

Program

2-4 September 2026

Tanunda Show Hall, 29 Elizabeth Street, Tanunda, SA, 5352.



2026 LGA Roads and Works Conference

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This conference is designed to explore how local governments can create resilient, sustainable, and safe infrastructure systems while addressing the health and wellbeing of the workforce that maintains them. From rural road challenges to the latest in sustainable outcomes, these sessions will highlight innovative solutions and practical strategies.

2 September 2026

**Welcome
reception**

Wednesday 2 September 2026

5:30pm- 7:30pm	Welcome reception Tanunda Show Hall
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Thursday 3 September 2026

8:00am	Registration open <i>Arrival tea and coffee, networking</i>
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9:00am	Conference welcome
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9:05am	Welcome to Country
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9:15am	CEO address <i>Victoria MacKirdy CEO, LGA South Australia</i>
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9:25am	Future Roads in a Net Zero Economy <i>Professor Peter Newman AO, Professor of Sustainability, Curtin University</i>
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10:10am	Understanding Asset Risks in Changing Climate <i>Anna Rogers, Climate Change Support Advisor, LGA South Australia</i>
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10:20am PANEL	Managing Asset Risks to Achieve Sustainable Outcomes <i>Facilitated by Professor Peter Newman AO</i> <i>Adam Squires, Acting Director Growth and Infrastructure Coordination Unit, Department for Housing and Urban Development</i> <i>Michelle Bennetts, Managing Director, LGiQ</i> <i>Simon Sofia, Land Development Manager, Hickinbotham Group</i>
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10:55am	Sponsor address <i>Nathan Petrus Chief Executive Officer, LGA Mutual</i>
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11:00am	Morning tea
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11:30am	Department for Transport and Infrastructure Update / Q&A <i>Jon Whelan, Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>Andrew Excell, Executive Director, Transport Strategy and Planning</i>
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12:30pm	Roadside Weed Management: From Both Sides of the Fence <i>Paige Cross, Owner and Main Consultant, Cross Country Management</i>
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3 September 2026

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1:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Business Card Draw
2:10pm	Responding to Damaged Council Roads and Infrastructure During Emergencies <i>Leanne Schmidt, Manager Emergency Support, LGA South Australia</i> <i>Kristen Clarke, Acting Chief Executive Officer, The Flinders Ranges Council</i>
2:35pm PANEL	The Conversations That Matter: Decisions Today, Assets Tomorrow Facilitated by Delfina Lanzilli <i>Cr. Rita Excell, Councillor, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters</i> <i>Dylan Strong, Chief Executive Officer, Copper Coast Council</i> <i>Shannon Baxter, Manager Assets and Projects, Renmark Paringa Council</i>
3:10pm	Afternoon Tea
3:25pm	SpeakGood - The Communication and Connection workshop <i>Jarrod Walsh, MC, Facilitator and Fan Engagement Specialist</i>
4:40pm	Conference Close

3 September 2026
Networking
dinner

Thursday 3 September 2026

7:00pm- 11:00pm	Networking dinner <i>Chateau Tanunda</i> Bus departs Novotel Barossa, Discovery Parks Tanunda, Barossa Visitor Centre and Weintal Barossa (Mercure) from 6:30 pm, returning from 11:00 pm.
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4 September 2026
Optional
site tour

Friday 4 September 2026

9:30am- 12:00pm	Optional site tour Bus departs Tanunda Show Hall carpark to: • <i>Barossa Park</i> • <i>Concordia Development</i> • <i>Roseworthy Township Expansion</i> • <i>Horrocks Highway (off-centre roundabout)</i>
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