

# INLAND RAIL CONFERENCE

25-27 MAY 2021

ALBURY, NSW - WODONGA, VIC



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# CONNECTING REGIONS AND BUILDING AUSTRALIA

The Australasian Railway Association (ARA) and Australian Logistics Council (ALC) invite you to attend the third annual Inland Rail Conference in Albury NSW - Wodonga, VIC from Tuesday 25 - Thursday 27 May 2021.

The 2021 Inland Rail Conference will focus on the theme *Connecting Region and Building Australia*. It will explore how the Inland Rail project, a nationally significant 1700km infrastructure rail line, is transforming the movement of freight in Australia.

Join more than 400 rail industry and supply chain leaders, operators, customers, ports representatives and regional community leaders at the conference. This year, we explore what this landmark project means for the freight industry and the benefits it will deliver for national freight customers. We will explore how Inland Rail plays its part in boosting the economy and future-proofing Australia's supply chain.

With an outstanding program and speaker line-up, we hope you will be able to take part in this important gathering of industry leaders. We look forward to welcoming you to Albury Wodonga.

Yours sincerely,



**CAROLINE WILKIE**

Chief Executive Officer  
Australasian Railway Association



**KIRK CONINGHAM OAM**

Chief Executive Officer  
Australian Logistics Council



# LOCATION

Welcome to Albury Wodonga.  
Two cities. Two states.  
One very special destination.

Home to the winding Murray River and its waterways, Lake Hume (six times larger than Sydney Harbour), an array of food, cultural icons, contemporary museums, linkages to our migrant history, our Indigenous people and with secret resting spots around every corner.

Albury Wodonga is an escape that's a world away from 'everyday' life. It's a place that reminds you to slow down and savour the little things.

## Conference Venue

Albury Entertainment Centre  
525 Swift Street, Albury NSW 2640  
[alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au](http://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au)

# KEY REASONS TO BE INVOLVED

- Be inspired by world class speakers
- Join the conversation on connecting regions and building australia
- Network with rail and supply chain leaders, operators, customers, ports and regional communities
- Unrivalled professional development opportunities
- Connect with decision makers and policy influencers
- Enhance your skills at interactive pre-conference site tours
- View the latest products and services within our exhibition

**The ARA and ALC would like to acknowledge the conference will take place on Aboriginal land. We recognise the strength, resilience and capacity of the Wiradjuri people, who are the traditional owners of this land.**

# PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our partners and supporters for their commitment to the Inland Rail Conference 2021. We thank them for their generous support.

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Personalised packages can be created to suit your business needs. Contact ARA General Manager – Events and Partnerships **Jacqui Murkins** on **0413 532 924** or at **jmurkins@ara.net.au**.





# SOCIAL EVENTS

The Inland Rail Conference social program offers the perfect opportunity to enjoy colleagues' company and make new acquaintances in a less formal environment.

Our social events will be hosted in line with COVIDsafe guidelines, and further information will be provided to attendees closer to the function dates.

**Attendance is reserved for registered conference attendees due to limited capacities. Should spaces become available closer to the events, tickets may be purchased by non-conference attendees.**

## WELCOME RECEPTION

**Date:** Tuesday 25 May 2021  
**Time:** 5.00pm – 7.00pm  
**Venue:** Junction Place, The Promenade, Wodonga  
Included in Conference Registration

Do not miss out on this opportunity to start your networking early! Located in regional Australia's largest urban renewal initiative, Junction Place, which brings new life to the former historic railway station and railyards in central Wodonga. Join us to experience the hidden gems of this regional hub, including the culinary delights and local craft beverages and refreshments.

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## WELCOME BREAKFAST

Regional Investment Opportunities in Advanced Manufacturing in the Albury Wodonga Region - transforming regional centres into hubs for innovation centred advanced manufacturing.

**Date:** Wednesday 26 May 2021  
**Time:** 7.15am – 8.30am  
**Venue:** Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury  
**Cost:** \$30.00 including GST per person  
 Optional social event

Presenter: **Christian Greatorix**, *Principal, Deloitte*

This breakfast session will explore how Albury Wodonga is uniquely positioned to participate in the development of Australia's advanced manufacturing industry. Albury Wodonga is strongly placed to take advantage of existing production capabilities, skills, location, infrastructure and governance to take a progressive approach to manufacturing to leverage Inland Rail investments in the region. Opportunities, comparative advantages and barriers to development will be explored with an interactive panel of in-region businesses making exciting strides in the manufacturing and production fields.

