

## 6.2 ATTENDANCE AT NATIONAL LOCAL ROADS & TRANSPORT CONGRESS 2018

Submitting Councillor: Cr Stuart James

### **MOTION**

*That Council approves the attendance of Cr James at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2018 in Alice Springs from 20-22 November 2018, both dates inclusive.*

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Australian Local Government Association is holding its National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2018, in Alice Springs from 20 to 22 November 2018. Both dates are inclusive.

I seek the Council's approval to attend the Congress.

### **DISCUSSION**

Every year, local government, nationally spends, approximately 25 cents in every dollar on local roads and transport.

With that level of investment, local government has a major stake in the future of Australia's transport systems and networks.

The theme of this year's Congress is 'Connecting Transport Networks Now and into the Future'.

The importance of improved transport connectivity to the economic wellbeing of Australia is well established. Improved transport connectivity allows greater accessibility to employment and markets, and cost savings in terms of reduced transit times, less traffic congestion and reduced transport costs

The Congress program will have presentations and discussion on a range of issues, including:

- Integrating People, Land Use and Transport
- Innovation in Pavement Technology
- Inland Rail
- Funding Reform and Council Trails
- Launch of ALGA's Local Roads and Transport Agenda 2018-2025
- Technology - Driving Change

Keynote speakers will include:

- Allan Garcia Chief Executive Officer, Infrastructure Tasmania
- Professor Narelle Haworth Director, The Centre For Accident Research And Road Safety-Queensland
- Caroline Wilkie CEO, Australian Airports Association

- Anthony Albanese Shadow Minister For Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development

The Conference will offer participants the opportunity to explore how to improve the community's roads and infrastructure, access the latest technology, be inspired by the best in the business, and to speak directly to our Federal decision makers.

***FINANCIAL***

The total cost for the event is estimated at approximately \$2,500 and includes registration, travel and accommodation.

Costs may vary depending upon flight and accommodation availability.