

Media Release

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LGMA National Board appoints new CEO

The President of LGMA National Mark Withers has today announced the appointment of new CEO, Lauren Oakey. Formerly Manager Programs and Strategy, Ms Oakey has been acting as interim CEO.

“Ms Oakey brings broad experience from a range of organisations to this role including state government and the not-for-profit sector and the Board welcomes her appointment.” Mr Withers said.

Ms Oakey will guide the organisation through a new phase in 2015, in-line with the recently approved new five year strategic Federation Plan. This includes identifying new opportunities for expanding membership and services to members as well as a renewed focus on advocacy and research activities on areas of concern or interest for local government professionals. In addition, the organisation will focus on a renewed partnership and cross collaboration opportunities with the LGMA’s sister organisations in the United States, New Zealand and the United Kingdom as well as our colleagues in the Asia-Pacific.

“I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to lead an organisation that has been part of the local government sector for over 78 years’ “, Ms Oakey said.

“I’m looking forward to working closely with our state and territory divisions to continue to provide new opportunities to advance the professional interests and development of all members.”

Professional Interests

- A strong and collaborative Federation for the benefit of the professionals of local government;
- Focus on the role and importance of local government in the national agenda;
- In the international development context: the importance of good governance at all tiers of government as the foundation to sustainable development;
- The development of a diverse and innovative local government workforce.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Arts (Majors: Government and International Relations and French Studies), University of Sydney [completed 2006]
- Master of Legal Studies (Major: International Law), University of Technology, Sydney [completed 2007]
- Juris Doctor, RMIT [expected completion 2017]

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