

## **6.4. MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS ATTENDANCE AT LGAQ CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT 12-13 MARCH 2025, BRISBANE**

**REPORT AUTHOR** Mayor and Councillor Support Officer

**MANAGER** Chief Executive Officer

**DEPARTMENT** Executive Office

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council endorses the attendance of Mayor Cr Scomazzon, Cr Zammataro, Cr Meadows and Cr Rees at the Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit 12-13 March 2025, Brisbane.**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Local Government Association Queensland (LGAQ) Civic Leaders Summit is being held in Brisbane 12 – 13 March 2025, the theme being *Direction in Leadership*. The Summit provides an opportunity for Mayors, Councillors, Chief Executive Officers and key stakeholders to gather and focus on professional development.

### **BACKGROUND**

LGAQ, the peak body for local government in Queensland representing 77 councils, annually conducts the Civic Leaders Summit. Council has previously granted approval for the Mayor/Councillors to attend the Summit since de-amalgamation (2014). 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.

### **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Cost to Council: Summit Registration; Travel and Accommodation costs which will be funded by 2024/25 operational budget. The approximate total cost per councillor will be \$1,872.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. LGAQ Civic Leaders- Summit Preliminary 2025 Program [6.4.1 - 8 pages]



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# 2025 CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

## Directions in Leadership

Preliminary Program

Accelerating  
Ideas

Driving  
Progress

Road to  
Impact

Steering  
Progress

**12 – 13 March**  
The Westin, Brisbane

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## President's Invitation

The LGAQ's Civic Leaders Summit is the only event of its kind in Australian local government, bringing together Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and key stakeholders for a closed gathering – with the Chatham House Rule applied – allowing attendees to focus solely on professional development in a setting that is both confidential and collegiate.

The program abounds with valuable content, compelling guest speakers, sector experts and presentations from council leaders who will share their experiences and insights. This year's focus on 'Directions in Leadership' will explore how leaders build trust and leverage their relationships to influence on behalf of their communities in pursuit of a shared purpose.

Civic Leaders is a vibrant and informative platform for collaboration, designed to inspire, inform and energise local leaders as they navigate sector challenges. Time is set aside for networking with council colleagues and peers, affording ample opportunities to exchange ideas, address shared challenges and innovate solutions.

This, the second Summit of our four-year term, will be an exceptional event, empowering leaders to drive meaningful progress in their communities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Mayor Matt Burnett**

Gladstone Regional Council

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## Wednesday 12 March

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country
9:05am	President's Welcome Mayor Matt Burnett LGAQ President, ALGA President and Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council
9:10am	Keynote Presentation Gerard Benedet Pharmacy Guild National Director, Former Chief of Staff and Former State Director
9:50am	Local Legends   Building Trusting, Collaborative Relationships
10:30am	Brighter Super – Managing Our Biggest Asset: Superannuation
10:35am	Morning Tea
11:10am	State Government Update
11:20am	Red Tape Reduction   Taskforce Lead on Improving Efficiency in Local Government
11:40am	Red Tape Reduction   Taskforce Lead & Local Government CEO Panel
12:25pm	Telstra – Streamlining Local Government Operations
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	LGMS Update

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## Wednesday 12 March

Time	Session
2:00pm	<p><b>Workshop A</b>  <b>Building Relationships with Key Stakeholders</b>            Lucy Greene, LGAQ Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, LGAQ</p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>Workshop B</b>  <b>Council Leaders' Capability Series: Strategies for Sustainable Organisational and Workforce Change</b>            Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce &amp; Industrial Relations, LGAQ</p>
3:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
3:30pm	<p><b>Workshop C</b>  <b>From Strategy to Action</b></p> <p><b>Or</b></p> <p><b>Workshop D</b>  <b>Leadership in Action: Mitigating Emerging Threats for Local Government in 2025</b>            Daniel Fletcher, General Manager (Community &amp; Liveability), Western Downs Regional Council</p>
4:30 pm	<b>Close Day 1</b>
5:30pm	<b>Pre-dinner drinks</b>
6:30pm	<p><b>Networking Dinner – sponsored by King &amp; Company Solicitors</b>            The Westin, Brisbane</p>

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## Thursday 13 March

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome Back
9:05am	Keynote   Why Projects Go Wrong....and How to Get Them Back on Track
9:35am	Local Government Major Projects Showcase
10:35am	Sponsor Address   Hastings-Deering
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:15am	A Conversation – Lessons From a Life in Infrastructure
11:45am	Keynote Session
12:25pm	Close



## Registration

### Full Registration

**\$990.00\***

\*GST inc

### Networking Dinner

**\$150.00pp\***

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## Accommodation

### The Westin Brisbane

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