

CLAIR Sydney Newsletter

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FEATURE

CLAIR Forum 2026

In early December, we're hosting a seminar event aiming to foster deeper mutual understanding of local governance in Japan, Australia, and New Zealand.



*Illustration based on photographs from the 2025 CLAIR Forum.

The CLAIR Forum is back this December!

Theme: Innovative and Creative Approaches to Local Government Challenges

Join CLAIR Sydney and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) at the Institute for Public Policy and Governance (IPPG) for the CLAIR Forum 2026, bringing together local government professionals and community leaders to explore innovative solutions to some of the most pressing challenges facing communities in Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, 2 December 2026

Time: 2:00pm to 5:00pm (AEDT) / 4:00pm to 7:00pm (NZDT)

Venue: University of Technology Sydney, Building 1, Level 22, Room 10

Address: 15 Broadway, Ultimo, NSW 2007

Hybrid participation: In person or online via Zoom

Background

Local governments in Japan, Australia and New Zealand face a range of complex challenges, including depopulation, low birth rates, climate pressures, rising costs of living and housing shortages. As community expectations continue to evolve, traditional approaches are often no longer sufficient, creating a growing need for innovative and forward-looking solutions. This forum will showcase practical initiatives from local governments in Japan and Australia, highlighting creative approaches to addressing local challenges. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange ideas, share experiences and discuss strategies for building resilient and sustainable communities.

Registration

Register via the link below: (Select 'Get Tickets' for both the in-person and online options)

<https://events.humanitix.com/clair-forum-2026-innovative-and-creative-approaches-to-local-government-challenges>

Notes

- Participation is free of charge, and light refreshments will be provided.
- This event will be conducted entirely in English.

We look forward to seeing you there!





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Venue

In person & on Zoom
University of Technology Sydney

Join local government professionals and community leaders to share case studies, exchange perspectives and explore innovative solutions to common challenges facing local governments across Japan, Australia and New Zealand.



Registration and details



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What is the CLAIR Forum?

The CLAIR Forum is an annual half-day seminar hosted by CLAIR Sydney in partnership with the Institute for Public Policy and Governance (IPPG) at UTS. Since 1995, the Forum has provided a valuable opportunity for government professionals and community leaders from Japan, Australia and New Zealand to exchange knowledge and ideas on topics of mutual interest.

Purpose

The Forum aims to foster deeper mutual understanding of local governance in Japan, Australia, and New Zealand by serving as a platform for meaningful policy dialogue. It also works to strengthen professional networks among government officials, community leaders and academics engaged at the regional and local levels.

Past Themes

2025/2026: Sustainable and Thriving Communities
2024/2025: Waste Reduction and the Circular Economy
2023/2024: Disaster Management and Resilience
2022/2023: Multisectoral Approach for Regional Revitalisation
2021/2022: Local Government Policies on Industrial Promotion



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