

# Annual Report

## 2022-2023



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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With the goal of providing all members of LGANT, stakeholders and other parties with transparency and knowledge, the annual report provides an extensive overview of LGANT's economic health and performance for the financial year. Additionally, it provides useful information about local government in the Northern Territory, the membership of LGANT, its strategic priorities, and its notable achievements for the year.

This report has been prepared in compliance with clause 22.3 of the LGANT constitution which requires it to be tabled for the members of LGANT at an Annual General Meeting. This meeting will take place on Friday 10 November 2023 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin.

# ABOUT LGANT

**LGANT has a nine-member Board Committee which has overall carriage of the organisation's affairs as detailed in the constitution and governance charter. LGANT's policy statements are regularly updated and reflect the local government sector response to issues.**

LGANT is the voice of local government in the Northern Territory. It represents 16 municipal, shire, and regional councils, 63 local authorities, 66 remote communities with a physical council presence and 614 homelands with over 100 Aboriginal languages and dialects. We provide leadership, support, representation, and advocacy on behalf of our member councils for the benefit of their communities. Local government makes a significant contribution to the Northern Territory economy. Collectively, councils employ around 3,000 Territorians, is the largest employer of Indigenous people in remote and regional areas, manages and controls assets and infrastructure valued at \$2.57 billion and is responsible for over 14,000 kilometres of roads.

The sector receives and expends over \$505 million in the Northern Territory annually.

## **LGANT Provides:**

- Advocacy to the Commonwealth and Territory governments
- Membership to the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)
- Access to AustRoads provided via Membership of LGANT as a member of ALGA
- Research and policy development
- Infrastructure project management (2,000 kms of local roads)
- Elected member training
- Industrial Relations advice
- Human Resources advice
- Governance Advice
- Support for procurement processes
- Circular Economy advice

## **Our Strategic Plan**

The Board and staff review the LGANT strategic plan each February and this report includes feedback on achievements against the plan for 2022-2023.

## **LGANT's goals as stated in the 2021-2024 strategic plan are:**

- to enhance the status of local government (Local Government Understanding)
- to enhance the performance of local government (Local Government Capacity)
- to effectively advocate for and represent member councils (Local Government Influence)
- to maintain an effective and efficient service (Local Government Sustainability)
- to maintain and construct over 2,000kms of regional and remote roads, provide road and other infrastructure advice (Local Government Connections)

## **Our values are:**

- transparency
- honesty
- accountability
- innovation
- responsiveness
- flexibility
- accessibility



# Our Mission

LGANT is the voice of local government in the Northern Territory. LGANT leverages the strength of our member councils and advances their interests for the betterment of our communities.

# Our Vision

A robust local government sector creating diverse, sustainable and liveable communities across the Northern Territory.

# Our Purpose

**To support and represent our 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



# PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

## A shout out to those doing their best to make life easier, better and safer in our communities across seventeen percent of the nation.

Thank you to the over 3,000 council employees looking after 14,000 kms of roads and \$2.7 billion in assets. To the elected members, some driving thousands of kilometres in a round trip to attend meetings, the Mayors and President's for whom their role really is a full-time job, the age and child care workers, the Rangers, the accountants, the Executive Assistants, the waste managers, the social workers, the engineers and the Human Resource officers, to you all - congratulations on a job well done.

The past twelve months have not been without its challenges, and I remain very proud of our Principal Members, Councillors, CEOs, staff and volunteers for what they achieved.

The Board and I are working very hard for fairer conditions for Principal Members and elected members, including advocating via the Secretariat for superannuation, resettlement allowances, increased allowances for travel to and from meetings and a stronger and fairer Code of Conduct under the Act.

In March we had floods to the north west affecting communities in the Vic Daly region like Kalkarindji, Pigeon Hole and Daguragu causing evacuation and disruption. We need early warning infrastructure installed as a matter of urgency and other options to sending people off country. Local government input needs to be listened to, and that is why we are seeking, on behalf of our councils, full membership of the Territory Emergency Management Council or TEMC, at present we are only Observers.

