

<p><b>ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING</b></p> <p><b>26 AUGUST 2014</b></p>	<p><b>5.5</b></p>
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**118TH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE – CONFERENCE DELEGATES**

Darryl Crees – General Manager Corporate Services: #427003

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council nominate the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as the Douglas Shire Council Delegates at the 2014 Annual Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) Conference in Mackay on 27-29 October 2014.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The LGAQ's 118th Annual Conference is to be held in Mackay from 27-29 October 2014. The theme of this year's conference is – "Going for Growth".

Douglas Shire Council has two votes for voting purposes at the conference and therefore Council is eligible to nominate two Councillors as formal delegates.

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the first LGAQ Conference that the newly formed Douglas Shire Council will have an opportunity to nominate delegates for attendance and for voting purposes.

**PROPOSAL:**

The LGAQ Annual Conference provides an opportunity for all Queensland councils to meet once a year to debate issues of importance to local communities. The conference is the largest yearly event for LGAQ and brings together Federal, State and local government as well as external stakeholders and media.

The Douglas Shire Council is eligible to send two delegates but additional Councillors can attend as observers. The conference provides an avenue for professional development and networking as well as the opportunity to debate and vote on new policy.

The program consists of two and a half days of full plenary, split plenary and workshop sessions focussing on the challenges facing local government and their communities.

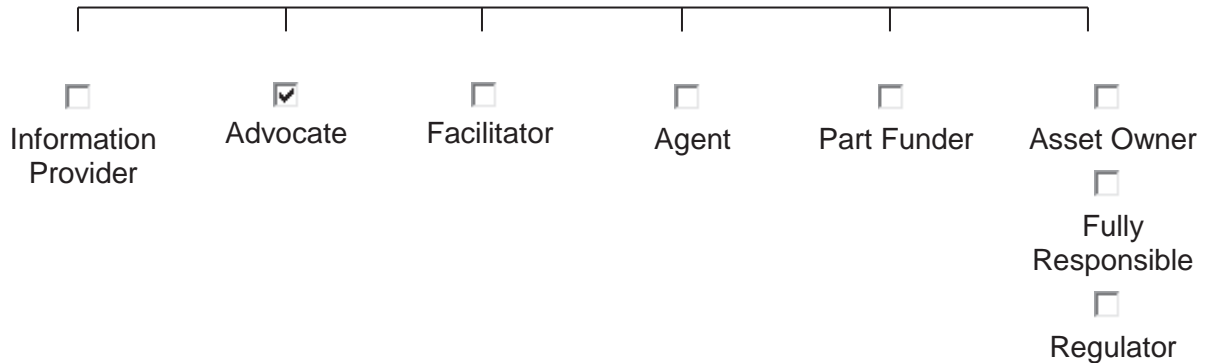
**CORPORATE/OPERATIONAL PLAN, POLICY REFERENCE:**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Expenses Reimbursement Policy for Elected Representatives.

**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:



<b>Advocate:</b>	Supporting communities and groups by advocating for certain actions from other organisations (usually other levels of government).
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**FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

The registration fee for each of the Council's two delegates is complimentary.

Early bird registration fee (by 12 September 2014) for Council observers is \$1,430 per person.

Accommodation rates vary from \$160-\$220 per night depending on venue and availability. Airfares from Cairns to Mackay also vary in price according to availability and fare flexibility – initial enquiries estimate return airfares in the vicinity of \$1,400.00

Provision for Council attendance at conferences is contained within the 2014/15 budget.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no risk implications to this proposal however from a reputational point of view it is imperative that Douglas as a new Council should send its Mayor and Deputy Mayor to the most significant annual local government event in Queensland.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – LGAQ Conference Program

Attachment A



118<sup>TH</sup> LGAQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre  
Alfred Street, Mackay  
27-29 October 2014

SPONSORS





## Welcome to the LGAQ 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

With a state election just months away and our own 2016 local government elections a relatively short 16 months down the track, this year's Annual Conference in Mackay at the end of October will be crucial.

Our conference theme 'Going for Growth' says it all – we are positive and forward looking and many of our invited speakers will focus on how to seek out and harness opportunities to better serve and progress our communities. Rounding out this major focus of the conference will be council panels on how we are growing the economy in our respective local patches.

Conference speakers will also deal with the personal challenges elected members face in trying to stay healthy and productive.

Our professional development streams, Indigenous Leaders Forum and Regional Road Group and Transport Assembly have all been moved forward to Monday to achieve a more compact and focused three days.

*Margaret de Wit*

Cr Margaret de Wit  
**PRESIDENT**



## Welcome to Mackay

I extend a heartfelt welcome to fellow delegates and exhibitors of the 118th LGAQ Annual Conference.

Mackay offers an accessible, connected, vibrant and buoyant economy with a host of attractive lifestyle benefits, making Mackay Regional Council area the perfect place to live and visit.

