



# Member Value Proposition Report

2023-2024 Financial Year

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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# Acknowledgement of Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea, and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.



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# About US



**LGANT exists to make the lives of member local government councils easier. LGANT assists member councils that do not have the resources for advocacy to decision-makers in Darwin and Canberra, while also assisting member councils who do have the resources to strengthen their case through combined advice and lobbying.**

Our strength in advocacy comes from numbers. The more of you who are members of LGANT, the stronger our bargaining power for the things you want and need.

The numbers:

- 16 local government council members and the Nhulunbuy Corporation as an associate member
- 159 Elected Members of local government councils
- 670 Elected Members of Local Authorities
- 3,000 local government council employees across the NT
- \$2.47 Billion in assets
- \$505 Million received and expended in local communities every year
- 17,000 Kilometres of road maintained by local government councils
- 55 NT local government council delegates to the National General Assembly in Canberra in June
- All 16 LGANT member councils represented at the LGANT General Meeting in April 2023 in Darwin for the FIRST TIME EVER!

Over the past twelve months our Convention and Conferences have explored finance, governance and workforce and profile and reputation. We established regular meetings with the Northern Territory Cabinet and Mayors/Presidents and CEOs and held healthy discussions various issues including juvenile crime, housing and connectivity. We are partnering with the Local Government Unit of the Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet to develop a CEO induction program.

LGANT has two moving parts. The Board is made up of nine Directors including the President and two Vice-Presidents, one Municipal and one Regional and Shires. The Board has representatives from eight of the sixteen member councils, so half of the membership is on the LGANT Board, five of which are from Regional and Shire councils. The Board sets the strategic plan for LGANT and meets each month to address front of mind issues from member councils.

The LGANT staff are together known as the Secretariat, and our role is to achieve the aims and objectives of the strategic plan and its targets. Further, the Secretariat acts on the actions that come from member councils brought up at the April and November General Meetings and items raised at or through the LGANT Board. We also respond to the many various Commonwealth and Northern Territory government inquiries, make submissions and deputations to Ministers and public servants at both the other tiers of government. In the policy and advocacy space we are also proactive in gaining a place at the table when policy is being developed to ensure positive outcomes for our members. All this activity is captured later in this report.

The Secretariat is growing its Members Services offerings to make procurement for members easier, cheaper, and de-risked via Local Buy NT. Fourteen councils used Local Buy with an aggregated spend of \$3Million last year. Our soon to be launched new website will feature a one-stop shop for information, policies, advice, and updates. The LGANT website will also promote local government specific training options to be delivered by third parties but accessed on one page. You will be able purchase council motor vehicle induction training, governance training and even a locum service to procure professional services, but more on that later in 2023.

The Manager Roads and Infrastructure drives our Regional and Remote Roads program that maintains around 2,000kms of roads across the Barkly, Central Desert, East Arnhem, MacDonnell, Roper Gulf and Victoria Daly regional council areas. Funding for this is derived from a mixture of Commonwealth and Territory grants.

I am very excited to advise that we have received funding from the Territory government for Meredith Newall to work with local government councils on the NT Circular Economy Strategy and the resultant NT Local Government Circular Economy Plan. An official announcement will be made later in the year.

The Secretariat also provides governance advice and handles any Code of Conduct issues pursuant only to the *Local Government Act 2019* via our Senior Governance Advisor Jocelyn Cull.

The aim of this report is to demonstrate the value of your LGANT membership. I am proud to say LGANT delivered \$38M in benefit back to member local government councils in 2022-2023, which is an increase of \$14M on the previous financial year. What a win!

This value includes:

- Human resources and industrial relations advice through the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) – Page 18
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) services – Page 19
- Austroads services – Page 19
- Local Buy services – Page 20

To find out more about the above services, please go to the corresponding pages.

Now let us dive into our strategic priority working groups. These groups play a crucial role in shaping our organisation's direction and focus. We believe that by expanding on these groups, we can further enhance our impact and effectiveness. Thank you to those who have attended the sessions so far.

Looking ahead, our 2023 November Convention will revolve around the theme of SP6: Infrastructure. This topic holds immense importance as we strive to develop and improve the infrastructure within our region.

