

LGPRO COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

2011/2012

Representing and advocating for Local Government across Victoria

LGPro is the peak body for Local Government professionals in Victoria. We provide our member Councils and their staff with high quality professional development activities and programs. We also advocate on behalf of Local Government with the aim of strengthening and promoting the sector as a valued tier of government.

STATEWIDE BENEFITS

LGPro works actively to represent our members and present the Local Government point of view. We offer expert, independent and non-political advice and put forward the Local Government perspective to the State and Federal Governments to ensure the views of the sector are considered in the development of key policies and legislation.

We add to the capacity of Councils through the creation of networks for sharing information and knowledge, professional development programs and representing the knowledge and expertise of officers working in Local Government.

Your Council Membership will assist us to continue to provide high quality services that not only benefit individual staff, but will ultimately benefit your Council and the Local Government sector as a whole.

REPRESENTATION BENEFITS

The LGPro CEO Advisory Group on Intergovernmental Relations (CEO AGoIR) and our many and varied Special Interest Groups provide for independent, expert and non-political representation on all matters that have an impact on Local Government and the people who work in it. We also host a number of working and advisory groups that aim to effect best practice within the sector.

We take a strategic approach with our representation work which includes:

- Identification of key issues where Government (State and Federal) and other stakeholders would benefit from strategic advice and input from senior Local Government Officers.
- Development of high quality, strategic relationships between senior public servants in the State and Federal Governments and Local Government to create two-way communication and influence the early stages of idea development and issue identification.
- Effective and strategic advocacy on key priorities for Local Government from the perspective of senior Local Government Officers to complement advocacy undertaken directly by Councils, Councillors and Council peak bodies.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS BENEFITS

LGPro has more than 30 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) which provide significant benefits to the sector. These groups offer a valuable forum for Local Government professionals to network and share best practice. All officers employed in Local Government are invited to attend these groups.

Each SIG has its own purpose and goals, however common aims for all include:

- Offer a valuable forum for Local Government Professionals in specific areas to network, share best practice, and receive and provide advice and support in a collegiate environment.
- Host targeted, professional development opportunities.
- Discuss common, topical issues.
- Improve technical knowledge, including work processes, policies and programs.



WORKFORCE BENEFITS

LGPro provides excellent opportunities for member Councils and their staff to participate in professional development through industry-specific conferences, seminars, workshops, and other major events.

We offer programs for officers at all levels to equip them with the skills and knowledge they require to perform their role starting with our Ignite and Igniting Others programs, right through to the Executive Leadership Program (XLP) for CEOs, Directors and senior Managers aspiring to a CEO position.

In the second half of 2011/2012 we aim to introduce a Manager's Program to fill a gap that has been identified in professional development training in the sector. A series of forums for Young Professionals is also in the development phase.

As a member Council, your staff will have access to the following online resources;

The Better Practice Local Laws Website: LGPro, with support from Local Government Victoria (LGV) has developed a suite of online resources to equip Council officers in Victoria to achieve better and consistent practice in local law making.

The LGPro Mentoring Site: This site contains information about the LGPro Mentoring Program for professionals working in Local Government across Victoria. Participation in this program not only aims to strengthen and improve the individuals involved, but also the organisations they work for and the sector as a whole.

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Two FREE LGPro Memberships – (one of these is for someone 30 years and under). After the first year of membership the two nominated people can continue with half price membership providing they are working part-time (0.6 or more).
- Nominated Councillors can attend all LGPro events at member rates (including the Annual Conference).
- LGPro's quarterly professional journal, Profile for distribution to the Mayor and Councillors.
- LGPro's Weekly Update email containing the latest news about our programs, events and what's happening in the sector.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on how your Council can benefit from LGPro membership, visit www.lgpro.com or phone 03 9686 3833.