Fires are still burning in the Barkly so far consuming almost 3 million square kilometres with a 200km front. The Barkly Regional Council has been praised for its fantastic work in keeping locals informed. As with the floods the NT Fire and Emergency Services, did a magnificent job but still we needed assistance from the Australian Defence Force (ADF). LGANT is fighting against a proposal from the Commonwealth Government to limit the deployment of the ADF in times of emergency events. The NT doesn't have the luxury of the aggregation of support from other emergency services that other jurisdictions have so the ADF's support is vital.

In a time of crippling inflation and difficulties in retaining and attracting staff making it more costly and difficult to do council business, you all dug a little deeper. For those we serve the rising costs of living have hit home, made worse in a limited and expensive housing market. Despite all of this your LGANT is working harder than ever to find answers and ensure our sector gets a fair go.

A big part of getting a better deal for Territorians is our joint advocacy with the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) for a call on the Federal Government to restore Financial Assistance (FA) Grants to at least one per cent of Commonwealth taxation revenue to address the serious financial sustainability issues experienced by all councils. At present we are only getting 0.5%! We will also be advocating for the abolition of conditional rating so that member councils can charge rates on mining and pastoral activity, if this is not agreed to, we will lobby for an increase to conditional rating so that more of the money generated in our regions stay in our regions and with councils to improve service delivery particularly in the more remote communities.

I very much welcomed the review into Local Authorities that was well handled by the Local Government Unit of the government. It is the start of greater recognition for local leaders making local decisions as they will start to play a greater role in delivering voice to communities.

At the April LGANT General Meeting and Conference we explored financial sustainability, governance and workforce. Out of that came the renewed need for a PR campaign to tell the local government story and inspire people to work for councils by positioning the sector as an employer of choice. LGANT will announce the successful tender in December. LGANT also put out an EOI for a training provider to supply LGANT a range of training options that members can access in the future via a one-stop-portal on our new website.

LGANT has finally transitioned out of the Local Government Act into a Company Limited by Guarantee. This saw a name change from the LGANT Executive to LGANT Board. We welcome Mayor Lis Clark from the Katherine Town Council who is filling a Casual Vacancy. The Annual General Meeting in November last year saw three new faces join us in. Councillor James Woods from the West Arnhem Regional Council, Cyril Tasman from the Central Desert Regional Council and President Sharon Beswick from the Coomalie Community Government Council.

Perhaps concerningly and at the time of writing, so far with one month to go in 2023 we have had 17 by-elections after 11 being held last year. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome to our newest Councillors, I wish you luck and look very much forward to meeting you all at our General Meetings and when I travel around meeting with member councils in 2024: Samuel Weston (Lyons Ward, City of Darwin), Elliot McAdam and Sharen Lake (Patta Ward, Barkly Regional Council), Lucy Jackson and Mark Peterson (Alyawarr Ward, Barkly Regional Council), Warren Williams (Southern Tanami Ward, Central Desert Regional Council), David McCormack (Anmatjere Ward, Central Desert Regional Council), Marrpalawuy Marika (Miwatj Ward, East Arnhem Regional Council), Mickitja Onus (Kakadu Ward, East Arnhem Regional Council), Kerrie Mott and Peter McDougall (Katherine Town Council), Tommy Jabanardi Conway (Luritja Pintubi Ward, MacDonnell Regional



Council), Aloyiscois Hayes and Andrew Davis (Rodinga Ward, MacDonnell Regional Council), Edna Prescilla (Never Never Ward, Roper Gulf Regional Council), Deanne Rioli (Pirlangimpi Ward, Tiwi islands Regional Council), John Ross Pilakui (Bathurst Island Ward, Tiwi Islands Regional Council), Deborah Jones (Timber Creek Ward, Victoria Daly Regional Council) and Gabby Gumurdal (Gunbalanya Ward, West Arnhem Regional Council).

I would like to thank the Board for your time, effort, expertise and wise counsel in navigating through the myriad of issues. To Sean and the staff, thank you, it hasn't been an easy year, but you have all done a magnificent job.

Please take the time to read this Annual Report as it gives greater detail on just what your LGANT Board and your LGANT staff have been doing for you.