Please find attached the Annual LGANT Membership Subscriptions, as per the Resolution from the General Meeting held on 20 April 2023. This Member Value Proposition Report highlights the value and benefits your membership subscriptions provide.

This report is broken into three parts:

1. What we have done for the sector in 2022–2023
2. What we have done for Katherine Town Council in 2022–2023
3. What we are going to do for the sector in 2023–2024

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to LGANT. We look forward to the exciting developments and opportunities that lie ahead.

Together we are stronger, more effective and much more efficient.

**Remember, We are local. We connect.**

Yours sincerely,

Sean G Holden

**Chief Executive Officer**

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

# About LGANT



**For over 30 years, LGANT has been the peak body for Local Government in the Northern Territory.**

Our main job is to advocate on behalf of our members by providing leadership, support, and influential representation for the local government sector on all issues in the Northern Territory.

LGANT helps local government councils to create the most valued, culturally diverse, sustainable, and liveable communities in Australia.





**\$505  
Million**

ANNUAL SPEND



**3000  
employees**



**\$2.57  
Billion**

COUNCIL ASSETS &  
INFRASTRUCTURE

# What we did for the sector in **2022-2023**

## **LGANT's purpose**

As per the Strategic Plan 2021-2024, LGANT supports and represents member councils to drive economic and social development for NT communities by providing:

- Advocacy and representation
- Capacity building
- Promotion of the sector
- Governance development
- Service delivery and infrastructure

The following pages captures activities in each area.







# Advocacy and Representation

## Examples of advocacy efforts in 2022–2023 include:

- Advocated for:
  - fair remuneration and superannuation for Mayors, Presidents, and councillors
  - funding for cyclone evacuation centres
  - local government interests in the NTG's Territory Benefit Plan and major projects
  - consultation with local government on planning matters
  - membership on the Territory Emergency Management Council
  - recognition of regional councils in Aboriginal affairs policy and program development
  - community housing providers to continue to pay rates
  - improved telecommunications
  - reduced anti-social behaviour.
- Coordinated Ministerial meetings, including in Canberra during 2023 National General Assembly.
- Input into and roll-out of ALGA 2023-2024 pre-budget submission campaign.
- Coordinated August and November 2022 and June 2023 Chief Minister meetings including issues identification and agenda development, briefing notes, and follow-up actions.
- Initiated the LGANT Advocacy Plan.
- Supported the LGANT President and Vice President in their membership on the ALGA Board including analysis of the National General Assembly motions.

## Representation at Hearings

- Inquiry into the Local-Decision Making Framework
- Inquiry into Workforce Development in Northern Australia
- Inquiry into Community Safety, Support Services and Job Opportunities in the Northern Territory

## Submissions

- Northern Territory Government pre-budget asks
- Liquor Act 2019 Review
- Community and Town Living Areas (Town camps)
- Postal Services Modernisation
- Territory Water Plan
- Northern Australian Workforce Development
- Regional Connectivity Program guidelines
- Audit of the NT Land Councils
- Local Authority Review
- Drought Plan
- Elected member and local authority remuneration
- Provided input to ALGA submissions including ACCC Regional Mobile Infrastructure Inquiry (mobile roaming and colocation) including collation of issue examples
- Phasing out single use plastics in the Northern Territory
- Improving the Container Deposit Scheme
- ACCC Draft Determination – Soft Plastics Taskforce.

## External Members - Committee Representation

- Animal Welfare Advisory Committee
- Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Board
- Cattle Grazing on Road Reserves Working Group
- Employment Assistant Service NT
- Fatal and Serious Crash Review Working Group
- Gamba Grass Weeds Advisory Committee
- Heritage Council
- Lands Development Committee
- NT Grants Commission
- NT Ministerial Advisory Council on Multicultural Affairs
- NT Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Territorians
- NT Neighbourhood Watch Board
- NT Place Names Committee
- NT Planning Commission
- NT Water Safety Advisory Council
- Referendum Engagement Group
- Road Safety Black Spots Committee

