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Local Government  
**Professionals**  
A U S T R A L I A

# LG Professionals Australia

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## ABOUT US

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Local government plays an essential part in every community in Australia. Delivering real democracy, it is intimately connected to, and trusted by, the communities it serves, with place-based governance that thrives on innovation and collaboration.

LG Professionals Australia represents the local government professionals, senior managers and emerging leaders of more than 500 local councils across Australia. With a national perspective and network, we support programs to attract and develop the best people and facilitate connections between professionals and councils around Australia and internationally.

We work closely with our federation partners in each state to celebrate the strengths and capabilities of the sector while supporting and mediating innovative solutions, sharing success stories and the thinking and strategies behind them.

We work to improve the lives and opportunities of communities via transferrable knowledge and advocate a greater local government role at the national and state level of political decision-making and implementation across the country.



# LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS AUSTRALIA COLLECTIVELY...



## SPEND

\$33 Billion  
each year



## EMPLOY

Nearly 189,000 people -  
approx 10% of the  
Australian public sector



## OWN AND MANAGE



Non-financial assets with a  
written down value of \$354  
billion (2013-2014)


## INFRASTRUCTURE BACKLOG

Estimated to  
be \$20 billion



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS BIG  
BUSINESS.  
IT HAS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL.  
LET'S TALK!**

The great strength of local government is place-based governance; councils are on the ground, close to residents; with a specific and unique understanding of the challenges faced and the opportunities that could work in each unique area. Built up over years - and recently recognised by the Federal government - the unique knowledge, connections and skills within local councils is a resource of inestimable value, waiting to be tapped for the good of these communities, the economy and society as a whole.



*Local government is a vital,  
but often underappreciated  
component of our body politic,  
our economy and our society.*

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## OUR ADVOCACY

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With 70 years of representing local government under our belt, LG Professionals Australia is the leading advocate on the contribution, capability and capacity of local government professionals.

We engage with council practitioners as a sharing forum to champion, prioritise and mediate innovations in community engagement, collaborations between councils around Australia and overseas, and between councils and corporate or government sponsors.

As an impartial facilitator, LG Professionals Australia is best placed to engage in the political conversation on behalf of local government practitioners – with the networks, the experience and the energy essential to the conversation.

# WORKING INTERNATIONALLY

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We are part of an international network that shares thought leadership, best practice, and the latest research on building better communities.

Our members learn from, and experience local government in other countries and broaden their perspective on the possibilities, as well as build networks and collaborate with like-minded peers from around the world. They gain experience in a wider capacity, test their expertise while extending their skills in an international context, and create and influence projects from the ground up. They contribute their knowledge and expertise, to make a real and practical difference to international and developing communities.

This personal and professional development benefits the individual, and in the longer term, their local government, by creating a more vibrant local government and community culture, willing to explore and embrace innovation.

## WHO WE WORK WITH

USA International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA)

NZ Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM)

UK Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE)

Kiribati Local Government Association (KILGA)

ICLEI Oceania – Local Governments for Sustainability, AUST.

Commonwealth Local Government Forum (CLGF)

University of Canberra, Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis

Australian Volunteer International (AVI)

WE ARE  
PART OF AN  
INTERNATIONAL  
NETWORK  
COMMITTED TO  
BUILDING BETTER  
COMMUNITIES



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