The Hon. Kon Vatskalis  
LGANT President







## CEO'S STATEMENT

**Our vision is for a robust local government sector creating diverse, sustainable and liveable communities across the Northern Territory. In doing this we will go a long way to retaining who we have in our communities and attract the people and skills that we need.**

Local government is still largely misunderstood. I believe councils exist primarily to contribute positively to community wellbeing. They do this as part of the third sphere of government, being the local democratically elected representatives while delivering services and infrastructure.

LGANT's job is to make life easier for our member councils through advice, advocacy and public policy development and influence. We are also an information exchange agency. We collect, send, analyse and generate information between councils, the Commonwealth and Territory governments.

LGANT is a staff of seven and a Board of nine. The Board consists of eight member councils which is half of our total membership and includes five regional and shires councils. The Board sets the policy and strategy, and the staff are organised to achieve the outcomes.

On behalf of the Board and the staff it gives me great pleasure to present the 2022-2023 Annual Report.

As required under Section 25 (c) of the LGANT Constitution, this report includes the audited annual financial statements for the 2022-2023 financial year. The financial position and performance of LGANT was sound as of 30 June 2023.

For the next twelve months LGANT will continue its renewal. Already we have a new Constitution, refreshed our logo and rebranded and will launch our new website. We have conducted an external review of our finances and in the new year we will launch our 2024-2027 Business Plan. This will include what new services we will provide for our members, how we will increase own source revenue and lessen the reliance on grants and funding from the Commonwealth and Territory governments.

We will look for change and partner with organisations that have the expertise we don't, we will explore the greater use of technology and ramp up our policy and advocacy work. This forward-looking optimism we will carry over into achieving greater outcomes for communities. In an effort to better communicate and exchange information in real-time we instituted Strategic Priority Working Groups that align with our seven strategic priorities

Perhaps not since 2006 has the spotlight been so bright on Local government. The sector is being challenged to be better, to do more and we are united in doing just that and at its core is greater funding and greater autonomy. There is a lot of chat from outside about the right structure



to deliver representation and services, to create jobs and “give people what they want”. All this can be done under the current framework, it’s not the political system we should be focussed on as it is only the end product, rather it’s about the inputs, it’s about more untied grants and real funding to make real decisions to make real difference by locals for locals.

Local government councils are buildings, flagpoles, meetings, 4WDs, meetings, polo shirts with logos, meetings and the seemingly endless pursuit of compliance. But councils are more, much more. They are people. They are everyday people doing everyday things every day. If we include the seventeen local government councils and the Local Authorities, there are 850 democratically elected members for a start who have to make corporate decisions on multi-million dollar budgets, they are people who deeply care about doing things better.

Good luck in retirement to LGANT stalwarts Peter and Maree McLinden, former MacDonnell Regional Council CEO Jeff MacLeod and former LGANT Board member Judy MacFarlane.

Congratulations to the elected members and the 130 council staff across the NT awarded LGANT long service awards. At the other end I would like to sincerely welcome our new CEOs, Andrew Wilshire (Alice Springs Town Council), Virginia Boon (Wagait Shire Council), Ian Bodill (Barkly Regional Council), Sharon Hillen (Coomalie Community Government Council), Belinda Urquhart (MacDonnell Regional Council), Acting CEO Jessie Schaecken (West Arnhem Regional Council), Gina McPharlin (Tiwi Islands Regional Council) and from the Nhulunbuy Corporation, Shane Whitten.

The LGANT Board and the LGANT Secretariat are working with member councils on over 60 different issues including economic development, roads, housing, connectivity, animal management, gamba grass control, cyclone shelters, emergency management, recruiting, burials and cremations, alcohol management, town camps, homelands funding, planning and airstrips.

Our member councils have been doing some great things including the Central Desert Regional Council winning the Local Government Professionals NT (LGPro NT) Executive Management Challenge and represented the sector at the Nationals in Adelaide. LGPro NT is a partner of LGANT to assist in growing the capacity of our workforce via training and mentorship.

