

3. Australian Local Government Association 2009 National General Assembly: Council representation

The Mayor has received an invitation from the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) to attend the 2009 National General Assembly. The Assembly will be held 21 to 24 June 2009 in Canberra. ALGA are also calling for motions around the theme "Rising to the Challenge – Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change. Motions need to be submitted before 24 April 2009.

General Manager

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BACKGROUND

The National General Assembly of Local Government is a major event on the local government calendar and in the past has attracted more than 700 Mayors, Councillors and senior staff from across Australia. A meeting of Mayors and Shire Presidents called by the Australian Government has been organised to coincide with the Assembly.

The theme for the 2009 Assembly is "Rising to the Challenge – Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change.

The assembly is calling for motions under three major themes:

- Infrastructure
- Climate Change; and
- Local Government Financing.

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Nominations are to be submitted to the National General Assembly before 24 April 2004

ISSUES

Financial

The cost to attend the 2009 National General Assembly is \$999 plus travel and accommodation. Council's budget for expenses incurred by Councillors acting as a delegate to Bega Valley Shire Council when outside the shire is \$17,000 of which approx \$12,000 has been expended or reserved for attendance at the Local Government and Shire Association Conference in June.

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CONCLUSION

It is appropriate that Bega Valley Shire Council is represented at the ALGA meeting and involved in the discussions. "Rising to the Challenge – Infrastructure, Financing, Climate Change".

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Council endorse Cr (name to be inserted at the meeting) and the General Manager to attend the ACLG 2009 National General Assembly at the National Convention Centre on 21 – 24 June 2009, with the necessary travel and accommodation costs to be defrayed by Council.
- 40 2. That Council determine if it wishes to submit any motions to the assembly on the key themes:
 - Infrastructure
 - Climate Change; and
 - Local Government Financing.