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## CONFERENCE DINNER

**Date:** Wednesday 26 May 2021  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 10.30pm  
**Venue:** Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury  
**Cost:** Included in Conference Registration

The Conference Dinner is always a highlight of the Inland Rail Conference social calendar and this year will be no exception. Join us for a fantastic evening of networking with a special touch of regional food and wine.

Places are limited, so please confirm your attendance when registering to avoid missing out.

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**Albury City Council & Wodonga Council welcome you to attend a famil of their region on Tuesday 25 May 2021 from 10.30am - 1.30pm. Register when registering for the conference.**

# SITE TOURS



Experience first-hand how the Albury Wodonga region is *Connecting Regions and Building Australia*.

- Date:** Tuesday 25 May 2021  
**Time:** 2pm – 5pm  
**Cost:** Free for conference attendees  
**Capacity:** Limited capacity. Book your seat today

Two pre-conference site tours will depart from the Albury Entertainment Centre at 2pm sharp and return in time for the Welcome Reception from 5pm – 7.30pm.

## **TOUR 1 | TRANSPORT AND MANUFACTURING SHOWCASE**

### **Milspec manufacturing factory**

Milspec has been designing and supplying enclosures to the rail industry for over 15 years. Their product range has been specifically designed for the rail and outdoor industry requirements, meeting VRIOS and ASA requirements. See the manufacturing process in action while visiting the factory.

### **NEXUS Industrial Precinct**

Located 10km north of Albury's CBD, NEXUS is a 450ha site zoned to support large or heavy industrial development. The precinct spans the Hume Freeway and the main Melbourne-Sydney rail corridor, incorporating an intermodal hub. View the precinct and how it is supporting transport requirements in the region.

### **Ettamogah Rail Hub**

The Ettamogah Rail Hub is a container handling, intermodal transport facility connecting the region to national and international markets. It includes its own rail sidings and direct access to the main Melbourne to Sydney rail line and Hume Freeway. The visit will showcase the Iron Highway, CargoSprinter, 3 Packs (PWAQ) Wagons and Y Class locomotives.





## **TOUR 2 | LOGIC – AUSTRALIA'S LOGISTICS HUB**

Explore Logic, a multi-decade project that capitalises on its strategic position on the full diamond interchange of the Hume Freeway and Murray Valley Highway, and directly adjoins Inland Rail's north east railway line. Logic offers several significant advantages for industry seeking to create efficiencies in freight distribution, manufacturing and warehousing operations, reaching more than 75 per cent of Australia's population by next day transport.

### **Wodonga TAFE Logic Campus**

Visit Wodonga's largest vocational training provider, delivering more than 2.5 million student contact hours in training every year. The \$12 million National Industrial Skills Training Centre at Logic opened in October 2012. The Centre provides training and licensing in the transport, logistics, warehousing, civil construction and forestry industries. Facilities include a fully-equipped warehouse for forklift and warehouse management training.

### **Woolworths Distribution Centre**

See Woolworths' 60,000m<sup>2</sup> warehouse facility, which supplies more than 75 outlets across Northern Victoria and Southern NSW. See how the team manages \$2 billion worth of annual stock turnover and facilitates 450 truck movements daily.

## **SCT Wodonga Intermodal and Refrigeration Hub**

SCT Logistics launched its first train from the Logic Intermodal on Thursday 13 October 2016.

The Wodonga terminal offers domestic and interstate rail line haul services, import and export container handling, and future warehousing and property solutions.

The 23-hectare site has direct access to the mainline rail track and features a 6000m<sup>2</sup> cross-dock terminal, a 5000m<sup>2</sup> container handling area and over 5km of internal rail track.

Since 2016, the SCT Barnawartha (Wodonga) Intermodal Hub has facilitated the delivery of 2000 tonnes of interstate freight and 180 TEU of import & export containers per week. Bi-directional access allows easy, fast, and efficient access for south or northbound freight.

Learn about the facility's current operations and future plans to expand to meet growing demand.

# PROGRAM

Program and sessions are correct at time of printing. Please visit the [Inland Rail Conference](#) website for program updates.