This year LGANT signed a five-year contract with the Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security to roll-out the LGANT Local Government Circular Economy Plan. We have employed Meredith Newall as the Plan’s program officer and during the LGANT Convention we held the inaugural LGANT Circular Economy Awards “Communication and Education: Empowering the

Community”. Six local government councils nominated works they had been conducting in their communities to achieve outstanding resource recovery results. The winner was East Arnhem Regional Council who managed to increase waste diversion from 484.49 tonnes to 798.98 tonnes in 2023 alone.

The LGANT Secretariat sought approval from the LGANT Board to use Financial Assistance (FA) Grant funding to contribute to the completion of the sealing of the Telstra Hill Jump up on the Robinson River Road (Project) in the Roper Gulf Regional Council area. Other funding was gained through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grants and Federal Road Safety Black Spot Program. The project is complete, and we are very proud to have invested in such a needful regional and remote road project.

Putting on the April Conference and the November Convention are made a whole lot easier thanks to our corporate partners and I thank them; JLT Public Sector, Commonwealth Bank, LG Solutions, Regional Development Australia NT, Mead Perry Group, The BelRose Group, Disaster Management Australia, HostPlus, Workzone Territory, Rebus Restrooms, Orbviz, BRM Advisory and Response Employment Training.

Thank you to the President and the Board for their incredible support and to my colleagues, the staff at LGANT, Angela Barker (Executive Assistant), Mary Watson (Director Public Affairs), Nauman Zaland (Manager Roads and Infrastructure), Rachel Pritchard (Manager Corporate Services), Meredith Newall (Circular Economy Program Officer), and Sindy Chea (Marketing & Communications Officer). Also thank you to Jocelyn Cull, our Governance Consultant.

Our 2021-2024 Strategic Plan will be reviewed in February, and I am very much looking forward to working with the Board to set the strategy for LGANT for the betterment of our member councils for the next three years.



Sean G Holden  
LGANT CEO



# Our Strategic Priorities

**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.**

## 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

## SP1: Aboriginal Outcomes

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

### Activities for SP1 2023-2024 include:

- 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 developing the workforce.

### Activities for SP2 2023-2024 include:

- 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 meeting procedures and protocols.
- Implement expression of interest campaign for:
  - Local government as an employer of choice
  - Training provider
- Develop a new Strategic Plan (e.g., 2024-2029).
- 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 2,000kms of regional and remote roads and support delivery, and maintenance of other infrastructure.

### Activities for SP3 2023-2024 include:

- Maintain over 2,000kms of regional and remote roads.
- Develop a local 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 & Environment

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

### Activities for SP4 2023-2024 include:

- 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.

### Activities for SP5 2023-2024 include:

- 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 (partnership with NT Government).
- 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 municipal, 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.

### Activities for SP6 2023-2024 include:

- 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.

### Activities for SP7 2023-2024 include:

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





## OUR 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS



### **The Hon. Kon Vatskalis**

President  
City of Darwin

*Kon was born 4 April 1957 on the Greek island of Cephalonia and spent most of his life in Greece in Athens.*

*After living in Athens for a short time Kon immigrated to Australia in January 1983.*

*In Perth Kon continued his studies in public health, achieving a bachelor's degree in environmental health in 1986 from WAIT and a Graduate Diploma in Environmental Science from Murdoch University in 1989.*

*Kon came to Darwin in 1993, where he worked with the Department of Health before joining the Indigenous Health Service, Danila Dilba.*

*During that time, he completed a Graduate Certificate in Public Service Management through Flinders University.*

*In 2001 Kon was elected to the NT Legislative Assembly as the Member for Casuarina and he was immediately elevated to Minister.*

*He served as a Minister from 2001-12 in the Territory Labour Government, in a variety of portfolios including Health, Mining and Primary Industries, Tourism, Sport, Infrastructure and Planning and Children and Families. He resigned from the NT Legislative Assembly in 2014 and in 2015 started work for the Leukaemia Foundation.*

*In 2014 he was awarded the title "Honourable" for life from HM the Queen for his services to politics in the NT. In 2017 Kon was elected Lord Mayor of Darwin.*



