



# 2021 ASIA PACIFIC CITIES SUMMIT & MAYORS' FORUM *Special Edition*

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Opportunities and Challenges

*Mayors' Accord*



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## FOREWORD FROM HOST

The 2021 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum Special Edition (2021APCS Special Edition) in Brisbane marked the 13th occasion of this significant event for the Asia Pacific region.

This year's Summit was delivered virtually and in person, providing us with a vital opportunity to connect and work through the unprecedented challenges our cities have faced from the global coronavirus pandemic.

More than 700 business, government, industry and emerging leaders from 74 global cities convened at the event with a shared goal to accelerate their cities shift to a new normal.

Throughout the program, 100 speakers presented at the event and 87 businesses showcased their products and services to industry and city leaders from around the world.

The core theme of the 2021APCS Special Edition was *Redefining Cities through Opportunities and Challenges* and the important Mayors' Forum discussion renewed the focus on how we can make healthier, more vibrant, better-connected and intelligent cities while working towards a post-pandemic world.

Attending Mayors and Deputy Mayors 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 on that will contribute positively towards the lives of those in the Asia Pacific region. Thank you to each Mayor and Deputy Mayor who participated in this important event.

**Adrian Schrinner**  
Lord Mayor of Brisbane



*Brisbane City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land and their unique relationship with their ancestral country.*

*We pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders of Brisbane, and recognise their strength and wisdom.*



# 2021 APCS SPECIAL EDITION

## HOST CITY



**Economy**  
**AU\$182 billion**



### Sustainability

Brisbane City Council has been certified carbon neutral under the Australian Government's Climate Active program for **four consecutive years**.



**Liveability**  
**Ranked 10th**  
most liveable city in the world

## BRISBANE SNAPSHOT



**Innovation**  
**Ranked in top 9%**



**Economic output**  
**49%** of Queensland's economic output



Estimated 2041 population (Greater Brisbane)  
**3.6 million**



Estimated 2041 economy  
**AU\$239 billion**

Brisbane is a thriving multicultural city, steadily building on its reputation as a global city.

Today, Brisbane is a safe, vibrant, green and prosperous city, valued for its friendly and optimistic people and enjoyable lifestyle. Brisbane benefits from rich biodiversity and is home to more than 800 species of wildlife, 2500 species of native plants and many thriving areas of bushland, parks and waterways. Often referred to as the River City, Brisbane is built around the winding Brisbane River and is characterised by a warm subtropical climate, outdoor lifestyle, hilly suburban pockets and Queenslander-style housing.

Brisbane is home to vibrant retail and dining precincts from the city to the suburbs, as well as extensive parkland spaces for sport and leisure, festivals, arts and entertainment. Brisbane has a multicultural and linguistically diverse population, with nearly one-third of residents born overseas and 22% speaking a language other than English at home. Its world-ranking universities and education institutes also drew 100,922 international student enrolments in 2020. Brisbane is a global hub in scientific innovation, mining and resources, technology, higher education and cultural attractions. Greater Brisbane has an economy of AU\$182 billion, accounting for 49% of Queensland's and 9% of Australia's economic output.

# PREFACE

The 13th Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum (2021APCS Special Edition) was held in Brisbane from 8-12 September 2021.

Hosted by Brisbane City Council's Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, the 2021APCS Special Edition was the first Summit in the history of APCS with both physical and virtual participation options for delegates, using latest-generation technology. Despite coronavirus restrictions, more than 700 physical and virtual delegates representing 74 cities from across the Asia Pacific and beyond, including 51 Mayors and Deputy Mayors, attended the event.

The coronavirus pandemic has forever changed the landscape of cities. Hence, the 2021APCS Mayors' Forum was an important opportunity for attending Mayors and Deputy Mayors to reimagine urban life and the economy,

and discuss issues affecting all cities with their peers.

The Forum was co-facilitated by James Tuma, Group Director of Urbis, and Kate Meyrick, Director of Urbis, and powered by The University of Queensland.