## TUESDAY 25 MAY 2021

### Pre-Conference Activities

10.30 – 13.30	<b>Famils hosted by Albury City Council &amp; Wodonga Council</b> Please register for this famil when registering for the conference	
14:00 – 17:00	<b>Site Tour 1   TRANSPORT AND MANUFACTURING SHOWCASE</b> <b>Site Tour 2   LOGIC – AUSTRALIA'S LOGISTICS HUB</b> Limited capacity. See page 8 & 9 for more details	
17.00 – 19.00	<b>Welcome Reception</b> Junction Place, The Promenade, Wodonga Included for conference attendees	Proudly sponsored by <b>ARTC</b>

## WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021, ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

<b>06.45 – 17.00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	
07.15 – 08.30	<b>Welcome Breakfast - Regional Investment Opportunities in Advanced Manufacturing in the Albury Wodonga Region - Transforming regional centres into hubs for innovation centred advanced manufacturing</b> Guest presenter: <b>Christian Greatorix</b> , <i>Principal, Deloitte</i> Optional extra \$30 per person. See page 6 for more details	Hosted by <b>BUSINESS NSW</b>
<b>Conference</b>		
09.00 – 09.05	Welcome by Master of Ceremonies <b>Kirk Coningham OAM</b> , <i>CEO, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)</i>	
09.05 – 09.10	Welcome to Country	
09.10 – 09.20	Joint Welcome <b>Danny Broad</b> , <i>Chair, Australasian Railway Association (ARA)</i> <b>Philip Davies</b> , <i>Chair, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)</i>	
09.20 – 09.25	Mayors' Joint Welcome to Albury Wodonga <b>Kevin Mack</b> , <i>Mayor, Albury City Council</i> <b>Kevin Poulton</b> , <i>Mayor, Wodonga Council</i>	
09.25 – 09.30	Welcome <b>The Hon Michael McCormack MP</b> , <i>Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development</i>	
09.30 – 09.50	Keynote   <b>Richard Wankmuller</b> , <i>CEO, Inland Rail</i>	
09.50 – 10.10	Keynote   Inland Rail will be the economic backbone of Australia <b>Paul Scurrah</b> , <i>Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Pacific National</i>	
10.10 – 10.30	Stay tuned for stage two announcement of speakers	
<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>	<b>Morning Tea with Exhibition</b>	

**WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021, ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE**

11.15 – 11.20	<p>Welcome</p> <p><b>The Hon Mark Coulton MP</b>, Minister for Regional Health, Regional Communities and Local Government</p>
11.20 – 12.05	<p><b>Panel: Reflections on the completed Parkes to Narromine project and breaking ground to North Star</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Philip Davies</b>, Chair, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)</p> <p><b>Gerard O'Connor</b>, Project Director, INLink JV (Fulton Hogan and BMD Constructions)</p> <p><b>Anna Wyllie</b>, Economic Business and Development Manager</p> <p><b>Russell Stewart</b>, Chair, Regional Development Australia Northern Inland (RDANI), Narrabri &amp; District Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><b>Mark Connolly</b>, Regional Activation Manager, Moree Plains Shire Council</p> <p><b>Paul Hollamby</b>, Senior Project Manager, Inland Rail</p>
12.05 – 12.25	<p>Keynote   <b>Narrabri to North Star Contractor Project Update</b></p> <p><b>Jon Holmes</b>, Project Director – Rail, John Holland</p>
12.25 – 12.45	<p>Keynote   <b>Mobilising for Operations – what challenges will this pose for Inland Rail</b></p> <p><b>Stefan Sanders</b>, Principal, Rail Advisory Leader Australasia, Smec-Arup JV (SAJV)</p>
<b>12.45 – 13.45</b>	<b>Lunch with Exhibition</b>
13.45 – 14.05	<p>Keynote   <b>Inland Rail and the community</b></p> <p><b>Rebecca Pickering</b>, Director of Planning, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, Inland Rail</p>
14.05 – 14.25	<p>Keynote   <b>Building better: Resilience in an age of uncertainty</b></p> <p><b>Ally Flint</b>, Principal, Deloitte Access Australia</p>
14.25 – 15.05	<p><b>Panel: Intermodal – Delivering from point to point</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Danny Broad</b>, Chair, Australasian Railway Association (ARA)</p> <p><b>Michael Kilgariff</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Roads Australia</p> <p><b>Caryn Anderson</b>, Executive General Manager Port Growth and Planning, Port of Melbourne</p> <p><b>Susie Harwood</b>, Executive Director Freight, Customer Strategy and Technology, Transport for NSW</p> <p><b>Blair Batts</b>, General Manager, InterLink SQ</p>
<b>15.05 – 15.35</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea with Exhibition</b>
15.35 – 15.55	Stay tuned for stage two announcement of speakers
15.55 – 16.50	<p><b>Panel: Growth opportunities for regional Australia</b></p> <p>Chair: <b>Caroline Wilkie</b>, CEO, Australasian Railway Association (ARA)</p> <p><b>Dr Andrew Higgins</b>, Project Leader – TraNSIT Transport Network Strategic Investment Tool, CSIRO</p> <p><b>Emma Buchanan</b>, Partner, Strategy and Transactions, EY Australia</p> <p><b>Peter Wilson</b>, Business Development Manager, Wellcamp Logistics Hub, Wagner Corporation</p> <p><b>Christian Greatorix</b>, Principle, Deloitte</p>
16.50 – 17.00	<p>End of Day 1 Summary</p> <p><b>Caroline Wilkie</b>, CEO, Australasian Railway Association (ARA)</p> <p><b>Kirk Coningham</b>, CEO, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)</p>
18.30 – 22.30	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p>Albury Entertainment Centre, Albury</p> <p>Included for conference attendees</p>