### **Mayor Matt Paterson**

Vice-president - Municipals  
Alice Springs Town Council

*Alice Springs Town Council Mayor Matt Paterson was elected to the role in 2021 as a 30-year-old, making him the youngest Mayor in Alice Springs history. Qualified as an electrician, Mayor Paterson is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, Vice President of LGANT and sits on the board of Tourism Central Australia, Chamber of Commerce and Regional Capitals Australia. Mayor Paterson has an extensive history of working in various communities in Central Australia which has given him an intimate knowledge of the community.*

*Driven to continually improve the liveability of Alice Springs, Mayor Paterson is focused on delivering better infrastructure for Alice Springs families. He served as a Councillor previous to being elected Mayor and is passionate about providing opportunities for all residents in Alice Springs. Being a father to two young children, Mayor Paterson is focused on delivering better infrastructure for families in Alice Springs and making the community a better place for generations to come.*

*A decorated sportsperson, Mayor Paterson has represented Alice Springs and the Northern Territory on the cricket field and has also dedicated time off the field to growing sport in the community.*

*He has served as a Cricket Australia Community Ambassador, committee member of the Alice Springs Turf Club and a long-time president of his local cricket club. Mayor Paterson is also heavily involved in the community outside of sport, putting a great deal of effort into connecting meaningfully with community members from all walks of life.*





#### **Councillor Peter Clee**

Vice-president - Regionals and Shires  
Wagait Shire Council

*Peter Clee has served as a member in local government as a councillor and as President and Vice President for over 22 years. During Peter's time on council, he served on several committees and groups including the Emergency Management Committee, NT Emergency Committee, and the local bush fire brigade.*

*He has previously represented council on the local government association executive committee and the local government disciplinary committee. He was a member and chair of Top End Shire Steering Committee at the time of the 2007 local government reforms.*

*Peter has worked in Banking, Law and is currently working in Information Technology which has taken him to all parts of the Northern Territory. He has also been involved in several NT remote and regional business ventures.*



#### **Deputy Mayor Georgina Macleod**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Victoria Daly Regional Council

*Georgina has served Victoria Daly Regional Council as the Daguragu Ward member having been first elected in 2009.*

*Having grown up on a remote cattle Station and being educated through Katherine School of the Air (Primary School) and Secondary education obtained attending Boarding School in Adelaide, Georgina has a comprehensive understanding of the challenges communities face living remotely.*

*Georgina is driven to see remote communities have the same community facilities as urban centres and is driven to improve the living environment, and economic opportunities.*

*Currently serving as Community Housing Officer, and member of the Local Authority, Georgina has also served as a Justice of The Peace for over 25 years.*

*Georgina's previous experiences range from owning and operating a pastoral property and meatworks, educating her children through Katherine School of the Air, managing a remote community store, and working with Corrections.*



## OUR 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS



**Mayor Elisabeth Clark**  
Board Member - Municipals  
Katherine Town Council

*Elisabeth, known as Lis, has lived in Katherine for over 50 years. With her husband Ian, a Katherine local, they raised their two children in Katherine and now have five grandchildren.*

*Lis's previous life was in horticulture where she owned a plant nursery with Ian for 30 years as well as a landscaping business for 25 years. She often sees areas in Katherine that she has worked on. Lis was first a Councillor in 2008. She represented the voice of rural residents as she understood the issues of rural living, herself living 28 kilometres out of town on a dirt road.*

*Lis stepped into the role of Mayor in December 2020, and was elected as Mayor in 2021.*

*Lis loves the Katherine community, its many events, the unspoilt surrounding country and the progressive initiatives welcomed here.*



**Councillor James Woods**  
Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
West Arnhem Regional Council

*Councillor James Woods has served his community for eight years as the longest serving chairperson for the Maningrida Local Authority. He was born in Katherine in the Northern Territory and was part of the Stolen Generation that the Department of Aboriginal Affairs moved from Katherine to the Retta Dixon Home located along Bagot Road in Darwin.*