### Internal Staff - Committee Representation

- Burial and Cremations Bill Steering Group
- Closing the Gap Partnership Working Group
- CouncilBiz
- Drive Tourism Strategy Project Implementation Team
- NT Councils Discretionary Trust Advisory Committee
- Local Authority Implementation Reference Group
- Local Government Cemeteries Working Group
- Local Government Professionals NT
- Local Government Representational Review Committee
- NT Business Sustainability Working Group
- NT Executive Council on Aboriginal Affairs
- NT Suicide Prevention Coordination Committee
- Regional Development Australia NT Committee
- Various ALGA networks (e.g., Policy Directors, Communications Directors, Our Watch, Emergency Management, Planning)
- Regional Roads Committee – Big Rivers, Barkly and Central Australia Regions
- DIPL-CDU Research Project Steering Committee - Use of Recycled Materials in Remote Road Construction
- NT Towards Zero Road Safety Action Plan Round Table
- Austroads Utilities in Road Reserves Group
- East Arnhem Regional Transport Committee
- NT All Hazards Reference Group

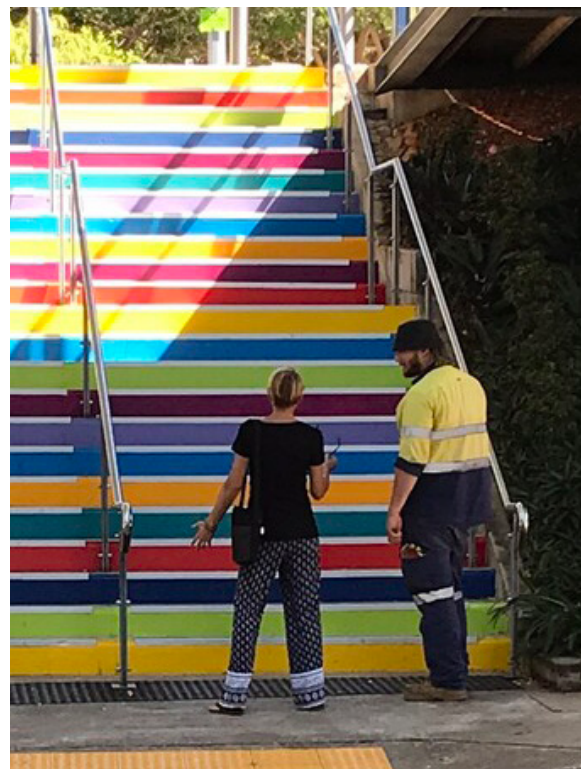


# Capacity Building

## Examples of LGANT's capacity building efforts in 2022–2023 include:

- Environment and Waste Management Forum and Symposium themed “Navigating the Circular Economy – Clear as Waste” – March 2023
- CEO Recruitment and Contract Training:
  - Face to face – August 2022
  - Online – October 2022
- Managing Anger Training – September 2022
- Conflict Management and LinkedIn for Elected Members – November 2022
- Code of Conduct Training
  - Face to face – November 2022
  - Online – December 2022
- Assisted with the rollout of Australian Regional Tourism Local Government Professional Development Program.
- Conducted Strategic Priority Working Group sessions including:
  - SP2 WG Finance, Governance and Workforce – January 2023
  - SP2 WG Cybersecurity and new legislation – April 2023
  - SP2 WG Rates information session – April 2023
  - SP1 WG Electoral enrolment prior to the referendum – May 2023
  - SP4 WG Local Government's role in the Circular Economy – May 2023
  - SP6 WG National General Assembly Planning – May 2023
  - SP2 WG Independent Commission Against Corruption Bill – June 2023
  - SP2 WG Local Government cost index – June 2023
  - SP3 WG Temporary Traffic Management Road Categories – June 2023
  - SP7 WG Minister for Disability and Minister for Corporate and Digital Development – June 2023
  - SP2 WG Where's the Money at for Local Government – June 2023

- Delivery of several other briefings to members:
  - Major projects: Sun Cable x2
  - Major Events grant funding
  - Tourism Town Asset grant program
  - Place activation workshop
  - Remote Rent Framework
  - Tennant Creek to Darwin Infrastructure Project
  - Social Outcomes Framework
  - Town Camps and Community Living Areas
  - Review of the Liquor Act
  - Remote Rent Framework
- Developed the Local Government Circular Economy Work Plan.
- Supported the AFLNT local government forum.



