

WHAT IS LGPRO?

LGPro is the peak body for Local Government professionals in Victoria. LGPro develops and delivers high quality professional development activities and services, facilitates positive communication between the sector and State and Federal Governments, and represents the views of officers where expert advice is required about legislation and policy and program development. LGPro's members across the state represent the professionals of Victoria's 79 Councils.

Amongst other things, LGPro's role is to:

- Represent local government professionals in Victoria advocating on behalf of members and the sector on all professional matters, and provide a unified collective voice in influencing local government policy direction
- Advance fellowship and communication amongst local government professionals and strengthen members' professional status and integrity
- Recognise excellence amongst those who have made a significant contribution to local government

WHAT IS THE CORPORATE PLANNERS NETWORK?

The Corporate Planners Network is a special interest group of LGPro, and membership is open to any Victorian local government employee who has an interest in any aspect of local government planning. This includes disciplines such as corporate planning, community planning, strategic land use planning, social planning or health planning. The Corporate Planners Network also welcomes participation from interested people outside of local government, however on occasion network meetings may contain items open only to local government participants if required.

The Corporate Planners Network offers a range of benefits to members, and is always seeking to develop and broaden the range of activities and events we provide.



WHAT CAN THE CORPORATE PLANNERS NETWORK OFFER ME?

An active, lively network

- Regular network meetings
- An online forum for seeking information and sharing ideas at any time
- Social events, and our annual Christmas lunch

Professional development opportunities

- Mentoring for new corporate planners
- Sharing of ideas and the opportunity to learn from the experience of others
- Provision of models, guidelines and support
- Our annual conference. Past topics have included: "From planning to delivery"
- Regular presentations at LGPro's Annual Conference

Representation

The Corporate Planners Network provides members with the opportunity to have their views represented and have a genuine influence on the future direction of local government in Victoria:

- Influence
- Advocacy
- Representation
- Agenda setting
- Submissions

Projects

The Corporate Planners Network has delivered a range of projects contributing to best practice across the sector, and is always keen to have volunteers to suggest or work on new project areas. Recent examples include:

- Best Value guidelines, adopted by the state government as the standard for the sector
- Community and Council Planning guidelines, launched in May 2008 by the Minister for Local Government
- Council Plan guidelines
- Performance monitoring and reporting

A partnership approach

- Working with state government
- Establishing relationships with other LGPro SIGs
- Network members from Councils across Victoria, rural and metro, with a diverse range of skills and professional experience
- Establishing links inter-state and working with private sector partners

SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I JOIN?

There is nothing we love more in the Corporate Planners Network than the thinking and contribution of new members! Any of the convenors listed overleaf would be pleased to hear from you, and happy to talk to you in more detail about what the network offers and how to be involved.

Information can be accessed at any time about the network via LGPro's website, at www.lgpro.com or you can contact LGPro directly to discuss the network on 03 9686 3833.

Additionally, the corporate planners network meets four times per year, and interested people are encouraged to come along to a meeting to get a taste of what is on offer. Details and contacts for each meeting can be obtained via LGPro's website.

MEET THE TEAM

The convenors of the Corporate Planners Network are:

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If you are interested in membership of LGPro or in finding out about what LGPro can offer you, please don't hesitate to get in touch and find out more!

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