

6.12. QUEENSLAND DISASTER MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 27 - 29 MAY 2025, BRISBANE

REPORT AUTHOR	Executive Assistant
MANAGER	Chief Executive Officer
DEPARTMENT	Office of the Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That Council endorses the attendance of Mayor Lisa Scomazzon and Cr Damian Meadows at the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Queensland Disaster Management Conference 27-29 May, Brisbane.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) are holding the Queensland Disaster Management Conference 2025 in Brisbane from 27 – 29 May. The conference provides an opportunity for local government leaders, emergency services and industry experts to gather and focus on disaster preparedness.

BACKGROUND

LGAQ, the peak body for local government in Queensland representing 77 councils, is conducting the Queensland Disaster Management Conference to bring together local leaders to shape Queensland's disaster resilience. The conference will provide a significant opportunity for Mayor Scomazzon and Councillor Meadows, as the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG), to network with and learn from other leaders within the local government arena, with the focus being disaster preparedness.

PROPOSAL

That Council endorses the attendance of Mayor Cr Scomazzon and Cr Meadows at the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Queensland Disaster Management Conference 27-29 May, Brisbane.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost to Council will include conference registration, travel and accommodation costs. The approximate total cost per councillor will be \$2,900.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. Queensland Disaster Management Conference Preliminary Program [6.12.1 - 7 pages]



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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Queensland Disaster Management Conference

27-29 May 2025
Brisbane Convention
and Exhibition Centre

Ready Together:
Navigating Local Leadership for
Future Disaster Preparedness



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Inspector-General of
Emergency Management
Ordinary Council Meeting - 29 April 2025
The logo of the Queensland Government, featuring the state coat of arms with a shield supported by a kangaroo and an emu, topped with a crown.

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Tuesday 27 May

TIME	OPTIONAL SITE TOUR: Chair and LDCs tour of Kedron
8:30am	Attendees to make their own way to State Disaster Coordination Centre, Kedron. A bus will be provided to transport all attendees back to the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (BCEC).
9:00am	Welcome and Housekeeping Auditorium
9:10am	Tour of Kedron Local Disaster Management Group Chairs, new to the role or yet to visit the State Disaster Coordination Centre (SDCC), are invited to a site tour hosted by the Queensland Police Service Emergency Management Coordination Command (EMCC). The site tour will provide an overview of the capabilities and functions within the SDCC and an opportunity to meet the EMCC team. <i>Please ensure you register for this tour, as there are limited spaces.</i>
10:10am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Wrap-up
11:15am	Bus departs for BCEC

TIME	SESSIONS
12:00pm	Registration and Lunch
1:00pm	Welcome and Housekeeping
1:05pm	Acknowledgment of Country
1:15pm	LGAQ CEO Welcome Alison Smith, Chief Executive Officer, LGAQ
1:25pm	Official Opening
1:35pm	Ready Together: Queensland's Disaster Reforms Report Card QDMC Insights and Expectations
2:00pm	Ready Together: Queensland's Disaster Reforms Panel
2:40pm	Partner Address: Telstra
2:45pm	Afternoon Tea
3:15pm	Rapid Recovery: Prequalified Local Suppliers Clean Up Quicker
3:25pm	State Government Update
3:40pm	Keynote Speaker
4:10pm	Networking Event Partner Address: King & Company Solicitors
4:15–5:30pm	Recovery Refreshments in the Trade Exhibition

Wednesday 28 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	Registration Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	Welcome to Day 2
9:05am	Ready Together: Strategies for Leadership During Disasters
9:35am	Lessons From the Eye of the Storm Disaster Leadership Panel
10:25am	Partner Address: Brighter Super
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	Council Disaster Case Studies Case Study 1: Gladstone Regional Council Tsunami Risk Research Case Study 2: Importance of Business Continuity Planning
12:00pm	Lunch
1:15pm	AI and Emerging Technology – Are We Disaster Ready? Tracy Whitelaw, Chief Digital Officer, LGAQ
1:45pm	Concurrent Workshops Session A: Planning and Plans, Office of the IGEM Session B: Biosecurity, LGAQ
2:20pm	Concurrent Workshops Session C: Exploring Council 2 Council, LGAQ Session D: Get Ready Queensland Planning, QRA
2:50pm	Afternoon Tea
3:15pm	Ready Together: Enhancing Hazard and Risk for Local Communities
4:05pm	Sponsor Address: AirBridge
4:15pm	Hot Topic: Getting Game Ready for Major Events On the couch with QPS, QFD and QAS
4:45pm	Wrap of Day 2
5:00–7:00pm	Networking Mixer in the Trade Exhibition Leave the suit at home for this relaxed networking and connection event Sponsored by AirBridge

Thursday 29 May

TIME	SESSIONS
8:30am	Registration Arrival Tea and Coffee
9:00am	Welcome to Day 3
9:05am	Government Update
9:20am	Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster 1. Insights From Recent Reviews 2. Communicating With Kids 3. Getting the Most Out of Get Ready 4. Lessons Learned on Language
10:00am	Ready Together: Community Comms During Disaster Panel
10:30am	Morning Tea
11:00am	The Impact of Local Government Decisions on Pricing: Harnessing the Power of Data Sharing
11:20am	Ready Together: Beyond the Blaze – Rebuilding After Bushfire Panel
11:50am	Keynote
12:30pm	Conference Close

Please note this the program is subject to change.



Registration (GST Inclusive)

- **Corporate Registration** \$1200.00
- **Full Registration** \$1000.00
- **Dinner Registration** \$95.00

[Register here](#)



Accommodation

➤ **Rydges Southbank**

Please see the 10% off Direct Local Delegate [link](#)

Please note: State of Origin falls on the Wednesday night of our event and that availability of discounted accommodation may be impacted.

If you have any questions when booking accommodation, please contact the Reservations Team on **07 3364 0800**.



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