# Promotion of the Sector

## Examples of LGANT's promotional efforts in 2022–2023 include:

- Review of LGANT newsletter to enable more frequent distribution.
- Reviewed corporate partnership prospectus resulting in more consolidated options that will improve internal efficiencies and attractiveness to potential partners.
- Development of brief, and subsequent engagement of, a consultant for new website development and a successful application for a Business Growth grant for the new website.
- Continued implementation of 2021 Member Engagement Survey Project Report recommendations and coordinated 2022 Member Engagement Survey Project.
- Promotion of National Local Government Awards to encourage NT entries.
- Implementation of event management software for event registrations (as opposed to previous manual process).
- Grew profile of LGANT evidenced through implementation of the marketing and communications plan:
  - increased engagement and consultation requests from stakeholders
  - increase in LinkedIn followers by over 800 from March 2022 to 1,118 in June 2023
  - increased newsletter subscribers from 372 in March 2022 to 555 in June 2023
  - increased media release subscribers up from 217 in March 2022 to 304 in June 2023.
- Development of workforce development video and participation in the Careers Expo in partnership with ISACNT (Industry Skills Advisory Council of the Northern Territory).
- Promotion of Careers at Council as preferred recruitment provider.
- Successfully delivered the November 2022 Convention which included:
  - the Local Government Long Service Awards (10 LGANT Elected Members, 128 LGANT Council Officers and Public Service Officer)
  - bestowment of Life Membership to Damien Ryan
  - celebrating LGANT's 30th Anniversary.
- Successfully delivered the April 2023 Conference including a record number of motions submitted.
- Launched the inaugural LGANT photo competition resulting in a suite of photos for future website/graphic developments.
- Endorsement and implementation of the LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Released media statements welcoming the state funeral for Fay Miller and Kerry Moir receiving a Medal of the Order of Australia.
- Representation on Brolga Tourism Awards judging panel.
- Representation on LGPro Northern Territory Executive Management Challenge judging panel.
- Representation on Product Stewardship Excellence judging panel.
- Endorsed the Local Government Guiding Principles.

# Governance Development

**Examples of LGANT’s governance development efforts in 2022–2023 include:**

- Continued employment of a Senior Governance Advisor.
- Continued operation of the Code of Conduct Panel including:
  - secretariat support services for four code of conduct complaints
  - coordinating the panel pool nomination and selection process for all councils and coordinated LGANT Executive endorsement
  - updating the LGANT Administered Disciplinary Panel Charter
  - developing associated code of conduct administrative forms, incorporating regulative requirements
  - developing and providing code of conduct panel pool participant training.
- Review of General Meeting ‘call to motion’ template resulting in a record number of motions being submitted to the April 2023 General Meeting.
- Ongoing support for monthly Board meetings.
- Production of the 2022-2023 Annual Report.
- Received an unqualified auditor’s report for 2021-2022.
- Updated LGANT’s Strategic Plan 2021-2024 to reflect new priority pillar (SP7 Community Services) and refined vision.
- Completion of new LGANT Constitution and Incorporation into a company limited by guarantee.