In addition, the 2021APCS Special Edition was the first significant gathering of urban and economic leaders and influencers since the International Olympic Committee (IOC) elected Brisbane as the Host City of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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

## SUMMIT AND FORUM HISTORY

Year	Host city	No. of cities	No. of Mayors	No. of delegates
2021	Brisbane	74	51	717
2019	Brisbane	140	83	1484
2017	Daejeon	125	59	2400
2015	Brisbane	135	93	1303
2013	Kaohsiung	102	46	2292
2011	Brisbane	115	36	1160
2009	Incheon	150	82	1568
2007	Brisbane	104	19	900
2005	Chongqing	127	48	900
2003	Brisbane	96		600
2001	Seattle	102		401
1999	Brisbane	70		256
1996	Brisbane	34		128



# ABOUT THE 2021APCS *Special Edition*

## Redefining Cities through Opportunities and Challenges

With an overarching theme of Redefining Cities through Opportunities and Challenges, the 2021APCS Special Edition addressed four sub-themes at the core of our cities, their system and how they function.



### HEALTHY CITIES

Strengthening agility, wellbeing and sustainability



### CONNECTED CITIES

Redefining connections and movement



### VIBRANT CITIES

Celebrating and enhancing creativity, diversity and tourism



### INTELLIGENT CITIES

Harnessing and supporting talent, innovation and business

# INTRODUCING THE ACCORD

## Committed to sharing ideas that redefine our cities and regions

The 2021 Asia Pacific Cities Summit and Mayors' Forum (Special Edition) brought together Mayors and city leaders from a broad and diverse range of cities and regions. This Accord was developed among contemporaries and signed by participants.

As civic leaders, we are presented with an opportunity to build on our cities' natural talents and to generate meaningful relationships that help create increased opportunity for the people we represent. This opportunity presents itself despite there being a range of complex issues, both local and global, for the level of government closest to the community.

With new connections and building on existing partnerships, signatories to the Accord will work together to address shared challenges allowing us to accelerate our cities re-orientation towards a 'new-normal' of urban leadership and regional development.

We, the undersigned Mayors and Deputy Mayors, participated in the 2021APCS Mayors' Forum and we reaffirm our intention of working together to kindle urban resilience and deliver a better quality of life for our communities. We will do this by exchanging ideas to address common challenges and ignite capacity-building opportunities.

The following four outlined pillars identify action items, shared goals and aspirations. All four pillars will help us build on our shared commitment to ultimately reach the untapped potential of each city.







Our specific summit and forum principles for the future are:



## HEALTHY CITIES

Strengthening agility, wellbeing and sustainability

- Collectively, we recognise that active and healthy communities are paramount to the future success of our cities and residents. As such we are committed to enhancing the urban and natural environments that underpin human health and economic resilience.
- As a region we will focus on greening our centres by building urban parks and forests that support urban cooling while increasing opportunities for environmental connections, physical activity and play, all while keeping the lungs of our cities healthy as a result.
- We will continue to promote emerging transport trends while also recognising the positive contribution that traditional active transport solutions make to reducing emissions, creating clean, green and sustainable communities.



## VIBRANT CITIES

Celebrating and enhancing creativity, diversity and tourism

- As signatories, we acknowledge the significant role that culture and creativity play in nurturing the identity and appeal of our urban and regional centres.
- Together, we will explore new forms of partnerships between businesses, artists and creative thinkers to increase creative offerings and cultural placemaking to help build local tourism.
- We will continue to facilitate opportunities for entrepreneurs, start-ups and micro businesses to experiment and invent ambitious new ideas to build our urban and regional centres.





## CONNECTED CITIES

Redefining connections and movement

- As city leaders, we believe that enabling the mobility of people and ideas is an essential investment in social equity, quality of life and productivity.
- We are committed to our investment in infrastructure that underpins sustainable connectivity; collaboratively exploring opportunities across jurisdictions to expand efficient and integrated public transport options, and support innovations that enhance urban mobility as a service.
- In developing public policy, we are committed to looking at new and innovative ways to engage residents in the way that projects and policy are delivered.