*He did his initial schooling in Darwin before moving to Queensland where he completed his high school education at Warwick Boarding School. While in high school, Councillor Woods worked as a pumpkin picker in farms in Tully Queensland over the school holidays. After high school, Councillor Woods went on to university in Toowoomba, Queensland where he earned a Diploma in Early Childhood Education. He then went on to complete his BTEC while living in Queensland and the Northern Territory.*

*Councillor Woods moved to Maningrida with the local band "Letter Stick Band" who later became his in-laws when he married into the family who are from Blyth River. He has lived in Maningrida for 27 years and is blessed with six children and eight grandchildren.*

*In Maningrida, he has worked for the Council, Maningrida College, Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) and currently Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation. In addition to this, Councillor Woods is a member of the Defence Force (a position that he has held for 18 years) and is the Deputy Unit Officer for Emergency Services in Maningrida and is the chairperson for the Maningrida AFL Committee. He is passionate about supporting communities and advocating for essential services to be improved in remote communities. Councillor Woods is always available to assist in any way that he can.*





### **Councillor Cyril Tasman**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Central Desert Regional Council

*Councillor (Cr) Cyril Tasman, also known as Cyril "Lamun" Tasman, is from Lajamanu Community.*

*Cr Tasman went to boarding college for five years at Kormilda College from 1991 to 1995 and completed year 12.*

*His first job was in the Lajamanu Arts Centre from 1996 to 1997. He went on to Darwin to study at Charles Darwin University from 1998 to 2000, after which he started his second job as a police officer (ACPO) from 2002 to 2006 with the NT Police in Lajamanu.*

*In late 2008 he joined the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) as an Indigenous Engagement Officer or Advisor and has been in the position ever since.*

*Cr Tasman has always been a strong voice and an advocate for his community, advocating for access to services, housing, jobs for the youth, and recreational activities such as sports. This passion grew and in 2021, Cr Tasman stood in the local government elections where he was successful in being appointed as a Councillor for the Northern Tanami Ward in the Central Desert Region.*

*Cr Tasman has a vast knowledge and awareness of remote community challenges and working experience in various roles at a community level, giving him a unique view of the local government sector. He believes this will enable him to contribute to the LGANT Executive as an experienced voice for remote communities and be able to share ideas and take back learnings from peer members to his community and the Central Desert region as a whole.*



### **Councillor Peter Pangquee**

Board Member - Municipals  
City of Darwin (appointed representative)

*Peter was first elected as an Alderman and now Councillor to City of Darwin Council in 2017 and re-elected in 2021. He joined the LGANT Executive as the City of Darwin appointed representative in November 2018.*

*Peter has a Bachelor's Degree in Aboriginal Community Management and Development from Curtin University WA. This degree is based on community development and policy. He has worked in NT Health for over 30 years (based in Darwin and Nhulunbuy) and across most Aboriginal Communities in the Top End. He has also worked in Community Development, Correctional Services and Juvenile Justice.*

*In the past 4 years Peter has represented the City of Darwin on the Tourism Top End Board of Management. He is a current member of the Development Consent Authority for Darwin. Peter is a registered Aboriginal Health Practitioner and was the Chair of the NT Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW) Registration Board and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner (ATSIHP) Board of Australia for 16 years.*

*He was also the Executive Director of Aboriginal Workforce and Cultural Engagement for Top End Health Services, as well as a Member of the LGANT RAP Committee and the Constitution Committee.*

# OUR 2022-2023 BOARD MEMBERS



## **President Sharon Beswick**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Coomalie Community Government Council

*Sharon Beswick is the elected president of Coomalie Council.*

*Sharon had served as a Coomalie Councillor for the last 4 years. She built her home in the community and has also owned and run a business in the shire for over 7 years.*

*Sharon has enjoyed a diverse range of work and business in the past: from being a mum, joining the circus, managing hotels, and road train driver to name a few. These life experiences have given her different tools to work with.*

*Sharon cares about our community and her passion is aged care. She is always looking for knowledge and solutions for the shire longevity.*

## **Resigned 2022-2023 Board Members**



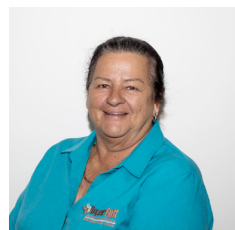
## **Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Coomalie Community Government Council



