

## **7.4. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT LGAQ CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT 25-26 MARCH 2026**

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<b>DATE</b>	24 February 2026

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorses the attendance of Mayor Cr Lisa Scomazzon, Deputy Mayor Cr Roy Zammataro, Cr Michael Rees and Cr Damian Meadows at the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit 25-26 March 2026 in Brisbane.**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) are holding the 2026 Civic Leaders Summit from 25-26 March at The Westin Hotel in Brisbane. The Summit provides an opportunity for Mayors, Councillors, Chief Executive Officers and key stakeholders to gather and focus on professional development whilst engaging in high-level discussions on the key issues shaping the local government sector.

### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATIONS / RESOLUTIONS**

Not applicable

### **REPORT/BACKGROUND**

LGAQ, the peak body for local government in Queensland representing 77 councils, annually conducts the Civic Leaders Summit. The Summit continues to provide a significant opportunity for Council's elected members to network with and learn from leaders within the local government arena.

All elected members are invited to attend, with Cr Abigail Noli unavailable due to other commitments.

The Civic Leaders Summit preliminary program is attached.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The cost to Council will include Summit registration, travel, accommodation costs and sundry expenses. The approximate total cost per Councillor will be \$2,000.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **CORPORATE AND OPERATIONAL PLAN**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

### **Corporate Plan 2025-2030 Initiatives:**

#### **Theme 2 - Prosperity**

Council plans, builds and maintains the infrastructure required to improve our lifestyle and promote economic growth, working actively to support local businesses.

*2.7 - Build strong local, State and Federal relations.*

### **Operational Plan 2025-2026 Actions:**

New project arisen during the financial year.

## **LEGISLATION AND POLICY**

Not applicable

## **CONSULTATION**

Internal: Councillors and Executive Leadership Team

## **CONCLUSION**

LGAQ are holding the 2026 Civic Leaders Summit from 25-26 March in Brisbane, providing a significant opportunity for Councillors to network and learn.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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# CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

**From Effort to Impact  
Preliminary Program**

**25 – 26 March 2026**

**The Westin Hotel, Brisbane**

*An exclusive LGAQ member council event*

Member hotline  
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# President's Introduction

The LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit remains the only event of its kind in Australian local government, bringing together mayors, councillors, CEOs and key stakeholders in a closed-door setting under the Chatham House Rule. This unique environment enables open conversations, candid learning and a strong focus on professional development.

This year's theme, **From Effort to Impact**, challenges us to move beyond simply working hard and instead ensure our collective efforts translate into meaningful outcomes for the communities we serve.

The program features insightful guest speakers, sector experts and council leaders who will share practical experiences of turning ideas into real results.

Civic Leaders is more than a conference – it is a platform for collaboration, designed to inspire, inform and energise. Alongside the formal sessions, dedicated time for peer-to-peer networking, offers opportunities to exchange ideas, tackle common challenges and spark innovative solutions.

As the third Summit of this four-year term, it promises to be an exceptional gathering – one that will strengthen our leadership and sharpen our focus on delivering impact where it matters most.

I look forward to joining you there.

**Councillor Matt Burnett**

LGAQ President and Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council

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## 25 MARCH 2026

### TIME SESSION

8:00am **Registration**

9:00am **Welcome & Acknowledgment of Country**

9:05am **President's Welcome**

9:10am **From Effort to Impact**  
The importance of local leadership and productive relationships

9:50am **Platinum Sponsor Address 1: LGMS**

9:55am **Expert Panel**

10:35am **MORNING TEA**

11:05am **A Productive Workforce**  
Why your people are the biggest drivers of efficiency

11:35am **Behind the Breakthroughs**  
A confidential, Chatham House Rule conversation on wins, missteps and the lessons learned on the road to getting it right

12:10pm **Platinum Sponsor Address 2: Telstra**

12:15pm **LUNCH**

1:15pm **Platinum Sponsor Address 3: Brighter Super**

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# WEDNESDAY

## 25 MARCH 2026 CONTINUED

**TIME      SESSION**

**1:20pm**      **Breakout Sessions**  
**Session 1:** Measuring what matters: rethinking the corporate plan  
OR  
**Session 2:** Depreciation: devil or distraction?

**2:30pm**      **AFTERNOON TEA**

**3:00pm**      **Breakout Sessions**  
**Session 1:** Resilience & wellbeing  
Maintaining productivity without burning out staff or elected members  
OR  
**Session 2:** When crisis hits: are you ready?  
Building a team-focused crisis communications plan

**4:00pm**      **Reconvene in Plenary**

**4:10pm**      **Silver Sponsor Address:**  
Department of Local Government, Water and Volunteers

**4:15pm**      **Keys to Success: International Trade and Diplomatic Engagement**

**5:00pm**      **CLOSE DAY 1**

**6:30pm**      **Networking Dinner:** Sponsored by King & Company Solicitors

**7:00pm**      **In Conversation: From Effort to Impact**  
An evening conversation with a prominent political leader

**9:00pm**      **FORMALITIES CONCLUDE**

26 MARCH 2026

TIME	SESSION
9:00am	<b>Welcome Back</b>
9:05am	<b>State Government Update</b> Including Red Tape Reduction and Depreciation Taskforce updates and the Local Government (Empowering Councils) Bill
9:20am	<b>Advocating for Impact</b>
9:50am	<b>Mayoral Panel:</b> Influencing Advocacy
10:40am	<b>Platinum Sponsor Address 3:</b> Hastings Deering
10:45am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
11:15am	<b>Building for Productivity</b> How the corporate sector is tackling productivity challenges, addressing urban growth and shaping Queensland
12:15pm	<b>Wrap-Up &amp; Close</b>

## Full Registration

\$990\*

\*GST inc

## Networking Dinner

\$150pp\*

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## ACCOMMODATION

### The Westin, Brisbane

The Westin Hotel, Brisbane is offering a special conference rate of \$330 AUD per night.



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