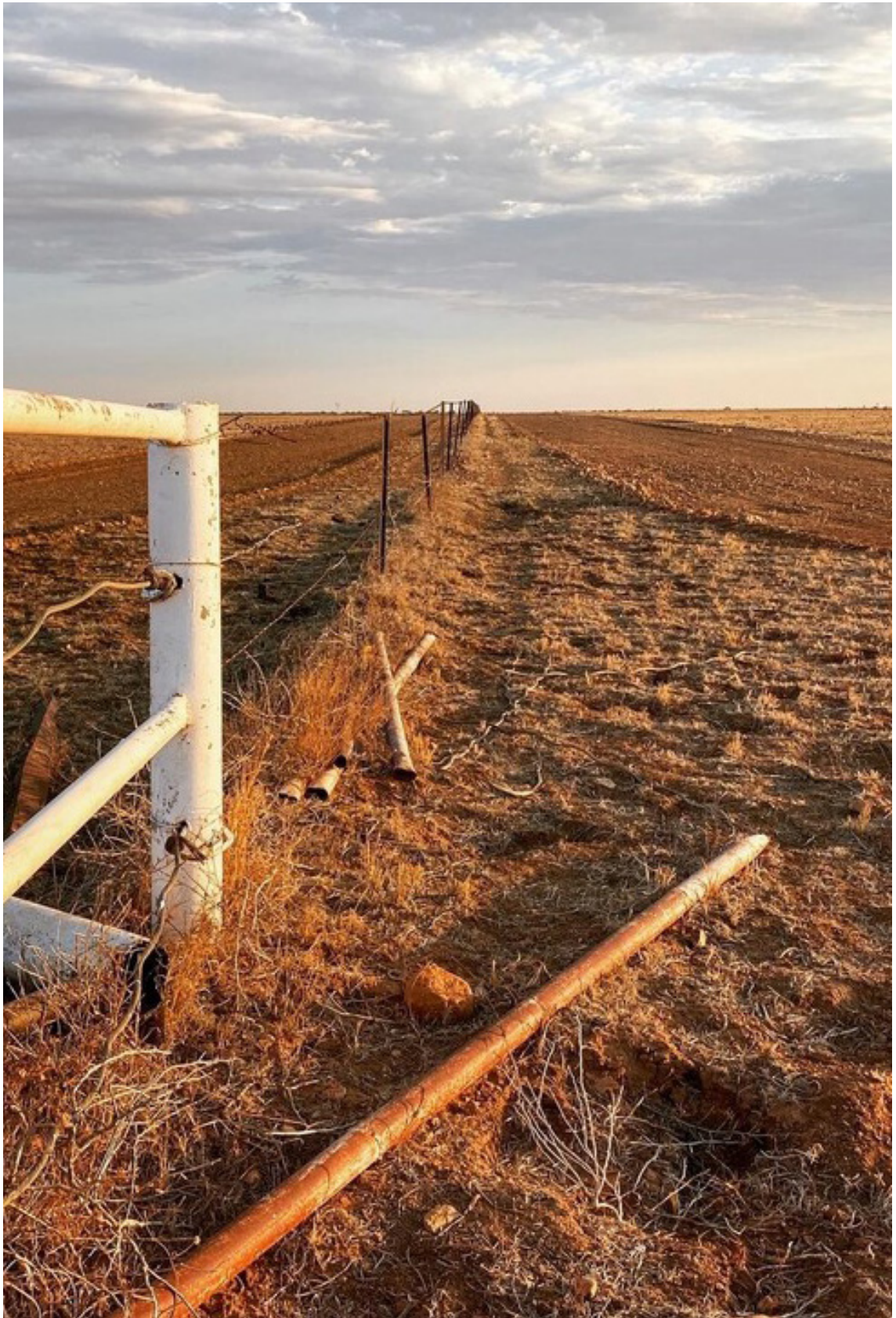


# Service Delivery and **Infrastructure**

**Examples of LGANT's service delivery and infrastructure efforts in 2022–2023 include:**

- Project managed over 2,000 kilometres of regional and remote road works on local government roads managed by LGANT through the Roads to Recovery and Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants.
- Explored and arranged presentations for emerging product stewardship programs including end of life motor vehicles and solar panels PVC.
- Secured funding from Tyre Stewardship Australia for local government to use crumb rubber in demonstration roads and other projects.
- Continued coordination of Local Buy which enables local government councils to access a range of goods and services through a quotation rather than a tender process.
- Representation on the National Procurement Network panels.
- Distributed disability permits to councils.
- Facilitated an arrangement with DriveAbout to deliver fee-for-service council employee driver inductions to mitigate against harm and risk.
- Provide HR (Human Resources) and IR (Industrial Relations) services to member councils through a service level agreement with WALGA.
- Finalised a Waste Management Strategy for Tiwi Islands Regional Council.







# What we have done for Katherine Town Council in 2022-2023

## Value Summary

What we have done for Katherine Town Council in 2022-2023	
Advocacy/Funding/Agreements	Value
Road lengths managed by LGANT	2,000 kilometres
Katherine Town Council allocation Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3	\$577,298.00
Katherine Town Council allocation Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Regional and Remote Allocations Phase 4 - Part A	\$288,649.00
Katherine Town Council allocation Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Regional and Remote Allocations Phase 4 - Part B	\$166,499.00
Katherine Town Council allocation Roads 2 Recovery (R2R)	\$288,649.00
LGANT Federal Road Safety Black Spot Consultative Committee	n/a
Increased revenue from Conditional Rating Advocacy (Mining) 2022-2023	\$5,361.00
Increased revenue from Conditional Rating Advocacy (Pastoral) 2022-2023	\$1,164.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$1,422,620.00</b>

