

5.08. LGAQ CIVIC LEADERS FORUM, BENOWA, 13-15 JULY 2016

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the attendance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit on 13-15 July 2016 at Benowa, Gold Coast.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The LGAQ Civic Leaders Summit is a unique event for Australian local government and conducted exclusively for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs with the focus on peer-to-peer fellowship and learning. It provides an opportunity for Queensland's civic leaders to listen to and work with respected figures from politics, government, media, academia and industry over two days.

BACKGROUND

The Civic Leaders Summit is held biennially and 2016 will be the eighth edition of the event. The Summit theme - "*The Winning Team*" - is to encourage focus on the common purpose and synergies that civic leaders require to secure the continued economic and social health of the communities they represent.

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the 2014 event held at the Sunshine Coast at which the Mayor was invited to join a panel discussion. Attached is a copy of the formal invitation the Mayor has recently received from the Chief Executive Officer of the LGAQ to also participate in a panel discussion at the 2016 Summit.

The 2 day program provides for workshops and panel sessions with presenters including the Deputy Premier and Queensland Treasury Corporation, on a variety of topics such as:-

- Delivery Sustainable Productivity and Efficiency in Local Government;
- Better Councils, Better Communities and the Big Three;
- State Expectations of the Class of 2016;
- Promoting Your City or Shire

PROPOSAL

That the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend the 2016 Civic Leaders Summit in Benowa from 13-15 July 2016, as representatives of the Douglas Shire Council.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The full registration fee per delegate for the Civic Leaders Summit is \$1,375.

Accommodation rates per delegate vary from \$200-\$300 per night depending on venue and availability. Airfares from Cairns to Brisbane also vary in price according to availability and fare flexibility. However initial enquiries estimate return airfares in the vicinity of \$800-\$1000.

Provision for Councillor attendance at conferences is contained within the 2015/16 Budget.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic: While there are some costs associated with facilitating the attendance of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the Summit, the economic benefits from sharing information with other leaders in local government will outweigh any economic implications.

Environmental: Nil.

Social: The opportunity for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to network with and learn from respected figures and leaders from other government areas will benefit the new Douglas Shire Council during this second term.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 1 - Celebrating Our Communities

1.2.4 - Network, advocate and partner with stakeholders to achieve positive outcomes.

Theme 4 - Engage, Plan, Partner

4.2.3 - Work with regional, state, national and international stakeholders to promote beneficial partnerships to support strong, resilient and sustainable communities.

COUNCIL'S ROLE

Council can play a number of different roles in certain circumstances and it is important to be clear about which role is appropriate for a specific purpose or circumstance. The implementation of actions will be a collective effort and Council's involvement will vary from information only through to full responsibility for delivery.

The following areas outline where Council has a clear responsibility to act:

Advocate Supporting communities and groups by advocating for certain actions from other organisations (usually other levels of government)

CONSULTATION

Internal: Nil

External: Nil



13 June 2016

Cr Julia Leu
Mayor
Douglas Shire Council
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Dear Cr Leu *Julia*

I write to extend a cordial invitation to participate in a panel discussion at the Local Government Association of Queensland's Civic Leaders Summit taking place at RACV Royal Pine, Benowa 13-15 July 2016.

The Panel discussion entitled "First Time Mayors" is scheduled for 13 July 2016, 4:00pm – 4:45pm in the Prince Room, RACV Royal Pine Benowa. Each panel member will be given seven minutes to speak on the subject matter followed by a 15 minute audience discussion. The other panel members who have been invited to partake in this discussion are:

- Cr Tom Tate, Mayor, Council of the City of Gold Coast
- Cr Wayne Butcher, Mayor, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Cr Mick Curran, Mayor, Gympie Regional Council

The Civic Leaders Summit has cemented a unique place in the Local Government biennial calendar over the past decade.

The eighth edition of this signature event which is conducted exclusively for Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs is practically future focused and rich in content. The event is closed to the media, enhancing the ability of Summit Attendees to canvass and explore the most challenging issues.

The Summit is not a forum for the discussion of roads, rates, planning, libraries or pest control. It's about the business of leadership and the special and unique roles of Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

I look forward to hearing from you

Yours sincerely

Greg Hallam PSM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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