

5.15. ZONE 1 REPRESENTATIVE - AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorse Cr Abigail Noli as the Zone 1 representative for the Australian Local Government Women's Association Executive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cr Noli is an active member of the Australian Local Government Women's Association and at the Executive Meeting of the Queensland Branch held on 14 January 2016 a motion was carried to appoint Cr Noli as Zone 1 representative of the association until the next election in July 2016. The executive meets approximately five times per year and holds an annual State conference.

BACKGROUND

The Australian Local Government Women's Association was founded in 1951 to support women's participation in local government, both as Councillors and Officers. The aim of the association is to encourage women to participate and make a career in Local Government, to protect the interests and rights of women in Local Government and to act in an advisory capacity to intending women candidates for Local Government elections. The association also conducts workshops on a broad range of topics which coincide with the meeting dates.

Douglas Shire has a history of commitment to the association with the Mayor being the Zone 1 representative on the executive up until her resignation last year.

COMMENT

Endorsing Cr Noli as the Zone 1 representative for the Australian Local Government Women's Association will confirm Council's commitment to equality in the workplace and the promotion of women as valued members of Local Government.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There may be some costs related with travel and accommodation to attend meetings however these costs will have minimal impact on budget and the value of having Cr Noli involved with this association would outweigh costs incurred.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Council's reputation will be enhanced by proactively participating in such an important role of the local government industry.

CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE

This report has been prepared in accordance with the following:

Corporate Plan 2014-2019 Initiatives:

Theme 4 - Engage, Plan, Partner

4.2.2 - Provide leadership to secure beneficial social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Shire.

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)
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