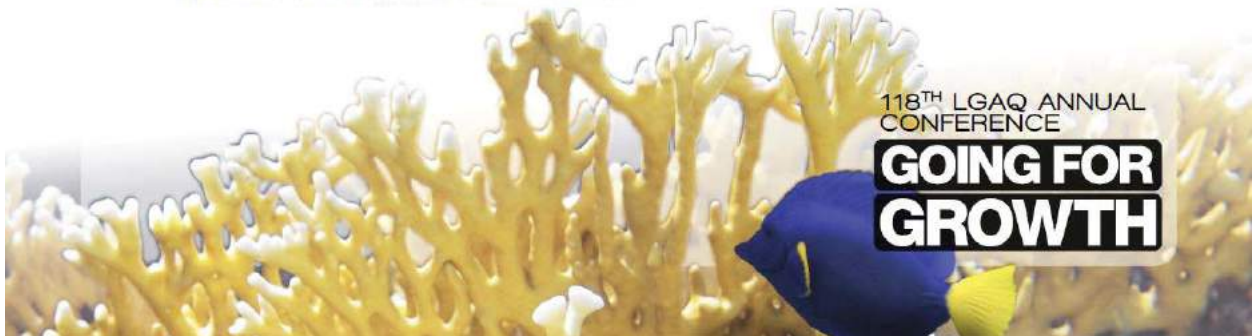
Mackay is one of the most diverse and dynamic cities in Australia. The area is blessed with extensive natural resources, rich agricultural land, the natural beauty of spectacular rainforests, national parks and coastline, and a maturing tourism industry.

With an impeccable tropical climate, we are extremely proud of the liveability of our city and invite you to explore and experience the abundance of attractions on offer.

Be inspired by the highest standard of contemporary art on display at Artspace, mouth-watering dining experiences, our family-friendly Blue-water Lagoon and breathtaking sunsets over the Pioneer River.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Mackay.

Cr Deirdre Comerford  
**MAYOR – MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL**





## Sunday, 26 October 2014

- 12.30pm – 5.00pm**      **Policy Executive Meeting**
- 2.00pm – 5.00pm**      **Registration**  
Delegates, observers and accompanying persons  
Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre  
Alfred Street, Mackay
- 4.00pm – 4.30pm**      **Trade and Sponsor Briefing**

## Monday, 27 October 2014

- 8.30am – 5.00pm**      **Registration**  
Delegates, observers and accompanying persons  
Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre  
Alfred Street, Mackay
- 9.30am – 10.45am**      **Professional Development Streams**
- 10.45am – 11.30am**      **Morning Tea**
- 11.30am – 12.45pm**      **Professional Development Streams**
- 12.45pm – 2.00pm**      **Lunch**
- 2.00pm – 4.00pm**      **Regional Road and Transport Group Assembly**
- 2.00pm – 5.00pm**      **Indigenous Leaders Forum**
- 4.30pm – 5.00pm**      **First Time Delegate Briefing**
- 5.30pm – 7.30pm**      **Welcoming Ceremony**  
The Theatre  
Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre  
Hosted by King & Company
- 5.30pm**      **Blockbuster Opening Act – not to be missed!**
- 5.30pm**      **Welcome to Country**
- 5.35pm**      **Welcome to Mackay**  
Cr Deirdre Comerford  
Mayor, Mackay Regional Council
- 5.40pm**      **Response**  
Cr Margaret de Wit  
President, LGAQ
- 5.45pm**      **Sponsor Address**  
Tim Fynes-Clinton  
Partner  
King & Company

**New Format**



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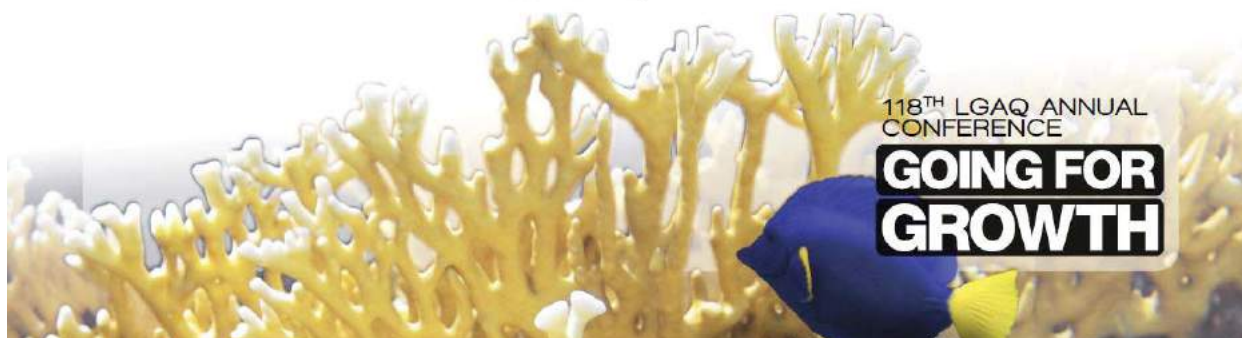
**GOING FOR  
GROWTH**

