



**BIG IDEAS FOR  
THE FUTURE  
OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

**LGiU  
Australia**



**LGiU Australia is a local government think tank committed to an innovative and sustainable local government sector.**

As a member-led organisation, our purpose is to share ideas and best practice, encourage innovation and collaboration, and develop research that drives the sector forward.

Launched in February 2020, LGiU Australia is a partnership between non-profit think tank and information service provider LGiU and Australian public policy consultancy and certified B Corp SGS Economics and Planning.



## Our Vision

“At LGiU, we know that local government fulfils its potential when it has access to the best information, insight and ideas from home to abroad. Our ambition is to be the world’s leading knowledge hub for local government and to create a global network of local authorities, public servants and politicians supporting each other to strengthen local democracy, improve public services and meet the complex challenges of the 21st century.”

Jonathon Carr-West  
Chief Executive  
LGiU

“A certified B Corp, our team works to find solutions to pressing issues impacting Australia’s place, communities and economies. Local governments are critical to shaping sustainable communities, and we’re excited to help councils stay informed and create new ideas and solutions through LGiU Australia.”

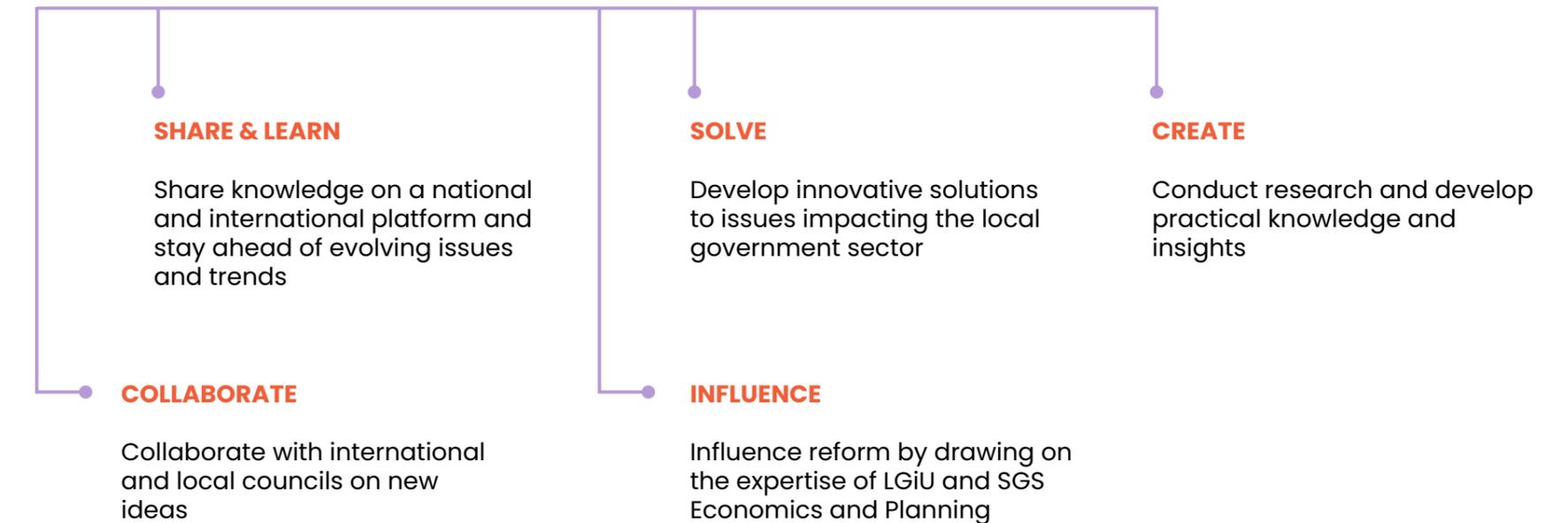
Alison Holloway  
Chief Executive Officer  
SGS Planning and Economics

## Our Purpose

- CODESIGNED BY LOCAL COUNCILS AND FUNDED BY MEMBER COUNCILS
- USED BY 30,000+ PUBLIC SERVANTS GLOBALLY

LGiU Australia is a place where local governments can connect and learn from each other, both locally and internationally. It's a place where information and new ideas are shared freely for more impact. And it's a place where local government leadership teams can collaborate and shape the future of local government.

# Our Purpose in Action



## Member Benefits

LGiU Australia provides practical, up-to-the minute intelligence on policy issues pertinent to local government in Australia. It draws on information and good practice from all over Australia and around the world to help public servants make policy, support residents, work more effectively with colleagues, develop new ideas and address critical issues.

LGiU Australia offers membership to all Australian councils, government agencies, not for profit organisations and private companies.