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THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021, ALBURY ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE	
09.00-09.10	Welcome by Master of Ceremonies <b>Caroline Wilkie</b> , CEO, Australasian Railway Association (ARA)
09.10-09.30	Stay tuned for stage two speaker announcements
09.30-09.50	Keynote   <b>Geoff Smith</b> , Managing Director, SCT Logistics
09.50-10.45	<b>Panel: Inland Rail - Maximising supply chain efficiency</b> Chair: <b>Kirk Coningham OAM</b> , CEO, Australian Logistics Council (ALC) <b>Caryn Anderson</b> , Executive General Manager Port Growth and Planning, Port of Melbourne <b>Mark Mazurek</b> , Chief Executive Officer, Linfox Logistics <b>Ben Newton</b> , Head of Transport Development, Woolworths; Deputy Chair, Australian Logistics Council (ALC) <b>Naa Opoku</b> , General Manager, National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy Taskforce, Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Cities and Regional Development <b>John Fullerton</b> , Chair, National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy Freight Industry Reference Panel
<b>10.45-11.15</b>	<b>Morning Tea with Exhibition</b>
11.15-11.40	Keynote   <b>Mark Campbell</b> , CEO, Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC)
11.40-12.30	<b>Panel: Innovative technology driving regional Australia</b> Chair: <b>Caroline Wilkie</b> , CEO, Australasian Railway Association <b>Damien White</b> , Group Executive – Safety, Engineering & Technology, ARTC <b>Steve Froelich</b> , Vice President of Operations for RMS Australia and New Zealand, Lockheed Martin <b>Susan Harris</b> , CEO, ITS Australia <b>Dr Andrew Higgins</b> , Project Leader – TraNSIT Transport Network Strategic Investment Tool, CSIRO
12.30-12.50	What's next? Upcoming opportunities with Inland Rail
12.50-13.00	Closing <b>Caroline Wilkie</b> , CEO, Australasian Railway Association (ARA) <b>Kirk Coningham OAM</b> , CEO, Australian Logistics Council (ALC)
<b>13.00-14.00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch</b>

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# REGISTRATION

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## REGISTRATION AND TICKET CATEGORIES

Conference Registration	\$990.00
ALC/ARA Member Registration	\$790.00
ALC/ARA Member Group Registration (4 or more)#	\$690.00
Welcome Breakfast	\$30.00
Site Tours – Included for conference attendees	
Welcome Reception – Included for conference attendees	
Conference Dinner – Included for conference attendees	

All costs are inclusive of Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST).

### CONFERENCE AND GROUP REGISTRATION ENTITLEMENTS INCLUDE:

- Attendance to all conference sessions (Wednesday – Thursday)
- Access to exhibition
- Daily catering as per the program
- Inclusion in and receipt of the conference attendee list prior, during, and after the event (opt out available)
- Conference handbook
- Entry to the Welcome Reception
- Entry to the Conference Dinner

# Multiple registrants – All forms must be submitted together to be entitled to the group discount

See website for Terms and Conditions

### BUSINESS GRANTS AVAILABLE!

We are pleased to announce the Inland Rail Conference 2021 has been listed on the **Schedule of Approved Business Events** on the AusTrade [website](#).

Eligible businesses can now apply for a grant to cover up to 50 per cent of the costs of attending the Inland Rail Conference as delegates or exhibitors.

Your business could receive a funding grant from **\$5,000** per entity per application **up to a maximum of \$250,000** to be involved in the Inland Rail Conference! Grant applications are open now!

**GRANT APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 30 JUNE 2021 AT 5PM AEDT.**

These grants are managed by AusTrade

## CONFERENCE ORGANISERS

### Australasian Railway Association (ARA)

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### Australian Logistics Council (ALC)

P: 02 6273 0755

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