- 5.50pm**      **2014 LGAQ Journalism Awards**  
 Now in its third year of inception the LGAQ Journalism Awards are dedicated to showcasing excellence in reporting in regional and urban Queensland. Aimed at highlighting the importance of rigorous reporting and analysis of government business decisions affecting Queensland communities, the awards cater to both regional and urban Queensland.  
 Listen to the official announcement of the 2014 winners in the categories of Regional and Urban Journalism, with a \$15,000 cash prize on offer for the winners.
- 5.55pm**      **Keep Australia Beautiful Tidiest Town Award**
- 6.00pm**      **Networking Drinks (90 minutes)**  
 Rooms 1-4; Halls A & B; South Wing  
 Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre

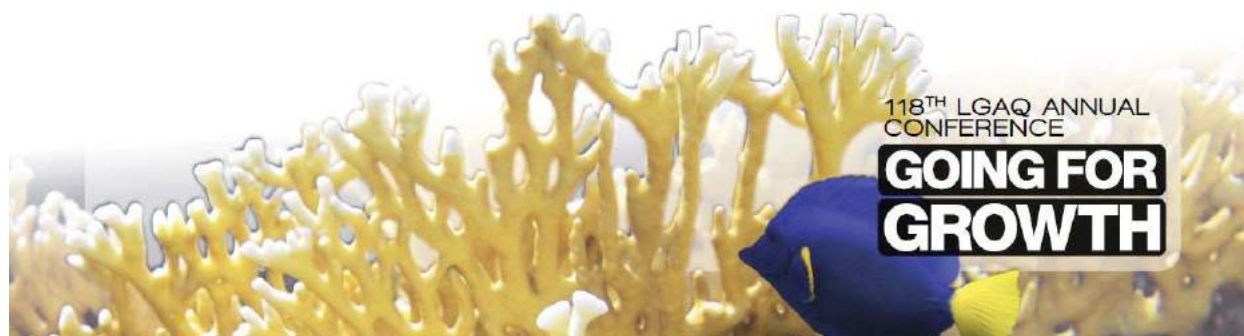
## Tuesday, 28 October 2014

### Member Council Day

- 7.45am**      **Registration**  
 Delegates, observers and accompanying persons  
 Mackay Entertainment & Convention Centre  
 Alfred Street, Mackay
- 8.15am**      **Security Briefing**  
 Master of Ceremonies – David Swan (the “other” Voice of Australia)
- 8.16am**      **Call to Order by the President**
- 8.18am**      **Presentation of Policy Executive**
- 8.30am**      **Official Opening**  
 Governor of Queensland (invited)
- 9.00am**      **Presidential Address**  
 Cr Margaret de Wit  
 President  
 LGAQ
- 9.30am**      **Keynote Address**  
 Charles Landry  
 Author of the Creative City and the Creative Cities Index, UK  
 ‘Courtesy of Saxton Speakers Bureau’
- 10.15am**      **Morning Tea**
- 10.45am**      **Reforming the Federation**  
 Professor A J Brown  
 Professor of Public Policy and Law  
 Griffith University



11.15am	<b>Sponsor Address: Ergon Energy</b>
11.20am	<b>Mayors Panel: Kick Starting Local Economic Development</b> Chair: Stephen Tait Chief Executive Officer Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland  Cr Pam Parker, Mayor, Logan City Council Cr John Schilling, Cairns Regional Council Cr Greg McLean, Mayor, Hopevale Aboriginal Shire Council Cr Ray Brown, Mayor, Western Downs Regional Council
12.30pm	<b>Lunch</b> Hosted by Ergon Energy
1.30pm	<b>Council Forums</b> Rural and Remote councils South East Queensland councils Coastal councils Resource Regions councils
3.00pm	<b>Keynote Address: Economic Forecaster</b> Craig James COMMSEC 'Courtesy of Saxton Speakers Bureau'
3.30pm	<b>Sponsor Address: Telstra</b>
3.35pm	<b>LGM/LGW Member Update</b>
3.50pm	<b>Keynote Speaker: Local Economic Development – From Policy to Practice</b> Katrina Houghton Director, Economic Development and Community Services Cook Shire Council
4.20pm	<b>Sponsor Address: Caravanning Queensland</b>
4.25pm	<b>Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal Update</b> Deputy President Adrian Bloomfield Chair Local Government Remuneration and Discipline Tribunal
4.40pm	<b>Keynote Address</b> Nigel Marsh Author – Fat, Forty and Fired, Overworked and Underlaid and Fit, Fifty and Fired-Up Co-founder, Earth Hour 'Courtesy of Saxton Speakers Bureau'