## **Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Barkly Regional Council



## **Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
Roper Gulf Regional Council



## **Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra**

Board Member - Regionals and Shires  
East Arnhem Regional Council



# BOARD MEETINGS

TABLE 1. **BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE RECORD (1 JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023)**

Board Member	Meetings eligible to attend	Meetings attended
The Hon. Kon Vatskalis	9	8
Mayor Matt Paterson	9	8
Councillor Peter Clee	9	9
Councillor Georgina Macleod	9	7
Councillor James Woods	5	5
Councillor Cyril Tasman	5	3
Councillor Peter Pangquee	9	7
President Sharon Beswick	5	4
Mayor Elisabeth Clark	2	2
Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson (resigned)	5	4
Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin (resigned)	4	2
Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane (resigned)	4	1
Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra (resigned)	1	0

TABLE 2. **KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETINGS**

Date	Key Issue
19 July 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT Tobacco Control Action Committee Nominations</li> <li>• Prescribed Corporation Panel Service Fee</li> <li>• Boundary Reform Governance</li> <li>• Legislative protection to allow rates on public housing</li> <li>• Local Government Long Service Awards and Public Service Awards</li> <li>• Northern Territory Government – Bringing Land to Market Report</li> <li>• NT Infrastructure Plan and Pipeline</li> </ul>
24 August 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NT Land Development Committee Nominations</li> <li>• Workforce Development NT Local Government Councils</li> <li>• LGANT Executive Nominations</li> <li>• LGANT and Drive About Workforce Agreement</li> <li>• LGANT November Conference (GM &amp; AGM) Venue Comparison 2022</li> <li>• Prescribed Corporation Panel Pool Nominations</li> <li>• ALGA National General Assembly 2022</li> </ul>

TABLE 2. KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETINGS - *Continued*

Date	Key Issue
24 August 2022 - <i>Continued</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGANT Torres Cape Indigenous Council Alliance Inc. Meeting</li> <li>• Chief Minister Meeting – Antisocial behaviour and crime</li> <li>• NT Treaty Commission Final Report</li> <li>• Sport, Art &amp; Culture Symposium</li> <li>• 2022 National Awards for Local Government</li> <li>• Black Spot Projects NT 2022-23</li> <li>• Heavy National Vehicle Law</li> <li>• LGANT Waste Symposium</li> </ul>
25 September 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed Changes to the LGANT Constitution</li> <li>• Review of LGANT Policies for Water Security and Safe Drinking Water</li> <li>• Review of LGANT Reference Groups and Member Engagement</li> <li>• LGANT Advocacy Plan 2023</li> <li>• Memorandum of Understanding with Get Skilled Access</li> <li>• Liquor Act 2019 Changes - General Restriction Area Declaration</li> <li>• Local Government Councils Training CEO Recruitment &amp; Performance Reviews</li> <li>• Emergency Management and Local Government Councils</li> <li>• Referendum Engagement Group Nomination</li> </ul>
18 October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to New Entity - Financial / Organisational Requirements</li> <li>• ALGA Report Local Government Workforce and Organisational Capability Project</li> <li>• LGANT Draft Annual Report</li> <li>• WALGA Convention Update</li> </ul>
12 December 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding Youth Services</li> <li>• NT Local Government as an Employer of Choice</li> <li>• 2022 Local Government Workforce Skills and Capability Survey NT Report</li> <li>• Adopted LGANT Constitution</li> <li>• Circular Economy Plan for the Local Government Sector 2022-2027</li> </ul>
January 2023 (out of session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomination for the NT Grants Commission and Neighbourhood Watch NT</li> </ul>



TABLE 2. KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETINGS - *Continued*

