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ideas generator
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LGIU Australia helps local councils drive forward the ideas and solutions needed to provide sustainable public services in the future.

Launched in February 2020, LGiU Australia is a partnership between non-profit think tank and information service LGiU and Australian urban policy consultancy and certified Benefit Corporation SGS Economics and Planning.

A membership organisation for local government, LGiU Australia is funded by local government members to provide a valuable information services and help develop new insights and solutions to critical challenges.

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A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN LGiU & SGS ECONOMICS AND PLANNING



VISION

“At LGiU, we know that local government fulfils its potential when it has access to the best information, insight and ideas from home and 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



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“A certified BCorp, our team works to find solutions to pressing issues impacting Australia’s places, 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 Economics and Planning.



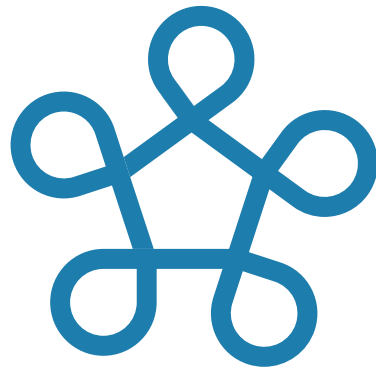
PURPOSE

SHARE & LEARN

Share knowledge on a national and international platform and stay ahead of evolving issues and trends

SOLVE

Develop innovative solutions to issues impacting the local government sector



CREATE

Conduct research and develop practical knowledge and insights

INFLUENCE

Draw on the expertise of LGiU and urban policy consultants SGS Economics and Planning to influence reform

COLLABORATE

Collaborate with international and local councils and develop new ideas



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. Another important feature of LGiU Australia membership is the ability for local governments to draw on the specialist expertise of LGiU and SGS Economics and Planning to help understand and solve specific issues.

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MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW



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 also offers a premium service to member councils interested in shaping the future of local government in Australia with blue-sky thinking and critical research.



MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP FEATURES

LGiU Australia members have the opportunity to collaborate with more than 30,000 local government colleagues across the United Kingdom, Ireland, Scotland 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

Collaborate with local councils and a network of 250 [international councils](#), including:

- Borough of Camden
- Manchester City Council
- Kent County Council
- Cornwall Council
- Oxford City Council
- City of Westminster
- Glasgow City Council
- Edinburgh City Council
- Cork City Council
- Dublin City Council

ACCESS NEW IDEAS & INSIGHTS

Receive unlimited access to:

- Australian daily news emails
- Australian weekly policy briefings on critical topics
- Regular thought leadership pieces by leading experts
- Invitations to online events
- Australian and international content on the LGiU website for every council employee including access to over 2000 briefings in the global archives

Local councils also have the opportunity to promote their innovations in LGiU publications.

DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO CRITICAL ISSUES

Address critical issues impacting local councils, such as:

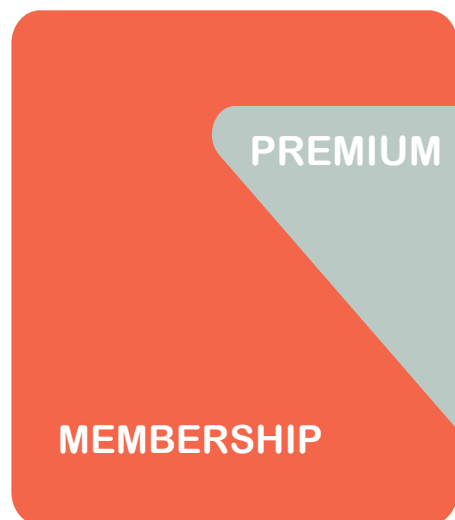
- Sustainability, resilience and recovery
- Local democracy and citizen engagement
- Value of local governance
- Fiscal independence
- Community, culture and identity
- Future visions for reform
- Subsidiarity, role and function
- Indigenous peoples engagement
- Community and economic wellbeing
- Innovation of assets and services

MEMBERSHIP

PREMIUM MEMBERSHIP

LGIU Australia premium members receive all membership benefits plus the opportunity to participate in LGiU Australia's think tank and help shape the future of local government in Australia.

