2019 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT
MAYORS’ ACCORD
Brisbane, Australia
7-10 July
Driving Cities through
Business and Innovation

Dedicated to a better Brisbane
The 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2019APCS) and Mayors’ Forum in Brisbane, marked the 12th occasion of this iconic event for the Asia Pacific region. With a focus on driving cities through business and innovation, I had the pleasure of welcoming more than 1400 business, government, industry and emerging leaders from 140 global cities.

With a record number of attendees for a Summit hosted in Brisbane, the event was an opportunity for delegates to discuss the challenges facing their cities, along with potential solutions. Throughout the program, 196 speakers presented at the event and more than 80 businesses showcased their products and services to industry and City Leaders from around the world.

A core component of the Asia Pacific Cities Summit is the important discussion which takes place at the Mayors’ Forum.

This year’s Forum allowed City Leaders to discuss the Summit sub-themes of innovation, mobility, liveability and sustainability of cities.

Attending leaders came from a range of cities, backgrounds and government structures with varied experiences and challenges within our jurisdictions. From our discussions, a common Accord was agreed upon which will contribute positively towards the lives of those in the Asia Pacific region.

Thank you to each City Leader who participated in this important event.

Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia
Brisbane’s booming economy is driving continued population growth in the region. From 2013 to 2018, the Greater Brisbane population growth rate was 1.9% per annum on average. More than 26% of Brisbane residents were born overseas and more than 16% of households speak two or more languages at home.

Brisbane is home to a number of international events, including the APCS, Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) and the Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT). Brisbane hosted the G20 Leaders Summit in 2014 and was an Event City for the 2018 Commonwealth Games.
The 12th Asia Pacific Cities Summit (2019APCS) and Mayors’ Forum was held in Brisbane from 7-10 July. More than 1400 delegates from 140 global cities, including 83 Mayors and Deputy Mayors, converged on Brisbane for this premier event.

Alongside the 2019APCS main program was the 2019APCS Mayors’ Forum, an important opportunity for City Leaders from the region to discuss current issues and exchange urban governance experience.

The Mayors’ Accord is a tangible outcome of the Mayors’ Forum and allows City Leaders to agree on a set of guiding principles to implement in their jurisdictions.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner hosted the 2019APCS Mayors’ Forum on 9 July at Brisbane City Hall. Professor Greg Clark CBE FACSS, Global Advisor, Future Cities and New Industries facilitated the Forum.

### SUMMIT AND FORUM HISTORY

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About the 2019APCS

DRIVING CITIES THROUGH BUSINESS AND INNOVATION

The 2019APCS brought business, industry and City Leaders together to enable them to build relationships and effectively contribute to the success and sustainability of our cities into the future.

Cities are increasingly recognised as key influencers, connectors and contributors to the global economy. The Summit featured internationally renowned speakers and curated sessions to generate meaningful and insightful discussion in line with each of the program themes.
Strategic context to the Forum

THE ASIA PACIFIC REGION AND ITS CITIES IN 2019

According to the most recent Regional Economic Outlook produced by the International Monetary Fund, the Asia Pacific region’s economy is growing at 5.5%. It accounts for nearly two-thirds of global growth, making it the world’s most dynamic region.

The region is home to the largest concentration of urban residents and the fastest growing and changing cities on the planet. In 2017, the World Economic Forum predicted that 85% of the world’s fastest growing cities will be in the Asia Pacific region.

For City Leaders, improving liveability for residents while capturing the benefits of growth is a critical task. Many Asia Pacific cities are globalising for the first time, generating a new platform for economic growth.

The richer connectivity in the region means that many cities are increasingly home to diverse populations with different cultures and linguistic groups.

City Leaders have a critical role in building the capacity of their cities to reap the benefits of regional growth and diversity, while also enhancing liveability, sustainability and mobility. Innovation developed regionally and globally can contribute to economic growth, offer solutions to many challenges, and enable less developed cities to adapt new technologies and ideas to their individual circumstances to rapidly catch up to leading cities in the region.
According to Microsoft’s Digital Transformation Study of 2018, disruptive technologies are forecast to add more than US$550 billion to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the Asia Pacific region each year. Venture capital continues to rapidly flow into the Asia Pacific region, with investment concentrated in both emerging and more established cities.

The new generation of disruptive technologies from the Fourth Industrial Revolution have the potential to transform how City Leaders manage their cities, communicate with their citizens, promote economic inclusion and enhance access to urban systems. These technologies will also drive entrepreneurship and will increasingly underpin the region’s urban economy.

As cities adopt better growth management practices, they create more attractive environments for business and talent. This in turn helps to build the innovation ecosystems required to respond to future challenges. Digital technology will increasingly enable leaders to work with citizens to develop solutions to urban challenges. Open data has the potential to empower citizens, improve governance systems, enhance the delivery of public services and create opportunities for the private sector.

Currently, there are some wide disparities in technological readiness in the region and access to digital technology is essential for intelligent urban systems and economies. With mobile technology developing and being rapidly adopted, the traditional digital divide between high income and emerging cities is closing, offering significant opportunities across the region.
MOBILITY OF CITIES

The internal and external connectivity of cities in the region is critical to their global reach and their scale advantages. Trade links and access to mobile talent, capital, ideas and visitors is particularly strong among Asia Pacific cities that are digitally enabled and open.

