HELEN LYONS** 

Head of People and Culture

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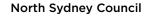
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**BEN THOMPSON** 

Director Community, Culture and Customer Experience

**Waverley Council** 





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Director, Corporate and Community

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9:55am	<ul> <li>Panel Discussion: Al in Local Government: Navigating Digital Transformation with Leadership Excellence</li> <li>Discussing the transformative impact of Al on decision-making and local government processes while exploring practical applications and integration strategies for elevated efficiency, reduced costs, and enhanced public service quality</li> <li>Addressing challenges and opportunities in digital transformation initiatives within local government settings</li> <li>Exploring effective strategies for navigating change, implementing new technologies, and fostering innovation while upholding robust project and line management standards</li> <li>Dr Tom Gao, Chief Technology and Digital Services Officer, City of Sydney</li> <li>Ben Thompson, Director Community, Culture and Customer Experience, Waverley Council</li> <li>Jana Kapr, CEO, Billigence</li> </ul>
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Helen Lyons, Head of People and Culture, Inner West Council

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#### Partner Perspective: Al-enabled Citizen Experience: Effective Adoption Tactics for Local Government

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Volunteers play an integral role in promoting diverse and cohesive communities. With volunteers more in demand than ever, the need for cities to embrace sustainable and scalable solutions to volunteer management is pivotal to creating better connected communities.

Join Rosterfy and the team from Parramatta City Council, Bushcare to discuss the following:

- Digitising your volunteer recruitment strategy to attract the next generation of volunteers
- Ensuring compliance with thorough onboarding
- Creating personalised experiences for volunteers that drive engagement
- Understand the ROI of your program with comprehensive reporting

Facilitated by **Shannan Gove**, Co Founder of Rosterfy alongside Bushcare Parramatta's Natural Resource Officers, **Billie Moran**, **Rhiannon Amiri** and **Grace Blundell** this round table aims to provide insights into best practice volunteer management.

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Cities play an important role in connecting their communities and this extends to their volunteers. Ensuring continuity across multiple departments can be difficult but without it, cities risk inefficient operations and disengagement from their volunteers who receive a different experience from one department to the next.

Join Shannan Gove, Co Founder of Rosterfy as he presents Rosterfy's world first volunteer community app, designed to provide your community's volunteers with a 'passport' to unlock multiple opportunities. Topics will include:

- The benefits of creating a central volunteer record across multiple departments and community groups
- · How a central system can reduce risk and ensure compliance through consistent onboarding and training
- The safeguarding of data including local cloud based hosting within Australia
- The value for community groups by from having a central database of volunteers
- How a volunteer passport aids your city's emergency relief volunteer workforce

Facilitated by Shannan Gove, Co Founder, Rosterfy

#### 1:50pm Case Study: Thinking Differently: Creativity Within Operations

- Revolutionizing infrastructure management through innovation with the Road Al project
- Exploring the impact on how thinking differently enhances operational creativity
- Leveraging AI in road management for enhanced efficiency and safety

Ingrid McAlpin, Chief Information Officer, Wollongong City Council

Matt Goganovski, Information Manager, Wollongong City Council

Sam Single, Insights and Location Analytics Coordinator, Wollongong City Council

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Therese Cole, General Manager, North Sydney Council

Kristy Watts, Director, Corporate and Community, Strathfield Council

Jason Fraser, Customer Success Manager, Axon

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**Closing Remarks** 

#### 2:50pm

**Event Close** 

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# **Explore the Agenda - VIC**

8:00am	Registration and Networking Coffee
9:00am	Opening from Public Sector Network
9:05am	Welcome from the Chair Liz Watts, Partner and National Local Government Lead, KPMG
9:15am	<ul> <li>Case Study: Innovating Within Budget Constraints: Harnessing People and Technologies to Improve Service Delivery?</li> <li>Laying out the roadmap for a service delivery project</li> <li>Exploring opportunities to enhance capabilities with the resources available</li> <li>Utilising tech resources available for a service delivery project - where does the gaps lie?</li> <li>Mark Cochrane-Holley, Director, Invest Melbourne, City of Melbourne</li> </ul>
9:35am	Fireside Chat: Harnessing the Power of People and Inclusive Leadership: The Untapped Potential of Skills and Culture  • Defining the characteristics of a people leader and their role in influencing inclusive culture in an organisation  • Strategies for assessing the current skills and cultural landscape within local government  • Recognising and leveraging the unique skills and talents of employees  Lucy Roffey, Chief Executive Officer, Central Goldfields Shire Council
9:55am	<ul> <li>Partner Perspective: Maintaining Trust in Digital: Empowering Local Government to innovate and grow with control over Cybersecurity exposures</li> <li>Unveiling the concept of Secure Service Edge (by Gartner), and its transformative potential in shaping local government cybersecurity strategies.</li> <li>Establishing a continuous exposure assessment management (by Gartner) environment to fortify the frontline defences and simulate potential breaches, enabling prioritised response and pre-emptive security measures.</li> <li>Shifting the paradigm by emphasising "Cyber as Shield" through broadening the Network boundaries, endpoint controls and continuously monitoring technology and user behaviours, aligning with the ethos of cost-effective innovation, and growth.</li> <li>Chris Moustra, General Manager, Northbridge Systems</li> </ul>

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#### 10:55am

#### **Morning Tea and Networking Break**

#### 11:25am

#### **Driving Sustainable Change: Transformation through Multi-Dimensional Strategies**

- Leveraging people, process, culture, and technology
- Tailoring the transformation approach
- Aligning outcomes internal and external needs

Siobhan Sullivan, Executive Manager Transformation, Whitehorse City Council

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- Discuss strategies for achieving council network modernisation whilst balancing budget constraints, reflecting on actual local government nbn success stories
- Understand how social and economic benefits of the nbn network have been delivered over the time that nbn has been in existence

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- Providing an overview of how data can inform decision-making for efficiency and cost-effectiveness
- Utilising data analytics to assess and optimize workflows
- Balancing cost savings with maintaining or improving service quality

Daniela Mazzone, Acting Director Organisation Capability, City of Stonnington

#### 3:05pm

#### Panel Discussion: Data-Driven Decision-Making for Local Government

- Utilisation of data across local government
- Promoting data literacy within organisations
- Implementing data governance frameworks

Shweta Babbar, Director Customer Innovation and Arts, Frankston City Council

Sheena Frost, Chief Executive Officer, Hume City Council

Kerim Dautovic, Inside Sales, Axon

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Penrith City Council



I found inspiration in the presentations that I can take back to work and I enjoyed the networking aspect as well

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