LGiU Australia members have the opportunity to collaborate with more than 30,000 local government colleagues across the England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Australia. All members receive daily bulletins, policy briefings, guest blog posts, invitations to online events and access to member-only content on the LGiU global website.

- \* ***Collaborate with other councils***
- \* ***Access new ideas & insights***
- \* ***Develop solutions to critical issues***



## Member Benefits

Learn new skills with seminars, workshops and courses tailored to the needs of modern policymakers.

Read what's working locally and globally, and be inspired by new ideas, research and solutions. Get daily inspiration.

Stay ahead of evolving issues and opportunities with virtual panels and talks with experts and leading innovators.

Collaborate with more than 30,000 local government colleagues locally and overseas.

**Training**

**Briefings**

**Events**

**Connections**

# Our Value

“To build on its strengths, local government needs a continuous exchange of information and ideas across Australia and internationally. This will help councils address the challenges they face and demonstrate their vital contribution to our country’s wellbeing. In short, local governments need a dedicated national ‘think tank’ and that’s exactly what LGiU Australia provides.”

**Graham Sansom**

Adjunct Professor  
UTS Centre for Local Government

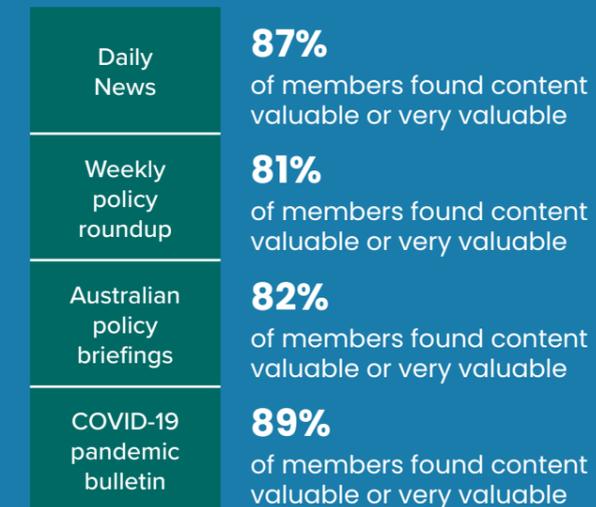
“Hawkesbury City Council are extremely happy to have signed up to LGiU Australia. We participated as part of the trial period and found great value in receiving this information daily and it’s very useful understanding what other councils are doing during these unprecedented times. We look forward to continuing to receive this information.”

**Hawkesbury City Council**

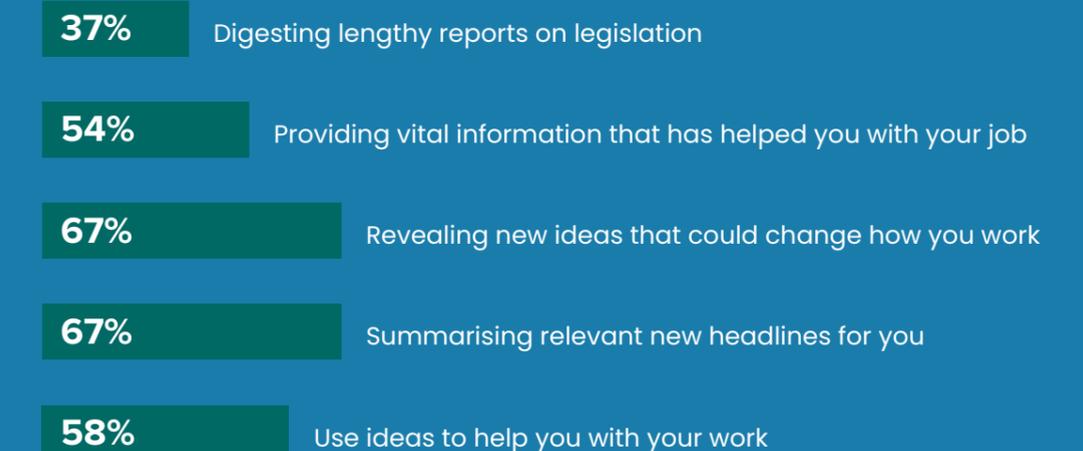
# What our members say

The latest results from our member survey highlight the value of LGiU Australia to our individual members.

How valuable are the following LGiU Australia services?



How have LGiU Australia services saved time or money?





## Try LGiU Australia Today

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### Access a free, three month trial for your entire council

Join 30,000+ local government colleagues across the world and register for your free three-month trial. You will receive daily bulletins, policy briefings, guest blog posts, invitations to online events and access to member-only content on the LGiU website for every staff member in your council. This is an obligation free trial – all we ask is that you provide feedback during your trial so that we can continue to improve our services.

# Meet the team

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