Group savings because of LGANT negotiated supplier agreements	Value
HR/IR services - WALGA <i>Potential savings in using the HR/IR Service Agreement available e.g., HR/IR Manager = FTE \$120,000 per annum</i>	\$124,807.00
Austroroads membership	\$242.82
Saved Katherine Town Council in tendering costs by utilising Local Buy procurement services	\$95,000.00
<b>Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$220,049.82</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,547,669.82</b>

Total value across all (17) NT Councils

\$42,385,537.10

# WALGA Services

**Membership of LGANT includes access to Human Resources (HR) and Industrial Relations (IR) advice provided under contract by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)**

WALGA Employee Relations (ER) provides the following services to LGANT members:

- ER, HR and IR advice on a variety of matters, for example termination of employment, award and enterprise agreement interpretation, disciplinary issues, all leave types, policies, bullying and harassment, workplace investigations and changes in employment legislation.
- Access to template policies, procedures, letters, comprehensive ER Guides, and other resources available on the WALGA website which are tailored specifically for local governments.
- Information about rates of pay and conditions of employment.
- Advice and advocacy support in managing industrial claims in the Fair Work Commission (FWC), NT Anti-Discrimination Commission and any other similar tribunal including representation at conciliation, mediation, or conference.
- Advice on enterprise bargaining including a compliance review of agreements, review of enterprise agreement application forms and assistance with drafting FWC undertakings and submissions when lodging an enterprise agreement for approval with the FWC.
- Email alerts (ER Alerts) on general advice, legislative updates, and developments in case law.
- Live webinars on topical issues and a collection of recorded webinars which can be viewed on demand on the WALGA website.
- Advocacy and policy work on behalf of the local government sector. For example, this includes the preparation of submissions on proposed amendments to the Local Government Industry Award 2020 and other employment legislation impacting on local governments.

- Opportunity to participate in the annual Salary and Workforce Survey on remuneration and conditions of employment for an additional fee.

WALGA ER also offers consultancy services (subject to capacity and a fee for service) in relation to enterprise agreement negotiations, in-depth policy review, position description classifications and custom/onsite workshops (i.e. position description classification workshop, policy and procedure training and bargaining workshops).

## HR/IR Training

LGANT Members can undertake a number of [training courses for officers](#) delivered by the WALGA ER team, including a unique sector specific course on Understanding and Applying the Local Government Industry Award 2020. Training can be delivered remotely or onsite. WALGA can also develop bespoke HR/IR training workshops for councils.



# ALGA Services

**LGANT, along with other state Local Government Associations, make up the membership of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA). ALGA is the national voice of local government, representing 537 councils across the country.**

ALGA provides a range of services to state and territory member associations and, through them, local councils throughout Australia. These services include:

- representing local government on national bodies and ministerial councils, including representation by their president on the National Federation Reform Council
- policy development to provide a local government perspective on national affairs, as well as providing submissions to government and parliamentary inquiries
- raising the profile and concerns of local government at the national level by lobbying the Australian Government and Parliament on specific issues and running campaigns to secure agreed policy objectives
- providing information on national issues, policies and trends affecting local government, and
- providing forums for local government to guide the development of national local government policies.

LGANT has two Executive members, President the Hon Kon Vatskalis, and Vice President Regional and Shires, Peter Clee, on the ALGA Board of Directors.



## Austroads Services

**Membership of LGANT includes access to an Austroads Membership provided by the ALGA.**

As part of this membership, councils in the Northern Territory get access to all Austroads publications and technical specifications.



# Local Buy Services

**Local Buy is committed to helping our member councils reduce the risk, time and costs associated with the procurement process.**

LGANT has partnered with Local Buy to provide a range of services including streamlining procurement processes, providing extensive pre-approved supplier lists and providing ongoing support including probity.

Local Buy provides:

- LGANT, Member Councils and Associates, Indigenous Enterprises, Not-for-Profit and Charitable Organisations servicing the Northern Territory and Northern Territory Government entities with access to Local Buy and National Procurement Network (NPN) contracts via Local Buy's Vendor Panel enterprise.
- Northern Territory Councils with access to Local Buy's Procurement Services, Probity Services and Procurement Training.