Cities are changing the way they are addressing mobility to boost productivity, sustainability, efficiency, scale and land use. The region is forecast to become a key market for new urban mobility systems as cities introduce different forms of transport and progress integrated mobility.

The new wave of mobility is about bringing together different forms of movement within a common framework.

Forms of transport in cities, including private vehicles, public transport, core infrastructure, active transport and privatised forms of shared mobility are increasingly part of one integrated network.

Mobility as a Service (MAAS) is gaining prominence. It relies upon a customer-centric approach, integration between transport modes, and collecting and using data more effectively. Sustainable forms of mobility can reduce operational costs and minimise the negative consequences of rapid growth, and enhance quality of life and economic inclusion.
The increased connectivity and mobility of people within and between cities in the region has contributed to a rich cultural and demographic tapestry in cities. City governments are rising to the challenge of meeting the multiple needs of their diverse populations and promoting inclusion. While liveability means different things to different people, ensuring residents can enjoy living in their city is a core objective of city governments.

In the region’s rapidly urbanising cities, City Leaders are meeting the challenge of delivering urban infrastructure and public services in the face of demographic and population changes.

They are taking action to provide equal access to services as they sustainably urbanise. At the same time, they are celebrating culture and creating more vibrant and inclusive places.

More advanced cities are focusing on liveability for their residents and utilising it to compete for global talent, investment and capital. The challenge for these cities is to provide essential infrastructure and services and also develop attractive places for visitors, investors and talent.
The response to some of the world’s most important challenges will be determined in the Asia Pacific region. Its cities can lead a healthy, sustainable and resilient course for the future. While much of the global sustainability and resilience attention is focused on coordinated country-level action, cities undertake very meaningful and effective local-level action. When this practical action is aggregated, there can be significant improvements to global outcomes.

Higher-income cities generally have greater capacity to deliver economic, social and environmental outcomes. For emerging cities, the challenge of ensuring development in all of these key areas simultaneously can prove more difficult.

However, among these significant challenges, there is tremendous opportunity. With the emergence of innovative technology, together with leading city management practices, social, economic and environmental imperatives can be pursued simultaneously. Low and middle income cities can adopt innovative technologies and practices once they are proven in other urban environments and when they are cost-effective to deploy.

City governance models are being adapted to the changing social, economic, environmental and cultural dynamics in the region. Asia Pacific cities are engaging their communities in their efforts to drive sustainability outcomes.
Introducing the Accord

SHARED SOLUTIONS TO COMMON CHALLENGES

At the 2019 Asia Pacific Cities Summit, the Mayors and leaders of more than 80 cities met at the Mayors’ Forum. They made this joint statement of common endeavour. The Mayors agreed to enhance innovation, mobility, liveability and sustainability in their cities.

INNOVATION OF CITIES

Empowering cities, residents and business through innovation and technology

We recognise that innovation is relevant to emerging and advanced cities throughout the region. Innovation can underpin our development and provide innovative solutions to the challenges ahead. Adopting innovation developed elsewhere and adapted to our local circumstances can enable quick gains in productivity, open new markets and generate cost-effective solutions to long-term challenges. We will continue to facilitate the adoption and diffusion of innovation and technology in our communities, use it to engage our citizens and work across business, research institutes and government to generate new ideas for the future.

MOBILITY OF CITIES

Moving and connecting people within cities

We recognise that mobility is a key priority for our people. At the forefront of this is providing options for our residents to move around our cities and beyond, and for businesses to access goods, services and international markets. We will continue to integrate multiple modes of transport in our planning to enhance mobility, maintain liveability, and improve efficiency and productivity. We will continue to facilitate connectivity across the region, and integrate land use planning and transport infrastructure development to improve mobility.
**LIVEABILITY OF CITIES**

Vibrant, diverse and inclusive cities

We recognise that our diverse communities value inclusiveness and lifestyle, and want to continue to enjoy our cities. We will work to enhance the liveability and attractiveness of our cities by providing infrastructure and valued public services, and enhancing amenity to make our cities enjoyable places for all people who live, visit and invest in them. We will keep encouraging our residents to be proud of our cities as we continue to create vibrant places that celebrate our unique culture and identity.

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**SUSTAINABILITY OF CITIES**

Driving resilient and healthy cities

Cities are at the forefront of global sustainability efforts. We will continue to enhance the sustainability of our cities from an economic, environmental and social perspective. We recognise that best-practice models of urban planning, city management and advances in technology provide us with powerful mechanisms to improve productivity, resilience and sustainability, and promote social interaction. We will continue to take practical action to protect and enhance our local environment and assets, and ensure our long-term sustainability for future generations.
Attending Mayors and City Leaders

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Deputy Mayor: Honiara

Paul Antonio
Mayor: Toowoomba

Bima Arya
Mayor: Bogor

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Mayor: Tegucigalpa

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Mayor: Blacktown

Andrew Barr
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Mary-Ann Booth
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Gordon Bradbery AM
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Gregory Christensen
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Yoon-Kee Chung
Deputy Mayor: Daejeon

Jason Cook
Deputy Mayor: Lockyer Valley

Jack Dempsey
Mayor: Bundaberg

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Mayor: Peshawar

Aswin Kwanmuang
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