



2025 NGAA Award Shortlist



The National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) is pleased to announce the shortlist for the 2025 NGAA Annual Awards, recognising excellence in leadership, innovation, and service delivery across Australia's fastest-growing outer metropolitan communities.

21 councils from five states have been shortlisted across six award categories, highlighting the breadth of expertise and commitment to creating sustainable, connected and thriving communities in growth areas.

The shortlisted councils represent a diverse range of communities and projects, from large-scale infrastructure initiatives to place-based programs improving local wellbeing. Several councils have been recognised across multiple categories, reflecting their continued leadership in driving innovation and equitable outcomes for growth area residents.

Award winners will be announced at the NGAA Annual Awards Ceremony, to be held at Parliament House, Canberra, on 26 November 2025.



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Transformative Infrastructure
Delivery

- Transformational Projects Program, Blacktown City Council, NSW
- Campbelltown Billabong Parklands, Campbelltown City Council NSW
- Greening the Pipeline - Zone 5, Wyndham City Council, VIC
- Connecting Wyndham, Wyndham City Council, VIC
- Malabar Park BMX & Community Facility redevelopment, City of Cockburn, WA
- Accelerating Alkimos: transformational infrastructure through impactful advocacy, City of Wanneroo, WA



Place & Community Activation
in Growth Areas

- Built for Growth: Rethinking Community Services and Infrastructure, Camden Council, NSW
- Jacksons Hill, Hume City Council, VIC
- Melton Night Markets, Melton City Council, VIC
- Feast of Nations, Campbelltown City Council, NSW
- The community say "YES!" to the City of Gosnells Youth Entertainment Space, City of Gosnells, WA



Advocacy for Growth
Area Equity

- Future Wollondilly - Advocating to make Wollondilly even better, Wollondilly Shire Council, NSW
- Cardinia Shire 2025 Election Advocacy Campaign, Cardinia Shire Council, VIC
- Telecommunications Accessibility, City of Whittlesea, VIC
- Turning advocacy into action - Mount Barker District Councils Advocacy Plan, Mount Barker District Council, SA
- Wally Hagan Stadium Redevelopment, City of Cockburn, WA
- Powering the Shire, powering the State, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, WA

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Strategic Foresight
& Innovation

- Growth Strategy, Penrith City Council, NSW
- Green Street, City of Casey, VIC
- Community Insights Study, City of Whittlesea, VIC
- Murray Bridge – Future City Program, Rural City of Murray Bridge, SA
- City of Armadale Advocacy Priorities Strategy, City of Armadale, WA
- Kwinana Trails Master Plan, City of Kwinana, WA
- Community Futures Blueprint, City of Swan, WA



Collaborative Impact

- Resilience Through Connection: Supporting Mental Health in Growing Communities, Camden Council, NSW
- From Interim to Impact: Baby Steps to Smiths Lane, City of Casey, VIC
- Partnering on the Future: Wyndham City and RMIT University, Wyndham City Council, VIC
- Riverlea District Level Sporting Complex and Community Facility, City of Playford, SA
- Collaborative partnership for growth: place-based skill development initiatives, Rural City of Murray Bridge, SA
- Engineered fringing reef and erosion reduction trial, City of Cockburn, WA



Leadership in Growth Area
Local Government

- Cr Todd Carney, Mayor of Penrith, Penrith City Council, NSW
- Ben Taylor, CEO, Wollondilly Shire Council, NSW
- Uplift in Maternal and Child Health resourcing and service delivery, Melton City Council, VIC
- Alison Hancock, General Manager Strategy, Mount Barker District Council, SA
- Wayne Jack, CEO, City of Kwinana, WA
- A high performing, high impact team, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, WA



2025 Annual Awards Evening

On behalf of the National Growth Areas Alliance, you are invited to the NGAA 2025 Annual Awards Presentation, recognising leadership, innovation and excellence in Australia's fastest-growing outer metropolitan areas.

Date: Wednesday 26 November 2025

Time: 5:30pm Networking Drinks | 6:00pm Presentation

Venue: Dame Dorothy Tangney Alcove, Parliament

House Canberra

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