## INTELLIGENT CITIES

Harnessing and supporting talent, innovation and business

- We believe that positive change in our urban and regional centres will be accelerated by investing in human talent that supports the digital literacy skills of all citizens across the communities of our region.
- We are committed to exploring innovative ways to govern allowing cities to work more effectively, increasing environmental and urban resilience across the region to solve social and economic challenges.
- We see strong potential for economic growth powered by advanced technology and will continue to facilitate the growth of our start up and scale up ecosystems, as well as the development of human capital, to drive economic prosperity across Asia Pacific.



# ATTENDING MAYORS AND DEPUTY MAYORS



**Phil Goff**

Mayor, Auckland Council



**Botika Maitinnara**

Mayor, Betio Town Council



**Adrian Schrinner**

Lord Mayor, Brisbane City Council



**Krista Adams**

Deputy Mayor, Brisbane City Council



**Terry James**

Deputy Mayor, Cairns Regional Council



**Lianne Dalziel**

Mayor, Christchurch City Council



**Sally Capp**

Lord Mayor, City of Melbourne



**Robert Dwyer**

Lord Mayor, City of Parramatta



**I Gusti Ngurah Jaya Negara**

Mayor, Denpasar City Government

*I Gusti Ngurah Jaya Negara*



**Chen-wei Hsu**

Magistrate, Hualien County Government

*Hsu Chen-Wei*



**Chi-Mai Chen**

Mayor, Kaohsiung City Government

*Chen Chi-Mai*



**Yu-Chang Lin**

Mayor, Keelung City Government

*Lin Yu-Chang*



**Darren Power**

Mayor, Logan City Council

*Darren Power*



**Peter Flannery**

Mayor, Moreton Bay Regional Council

*P Flannery*



**Despi O'Connor**

Mayor, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

*Despi O'Connor*



**Sarah Race**

Deputy Mayor, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

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**Cheng-Ta Hsieh**

Deputy Mayor, New Taipei City Government

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**Max Baxter**

Mayor, Otorohanga District Council

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Mayor, Palmerston North City Council

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Mayor, Scenic Rim Regional Council



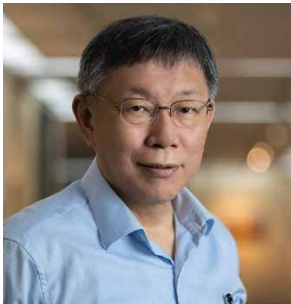
**Mark Jamieson**

Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council



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Deputy Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council



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Mayor, Taipei City Government