Local Buy's strict prequalified supplier process effectively means that local government can access a range of goods and services through a quotation rather than a tender process. Local Buy also offers an electronic tendering system and a managed tender service, whereby councils can effectively outsource their tendering activities and can also act as a probity advisor on strategic or high-risk procurements.





# What we are going to do for the sector in **2023-2024**

**In February 2023, the LGANT Board reviewed the LGANT Strategic Plan and set the top seven priorities for the next year. Our Annual Plan aligns staff position descriptions with the LGANT Strategic Plan.**

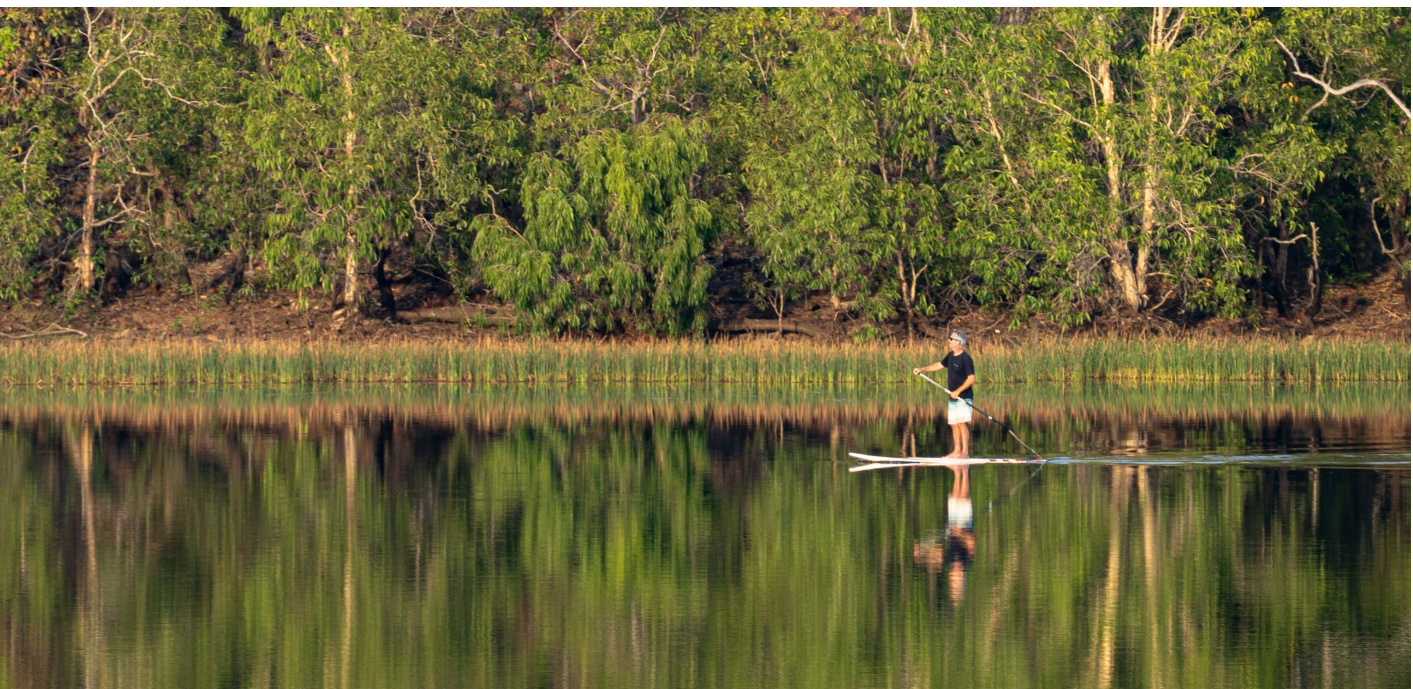
*LGANT's vision is a local government sector creating diverse, sustainable and liveable communities across the Northern Territory.*

**Our strategic priorities are:**

1. Aboriginal outcomes
2. Finance, governance, and workforce
3. Infrastructure
4. Climate, circular economy, and environment
5. Profile and Reputation
6. Economic Development
7. Community Services

**Key activities against the strategic priorities in 2023-2024 include:**

- Regular Strategic Priority Working Group sessions
- Ongoing Committee Representation



# SP1. Aboriginal **outcomes**

## Assist Aboriginal people to have a greater voice to achieve better social, cultural, and economic outcomes

- Continue to implement the LGANT Reconciliation Action Plan.
- Finalise and implement the Closing the Gap Implementation Plan 2 in partnership with other signatories.
- Advocate for local government interests in Aboriginal affairs policy and program development, legislative reform, and funding opportunities including, but not limited to, the Local Decision-Making policy review, Treaty and Closing the Gap.



