7.2 Local Government NSW Membership Renewal 2020/21

REPORT BY THE GENERAL MANAGER
TO 20 MAY 2020 ORDINARY MEETING
GOV400067, A0040005

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. receive the report by the General Manager on the Local Government NSW Membership Renewal 2020/21; and

2. not renew its membership with Local Government NSW for the 2020/21 financial year.

Executive summary

Mid-Western Regional Council has been a member of Local Government NSW for many years. This report recommends that Council discontinues its membership for the 2020/21 financial year.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Detailed report

Local Government NSW has provided Council with an invoice for membership for the 20/21 financial year. The cost to Council is $43,869.09 ex GST, an increase of $5,469.89 on the 19/20 financial year membership rate.

Local Government NSW have provided information on the benefits of membership. These include:

- **Advocacy**
  
  Advocating and making representations to all spheres of government, industry, and business on issues of importance to local government and their communities to ensure your voice is heard

- **Learning and Development**
  
  Best value, specifically designed local government training to up-skill your staff and ensure they are kept up-to-date with the latest sector developments

  **Professional Networking Opportunities**

  Conferences, workshops and professional forums to allow you to gain mutually beneficial connections - even during the social-distancing era

  **Grant Support**

  Capacity building and development support across important local government functions to bring you resources that may otherwise not be available.

  **Industrial Relations and Workplace Support**
Representation in industrial disputes and award matters, and specialist industrial relations advice to best equip you to deal with any issues that arise

Policy Advice
Advice to Mayors, Councillors, General Managers and staff across a range of local government matters to help you to determine your best course of action

Management Services
Executive recruitment, facilitated performance reviews, salary and HR benchmarking surveys and organisation reviews to help you obtain and retain the best people for your council

Legal Advice
Advice on legal matters and policy across a wide range of areas to assist you with compliance

Member Mentoring
Access to guidance and support from highly experienced and well regarded colleagues to become more empowered to make decisions

LGNSW will continue to review and expand its services so we can continue to provide the very best value for your membership dollar.
If you would like to discuss the attached 2020/21 membership

Council staff have been extremely disappointed of late with the lack of consultation from Local Government NSW in making significant decisions that have cost Council. It is hard to justify a more than 10% increase in their annual fee when councils are restricted to a rate cap of 2.6%.

Community Plan implications

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Strategic implications

Council Strategies
Community Strategic Plan

Council Policies
Not Applicable

Legislation
Not Applicable

Financial implications

The cost of membership is paid from existing operational budgets.

Associated Risks

A decision to not be a member of Local Government NSW could lead to Council becoming isolated from other Councils across NSW. This may lead to Council spending more on their own lobbying efforts as well as on training opportunities, procurement services and industrial legal advice.

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER

1 May 2020

Attachments: 1. LGNSW Membership Renewal invoice.
2. LGNSW 2020_21 Membership Subscription - Email.pdf.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM
GENERAL MANAGER
# MID-WESTERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

## ORDINARY MEETING – 20 MAY 2020

### report 7.2 – ATTACHMENT 1

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## TAX INVOICE

**Invoice to:**
Mid Western Regional Council  
PO Box 156  
MUDGEE NSW 2850

**Invoice Number** 83334  
**Invoice Date** 30/04/2020  
**Customer Code** MWRC

### 2020-21 LGNSW Membership Subscription Fee Notice

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### OPTIONAL Workforce Analytics Reports

- (see Enclosed Flyer)
  - Human Resources Benchmarking Report
  - General Manager Remuneration Report
  - Local Government Remuneration Report & Access to the New Online Reporting & Analysis Tool
  
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**Payment Due By:** 30/06/2020

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**Payment Methods:**

- **EFT/Bank Details:**
  - **Account Name:** Local Government NSW  
  - **BSB:** 062005
  - **Account No:** 00090198

- **Cheque:**
  - **Payable to:** Local Government NSW

- **Email Remittance Advice to:** finance@lnsw.org.au

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GPO BOX 703 SYDNEY NSW 2001  
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T 90 8043 2400  F 90 8042 4111  
LGNSW.ORG.AU · LGNSW@LGNSW.ORG.AU  
ABN 68 053 913 862
Dear Mr Cam

Thank you for your council’s ongoing support as a valued member of LGNSW.

We understand that the past 12 months have been incredibly challenging for your community. Between the drought, the bushfires and now the COVID-19 pandemic - it has been an extremely tough road to navigate.

We want to reassure you that LGNSW is there for your council every step of the way. In fact, we have just won the most significant advocacy victory to date – a $395 million local government stimulus package to help drive economic recovery during the COVID-19 crisis.

Your membership of LGNSW allows for our sector’s collective views to be represented to both state and federal government. Having ‘one voice’ that accurately reflects the needs of local government in NSW is a very powerful tool.

Membership renewals are now upon us, and we want to continue to serve you as a valued member. The below is a summary of the benefits that you can access as part of your membership:

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Advocacy
Advocating and making representations to all spheres of government, industry, and business on issues of importance to local government and their communities to ensure your voice is heard.

学习和发展
Best value, specifically designed local government training to up-skill your staff and ensure they are kept up-to-date with the latest sector developments.

专业网络机遇
Conferences, workshops and professional forums to allow you to gain mutually beneficial connections - even during the social-distancing era.

Grant Support
Capacity building and development support across important local government functions to bring you resources that may otherwise not be available.

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LGNSW will continue to review and expand its services so we can continue to provide the very best value for your membership dollar.

If you would like to discuss the attached 2020/21 membership subscription or any other aspect of your membership, please contact me on 02 9242 4014 or email kylie.yates@lgnsw.org.au.

We look forward to having you back on board as an important and valued member.

Kind regards,
Kylie Yates
Acting CE LGNSW