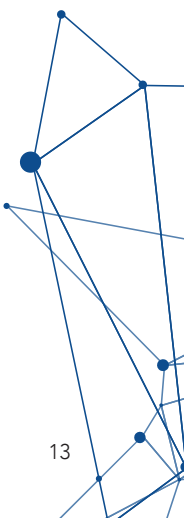
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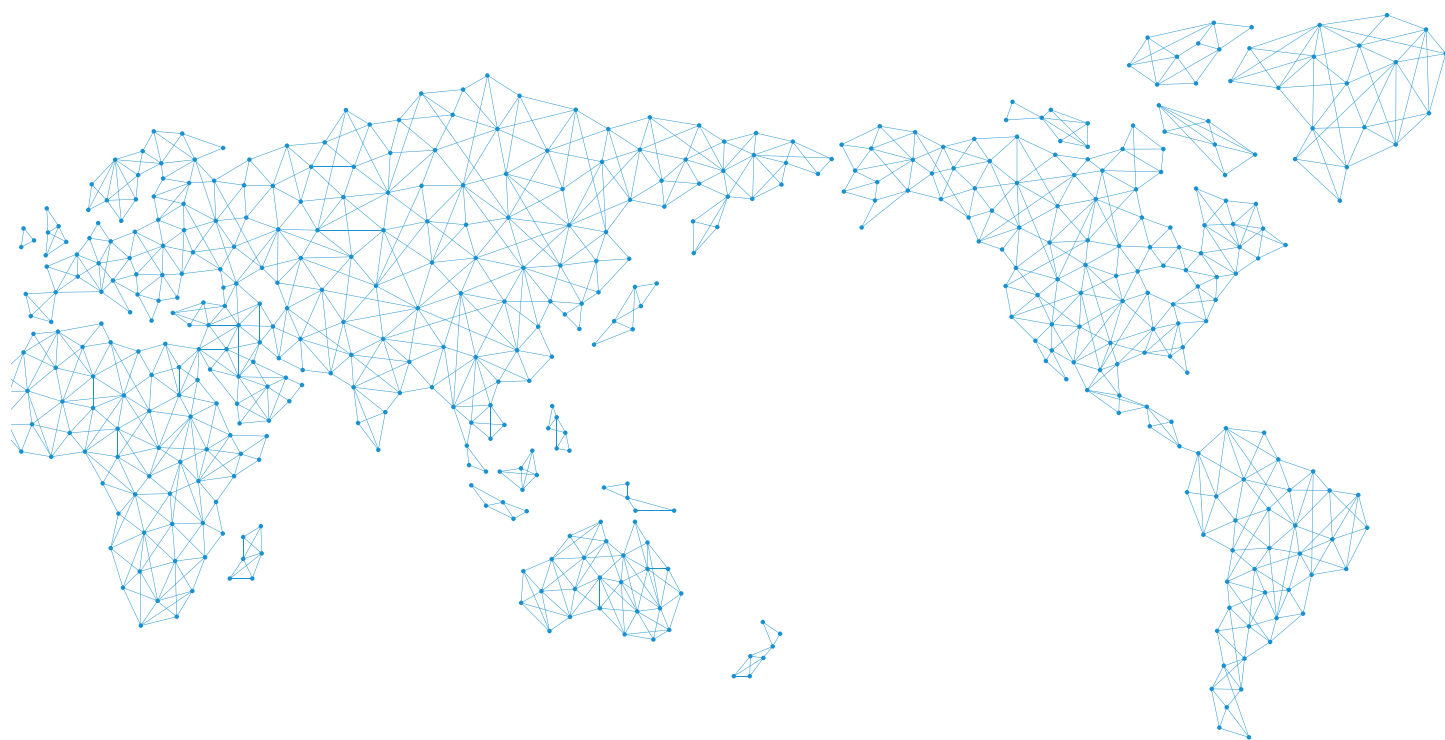


**Andy Foster**

Mayor, Wellington City Council



# ATTENDING CITIES



## AUSTRALIA

Adelaide	Mackay
Beaunesert	Melbourne
Brisbane	Moreton Bay
Bundaberg	Murray Bridge
Cairns	Newcastle
Canberra	Parramatta
Darwin	Perth
Esk	Port Macquarie
Gatton	Redland
Gold Coast	Rockhampton
Gympie	Sunshine Coast
Hobart	Sydney
Ipswich	Toowoomba
Logan	Wangaratta

## INTERNATIONAL

Auckland	Peshawar
Apia	Pingtung
Baltimore	Qufu
Beijing	Semarang
Betio	Shanghai
Binzhou	Shenzen
Chongqing	Singapore
Christchurch	Skipton
Daejeon	South Tarawa
Denpasar	Surrey
Dhankuta	Sylhet
Dura	Taichung
Kaohsiung	Taipei
Keelung	Taitung
Kobe	Taoyuan
Kuching	Tauranga
Lisbon	Tokyo
London	Ulaanbaatar
Mandaluyong	Wellington
New Taipei	Weßling
Otorohanga	Whanganui
Palmerston North	



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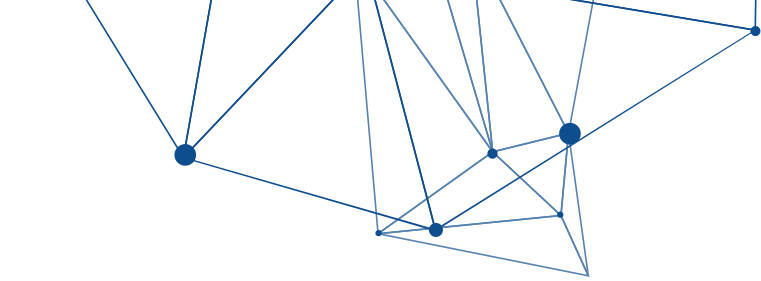












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