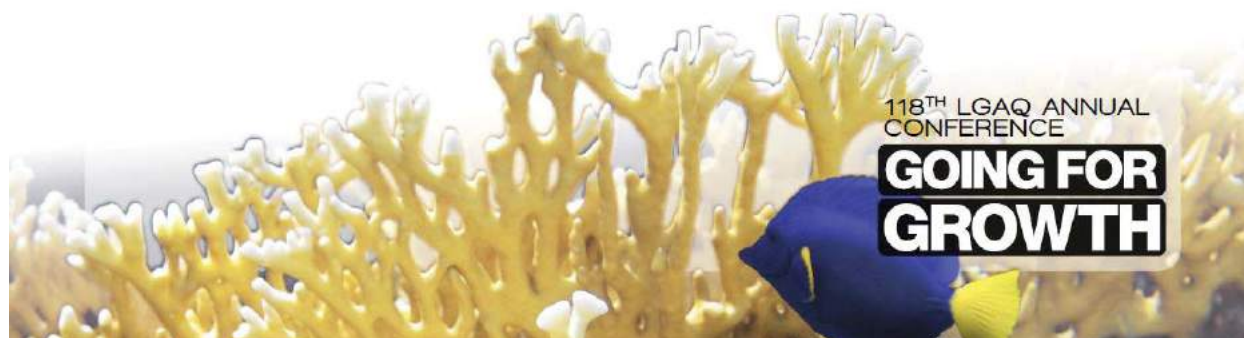




<b>5.10pm</b>	<b>Program Concludes</b>
<b>6.30pm for 7.00pm</b>	<b>Gala Dinner</b> Showgrounds <i>Gala Dinner: Hosted by Hastings Deering</i> <i>Dress: Coat and tie</i> <i>Acts: Luke Kennedy – runner up of the Voice 2013</i> <i>Rush 8 piece band set</i> Long Service Certificate Presentations
<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Dinner Concludes</b>

### Wednesday, 29 October 2014 Your Council Day

<b>8.05am</b>	<b>Conference Resumes – housekeeping</b>
<b>8.15am</b>	<b>AGM/Motions</b>
<b>8.35am</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	<b>State Opposition Update</b> Mr Tim Mulherin MP (Invited) Shadow Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Planning and Racing, Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry, Local Government, Science IT and Innovation
<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>State Government Update</b> Hon David Crisafulli MP Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience
<b>11.15am</b>	<b>Sponsor Address: Nexon</b>
<b>11.20am</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>12.35pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Hosted by Powerlink Queensland
<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Debate</b>
<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Keynote Address: Getting the Best out of yourself</b> Amanda Gore Performance Expert 'Courtesy of Saxton Speakers Bureau'
<b>5.00pm – 5.15pm</b>	<b>Plenary Concludes</b>





## COUNCIL FORUMS

Monday, 27 October 2014

2.00pm – 5.00pm

### INDIGENOUS LEADERS FORUM

Hosts: Cr Alf Lacey (Mayor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council) and Cr Fred Gela (Mayor, Torres Strait Island Regional Council)

Since 2011, the Indigenous Leaders Forum has been a valuable way for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councils to come together in order to discuss specific challenges and to put forward issues they would like the LGAQ to assist them in addressing.

The Forum is held twice-yearly.

Tuesday, 28 October 2014

1.30pm – 3.00pm

Come and join with your council peers in one of four forums to discuss, share and debate key issues.

This year, these forums will be hosted by the LGAQ Policy Executive members. Join your local government colleagues in discussing common issues and interests, emerging policy priorities and brainstorming innovative solutions. This is also your opportunity to talk with each other and your Policy Executive members about ways the LGAQ can help and support your council.

Please register for the forum that you believe will most interest your council – if you can't decide you are welcome to send delegates/observers to separate forums.

Delegates/observers are welcome to attend any one of the forums:

### RURAL AND REMOTE COUNCILS

Hosts: Cr Fred Pascoe and Cr Joe Owens

### SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND COUNCILS

Hosts: Cr Peter Matic, Cr Pam Parker, Cr Allan Sutherland and Cr Paul Pisasale

### COASTAL COUNCILS

Hosts: Cr Ron Dyne, Cr Deirdre Comerford, Cr Jenny Hill and Cr Bill Shannon

### RESOURCE REGIONS COUNCILS

Hosts: Cr Ray Brown, Cr Rob Loughnan

*Note: Because the Indigenous Leaders' Forum will be held on Monday, 27 October, from 2.00pm – 5.00pm, there will not be a separate Indigenous councils' forum at this time. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander councillors are invited to register for the other forums of their choice.*

