

10.2. 2023 Local Government NSW Annual Conference - Delegates and Motions

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PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to determine Council's delegates to attend the LGNSW Conference and outline the process for submitting Motions for consideration at the Conference.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from 12 to 14 November 2023 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions and more.
- As the main policy-making event for the NSW local government sector, the Annual Conference is an opportunity to help set the advocacy agenda for the year ahead. Motions passed at the Conference become Resolutions, which LGNSW actions on behalf of its members, as part of its advocacy program.
- Council is entitled to five voting delegates at the Conference.

RECOMMENDATION:

1.THAT Council nominates five voting delegates for the 2023 LGNSW Conference at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse.

2.THAT other councillors interested in attending the conference as non-voting delegates advise the General Manager before Thursday 28 September 2023.

3. THAT the councillors submit suggested issues for Council's consideration as Motions to the Conference by 6 September 2023 for inclusion in a further report to Council on 25 September 2023.

Background

The Local Government NSW (LGNSW) Annual Conference is taking place from 12 to 14 November 2023 at Rosehill Gardens Racecourse, and will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops, training sessions and more.

The Mayor, and Councillors Beregi, Bourke, Lamb, Santer, and Welch attended the previous LGNSW Conference in October 2022.

Conference delegates will discuss key local government issues, debate motions submitted by fellow councils to inform the LGNSW advocacy agenda for the year ahead, and vote in LGNSW's biennial election for the President and Board Directors.

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Registration as a Voting Delegate

To vote on motions at the Conference, delegates must be an elected member of a council, county council, the Norfolk Island Regional Council (NIRC) a Related Local Government Body (RLGB) or an Administrator appointed in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Council is entitled to send five voting delegates to the Conference. Councillors Beregi and Welch have indicated an interest in attending the Conference.

Early bird registration closes on 28 September 2023.

Conference Program

The current Conference Program can be seen [here](#) and is subject to change.

Criteria for motion submission

The LGNSW Board has resolved that motions will be included in the Business Paper for the Conference only where they:

1. are consistent with the objectives of LGNSW (see Rule 4 of the Association's rules),
2. relate to or concern local government as a sector in NSW and/or across Australia,
3. seek to establish or change policy positions of LGNSW and/or improve governance of the Association (noting that the LGNSW Board is responsible for decisions around resourcing any campaigns or operational activities, and any necessary resource allocations will be subject to the LGNSW budgetary process),
4. have a lawful purpose (a motion does not have a lawful purpose if its implementation would require or encourage non-compliance with prevailing laws),
5. are clearly worded and unambiguous in nature, and
6. do not express preference for one or several members over one or several other members.

To allow Councillors time to consider this matter, it is recommended that a further report on any proposed Motions be submitted to Council at its meeting on 25 September 2023, which allows time for the adopted Motions to be submitted for consideration by LGNSW. While LGNSW requests that Motions be lodged before 15 September 2023, they are accepted up until 15 October 2023. Late motions can be lodged up to 24 hours before the conference, but the Business Paper is issued on 30 October 2023.

Consultation requirements

Community engagement is not required.

Financial/Resource Implications

Costs will include delegate registration and travel costs. An amount of \$14,000 has been allocated in the 2023/24 budget for Mayor and Councillor attendance at conferences, seminars, and training.

Legislation

It is a requirement under section 252 of Local Government Act that Council adopts a policy concerning the payment of expenses incurred or to be incurred by, and the provision of facilities to, the mayor, the deputy mayor (if there is one) and the other councillors in relation to discharging the functions of civic office.