# SP2.

## Finance, governance and workforce

### Strengthen financial sustainability and governance, and develop the workforce

- Partner with an external provider to supply NT local government appropriate training options for LGANT member councils.
- Deliver training on the Code of Conduct Panel protocols for Panel members.
- Provide Mediation Advice and a Mediation Service.
- Source external funding for new positions (Economic Development Coordinator, Emergency Management Coordinator, Aboriginal Affairs Coordinator, Road Safety Coordinator) and existing positions (Director Public Affairs and Senior Governance Advisor) to service our members.
- Review Rates Officers Manual with CouncilBiz.
- Implement the Local Government Cost Index recommendations from the KPMG report.
- Continuation of legislative interpretation and general governance advice.
- Review LGANT Board Governance Charter and meeting procedures and protocols.
- Deliver the Northern Territory local government sector workforce development plan.
- Develop a new Strategic Plan (e.g., 2024-29).
- Renew WALGA IR/HR arrangements.
- Advocate for the financial sustainability of councils in policy and program development and legislative reform.





# SP3. Infrastructure

## Maintain and construct over 2,000 kilometres of regional and remote roads, and support delivery and maintenance of other infrastructure

- Maintain over 2,000 Kilometres of regional and remote roads.
- Develop a locum project management service for member councils.
- Advocate local government interests in infrastructure related policy and program development, legislative reform and funding opportunities including, but not limited to, improved telecommunications, better planning outcomes, and prioritisation of council projects.
- Work with member councils to ensure active participation in reviewing the NT Infrastructure Plan and Pipeline and in advocating for the prioritisation of local government infrastructure projects.
- Work with Tyre Stewardship Association in the delivery of Crumb Rubber Projects in local roads in the NT.



# SP4.

## Climate, circular economy and **environment**

### Adapt to the effects of climate change, manage waste, and preserve the natural environment

- Implement the Local Government Circular Economy Plan including delivery of the 2024 Circular Economy Symposium.
- Work with waste and recycling industry and national organisations such as Tyre Stewardship Australia to investigate solutions for resource recovery in the NT especially for remote communities.
- Advocate for local government interests in the circular economy, emergency management and climate change policy and program development, legislative reform and funding opportunities including full membership of the Territory Emergency Management Council and funding for new emergency evacuation centres.



# SP5. Profile and reputation

## Build the profile and reputation of the local government sector

- Invite the City of Palmerston to re-join LGANT.
- Deliver the November 2023 Convention and April 2024 Conference.
- Deliver Northern Australia Local Government Summit.
- Hold roundtables with Chief Minister and Cabinet at November 2023 Convention and April 2024 Conference.
- Develop and implement LGANT Marketing and Communications Plan including finalising the new website.
- Strengthen and continue to implement the LGANT Advocacy Plan including pre-budget submissions.
- Review the LGANT Policy Statements.
- Review LGANT external committee policy and representation.
- Participate in the Facing North 2023 and National General Assembly 2024 in Canberra.
- Implement the Local Government 2030 Strategy Guiding Principles.
- Continue to support LGANT representatives on the ALGA Board.
- Grow corporate partnerships.
- Start planning for the 2025 local government elections.
- Continue to implement the 2021- and 2022-Member Engagement Survey Project Report recommendations.
- Sponsor the Local Government Professionals Executive Management Challenge.
- Undertake tour of regional and shire councils
- Meet with other peak bodies, industry associations and land councils to discuss common issues and potential joint advocacy efforts



# SP6. Economic **development**

## Take a leading role in economic development

- Launch Local Buy NT.
- Advocate for local government interests in economic development policy and program development, legislative reform, and funding opportunities including, but not limited to the Territory Benefit Plan policy review.



# SP7. Community services

## Advocate local government interests in community services

- Advocate local government interests in community services policy and program development, legislative reform, and funding opportunities including anti-social-behaviour and sport, recreation and youth programs.



