

## 11.4 Local Government NSW Membership Renewal 2021/22

### REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

TO 16 JUNE 2021 ORDINARY MEETING  
GOV400088, A0040005

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Director Community on the Local Government NSW Membership Renewal 2021/22;**
2. **re-join Local Government NSW for the 2021/22 financial year; and**
3. **provide \$41,080.94 in the 2021/22 Operational Plan for the LGNSW Membership allocated from unrestricted cash .**

### Executive summary

Mid-Western Regional Council has previously been a member of Local Government NSW. Council resolved not to renew its membership for the 2020/21 financial year. This report recommends that Council re-join Local Government NSW with a membership for the 2021/22 financial year.

### Disclosure of Interest

Nil

### Detailed report

Local Government NSW has provided Council with an invoice for membership for the 21/22 financial year. The cost to Council for a basic membership is \$41,080.94 (Ex. GST).

There is also an option to include the cost of Workforce Analytics Reports as part of their membership (an additional \$4,775.00 ex GST).

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

#### **Advocacy representation**

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.

Given the upcoming 2021 local government elections, membership to LGNSW could assist to provide additional support to staff and newly elected members of Council. It was also noted during the 2020/21 financial year where Council was not a member, that there was an impact on some costs and the availability of some professional advice services that would have been beneficial to Council.

Community Plan implications

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Good Governance</b>
Goal	Strong civic leadership
Strategy	Provide strong representation for the community at Regional, State and Federal levels

Strategic implications

**Council Strategies**

Community Strategic Plan

**Council Policies**

Not applicable

**Legislation**

Not applicable

Financial implications

The cost of membership is \$41,080.94 ex GST for the 2021/22 financial year. This needs to be included into the budget.

## 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.

SIMON JONES  
DIRECTOR COMMUNITY

4 June 2021

*Attachments:* 1. LGNSW Membership Email\_Redacted.  
2. LGNSW Membership Invoice 2021/22.

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

BRAD CAM  
GENERAL MANAGER

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**From:** [REDACTED] - Chief Executive LGNSW [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 3 June 2021 4:40 PM  
**To:** Brad Cam [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** 2021/22 LGNSW Membership Notice



# 2021/22 Membership Notice

**LGNSW Membership**  
Due by 30 June



## Dear Mr Cam,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to discuss with you the value of membership with LGNSW. As you will recall, I believe a unified government sector means a stronger voice for councils and the communities you serve.

That's the foundation on which LGNSW operates, and it is how we have managed to drive significant funding to councils over the last 12 months.

The immediate crises may be over, but a unified, strong and collective voice is required if we are to ensure councils are properly resourced and supported to drive a locally-led recovery.

It is my strong desire to work closely with you and your team to bring this about by welcoming you back as a member of LGNSW.

The financial sustainability of councils is firmly in the spotlight, and further planning reforms and the future of the ratings review are already on the table.

2021 also heralds a local government election, which will see many newly-elected councillors join the ranks of those experienced councillors who have been returned to office.

The LGNSW team is ready and motivated to support your staff through these challenges, along with the operational day-to-day.

Our industrial relations and legal advice are always available to members, while our subscription-based [Workforce Analytics and Finance Reports](#) can help you benchmark and track your organisation's performance.



**It's a no brainer. The stronger we are, the more of a force we are. We must stand together in local government as rural, regional and metropolitan councils. We are so grateful that we have a strong association that truly cares about the issues that matter to us.**

**Cr Rick Firman OAM  
Mayor of Temora  
Shire Council**

Our analysis shows that for every dollar invested in LGNSW membership, more than \$9 is returned to councils – and we are more committed than ever before to delivering real and quantifiable value.

With membership renewals now upon us, I have attached a 2021/22 Membership Subscription form, and I'm asking you to consider re-joining your colleagues and peers across NSW.

I'm keen to work with you to bring your council back on board, and I urge you to contact me by phone on 0419 469 023, or via email at [scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au](mailto:scott.phillips@lgnsw.org.au), to discuss any concerns, issues or reservations you may have.

**Kind Regards,  
Scott Phillips  
Chief Executive LGNSW**



**It's been great to be able to pick up the phone and talk to someone that we know that listens.**

**Cr Katrina Humphries**  
**Mayor of Moree Plains**  
**Shire Council**














## Optional extras

-  Learning and development courses
-  Tickets to conferences and events
-  Management solutions services
-  Workforce Analytics Reports
-  Careers at Council subscription



**It's there to support our staff and make sure we deliver for our community.**

## Membership inclusions – did you know membership entitles you to:

-  Advocacy representation
-  Professional networking opportunities
-  Grant support
-  Industrial relations and workplace support
-  Policy advice
-  Legal advice
-  Elected member mentoring
-  Member only news and content
-  Exclusive discussion platforms
-  Assistance with and promotion of local government campaigns
-  Entry to prestigious awards
-  First access to purchase tickets to events and conferences
-  Discounts to events, conferences and learning & development courses

Cr Darriea Turley AM  
Mayor of Broken Hill City  
Council



Exclusive access to the  
LGNSW member lounge

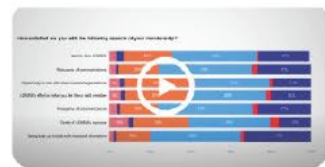
Latest videos



About LGNSW



Advocacy update



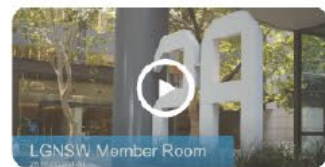
Satisfaction results



Member website



Communities launch



Member room



They're a great advocate for  
local government in their

## **negotiations with the state government**

Cr Ken Keith OAM Mayor of Parkes Shire Council and  
Chairman of the Country Mayors Association of NSW

### **Questions?**

If you would like to discuss the attached 2021/22 membership subscription or any other aspect of your membership, please contact Scott Phillips, Chief Executive of LGNSW on 0419 469 023.





## Local Government NSW

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## TAX INVOICE

**Invoice Number** 728  
**Account** 34577  
**Invoice Date** 2/06/2021  
**ABN** 49853913882

**Bill To:** Mid-Western Regional Council  
PO Box 156  
MUDGEE, NSW 2850  
AUSTRALIA

**Description:** 2021-22 LGNSW Membership Subscription Fee Notice

Description	Amount (exclusive of GST)	GST Amount (inclusive Amount of GST)	
Membership	\$40,847.73	\$4,084.77	\$44,932.50
Membership - Aust Roads	\$233.21	\$23.32	\$256.53
<b>Membership Invoice Sub Total:</b>	<b>\$41,080.94</b>	<b>\$4,108.09</b>	<b>\$45,189.03</b>

OPTIONAL Workforce Analytics Reports (see Enclosed Flyer) \$4,775.00 \$477.50 \$5,252.50

LGNSW General Manager Remuneration Report  
HR Metrics Benchmarking Report  
LGNSW LG Remuneration Report  
LGNSW Finance Benchmark Report

Please select and pay one of the options listed below

	Total (inclusive of GST)
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Invoice only	\$45,189.03
<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Invoice plus reports	\$50,441.53

**Payment Due by:** 30/6/2021

### 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@lgnsw.org.au