PREMIUM MEMBER FEATURES



- Lead policy development workshops and shape debate
- Network with forward-thinking council leaders nationally
- Attend and participate in think tank events
- Contribute to the think tank advisory board
- Support critical research and analysis programs
- Influence reforms through new thinking



KNOWLEDGE & IDEAS

Between February and June 2020, LGiU Australia issued 80 daily news email alerts and 40 briefings to more than 5000 local government employees across Australia. LGiU Australia held its first international [live-stream event](#), with a series of collaborative online events planned from July 2020. Click on the titles [below] to read select briefings.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS (CLICK TO READ)



Towards electric council fleets: A guide to transitioning



Understanding the real costs of inner city depot and property asset disposal



Impact of the COVID-19 shutdown on vulnerable workers in Australia



COVID-19: Vulnerability of Indigenous Australians not a new phenomenon



Addressing gender inequality in Australian local government and communities



Financial impacts of COVID-19 on Australian local governments



Recycling & Waste Management: issues and implications for local government



Shifting engagement online in a global pandemic



The impact of climate change on local government assets and infrastructure



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 government needs 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 the information.

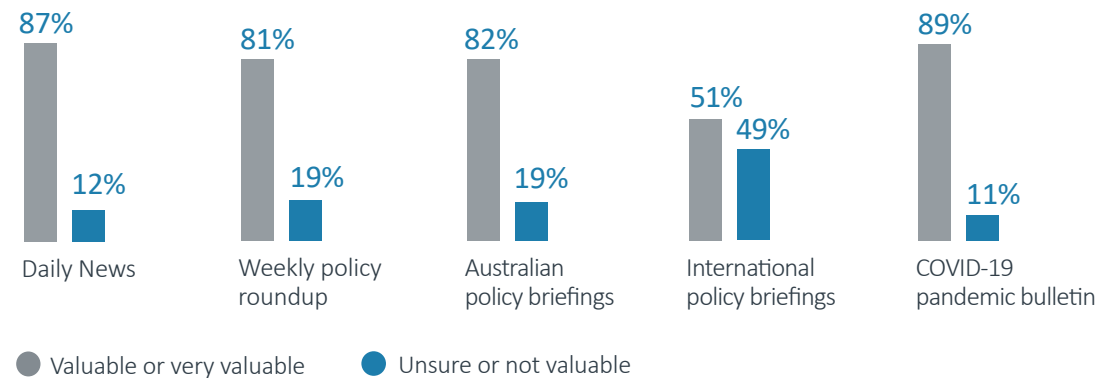
Hawkesbury City Council

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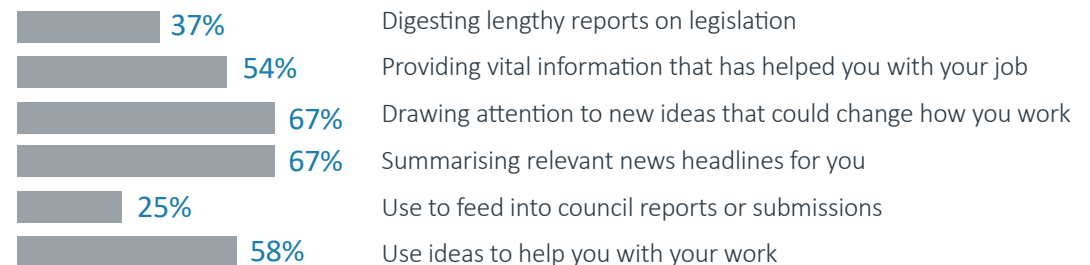
WHAT OUR MEMBERS SAY

In June 2020, we conducted a member survey. The results of the survey listed below give an honest look at how members value LGiU Australia services.

How valuable are the following LGiU services?



How have LGiU services saved time or money?



MEMBERSHIP FEE

ANNUAL PRICE (EXCL. GST)

1	Local government authorities with populations greater than 100,000	\$6,000
2	Local government authorities with populations greater than 30,000 (and less than 100,000)	\$4,000
3	Local government authorities with populations less than 30,000 (and greater than 1,000)	\$3,000
4	Local government authorities with populations less than 1,000 or in remote areas	\$1,000
OR	Premium membership	\$20,000

For government agencies, not for profit organisations, and private companies, please contact LGiU Australia to discuss membership fees.

FREE MEMBER TRIAL

Join 30,000+ local government colleagues across the world and register for your free three-month trial. You'll receive daily bulletins, policy briefings, guest blog posts, invitations to online events and access to member-only content on the LGiU global 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.



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