Date	Key Issue
21 February 2023	• Roads Project Robinson River
	• ALGA/LGANT Federal pre-Budget Submission
	• LGANT Board Casual Vacancy
	• LGANT Strategic Plan Review 2021-2024
	• LGANT 2023 Waste Management Symposium
	• LGANT Study Tour to Port Augusta South Australia
	• LGANT Member Engagement Survey Project Report 2022
	• Maningrida Access Road Update
	• Community Alcohol Plans
	• DIPL DRF Application
	• Roads Project Robinson River
21 March 2023	• Elected Member Awards
	• Board Casual Vacancy
	• Strategic Plan 2021-2024
	• 2023 Waste Management Symposium
	• Study tour to LGAQ
	• Study tour of Port Augusta South Australia
17 May 2023	• Local Government AFLNT Forum
	• Soft Plastics in Kerbside Recycling
	• NTPOL Commissioner and Juvenile Crime
	• Federal Budget Priorities
	• Recognition of Sue Bulmer's Service to the Coomalie Community Government Council
28 June 2023	• LGANT Board Casual Vacancy
	• LGANT at Joint Land Council Meeting
	• Soft Plastics Recycling and the National Plastics Recycling Scheme
	• Appointments to the NT Grants Commission
	• Closing the Gap Priority Reforms
	• Economic Development and Major Projects
	• Telecommunications and Connectivity

TABLE 3. **2023 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LONG SERVICE AWARDS (ELECTED MEMBERS)**

Elected Member	Council	Years of Service
Peter Clee	Wagait Shire Council	25 Years
Elisabeth Clark	Katherine Town Council	15 Years
Roxanne Kenny	MacDonnell Regional Council	15 Years
Marlene Abbott	MacDonnell Regional Council	15 Years
Banambi Wunungmurra	East Arnhem Regional Council	10 Years
Kaye Thurlow	East Arnhem Regional Council	15 Years
April Martin	Central Desert Regional Council	10 Years
Jacob Jungari Spencer	Central Desert Regional Council	10 Years







# GENERAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

**TABLE 4. KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (1 JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023)**

Date	Key Issue
22 November 2022 (General Meeting)	• Beetaloo Basin Hydraulic Fracturing
	• Cyclone Shelters
	• Land Releases and Subdivisional Standards
	• Town Camp Roads
	• Prioritising the Arnhem Link Road
	• Emergency Response Areas
	• Changes to the LGANT Constitution
	• LGANT Advocacy Plan
	• Local Government Long Service Awards
	• Reports from Delegates on Committees Outside LGANT
	• Black Spot Program Consultation Report
	• Land Development Committee
	• LGANT Strategic Priority Working Groups
	• LGANT Member Engagement Project
	• Recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils
	• Burial and Cremation Bill
	• Local Government Election Voter Participation
	• Elected Member Allowances
	• Barkly Regional Council
22 November 2022 (Annual General Meeting)	• LGANT Annual Report 2021-2022
	• LGANT Executive Elections
	• Financial Assistance Grants Underspend



**TABLE 4. KEY ISSUES ARISING FROM GENERAL MEETINGS AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (1 JULY 2022 - 30 JUNE 2023) - *Continued***

Date	Key Issue
20 April 2023 (General Meeting)	• LGANT Budget and Member Subscriptions
	• NT Rest Facilities Strategy
	• Major Road Rest Stops
	• Review of LGANT Conference Structure
	• Burials and Cremations
	• Australia Post Contracts
	• Flood Notification Infrastructure
	• Rubbish from National Parks
	• Emergency Roads to Sealed Airstrips During Severe Weather Events
	• Automatic Enrolment Remote Communities
	• Sport Voucher Scheme
	• Senior Executive Support Framework
	• Second Bridge and Alternate Route Crossing of Katherine River
	• Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Review
	• Housing Infrastructure Notifications
	• Cyclone Shelter Programs
	• NT Roadworks Prioritisation
	• Regional Connectivity
	• Indigenous Voice to Parliament







**WHAT WE DID IN 2022-2023  
ALIGNED TO OUR PURPOSE**



# ADVOCACY AND REPRESENTATION

## Examples of LGANT's 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 Assistance 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 Members - 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

## 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 & 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.



# LGANT ROADS

## Financial Assistance (FA) Grants

LGANT project managed over 2,019 kilometres of road works in the Barkly, Central Desert, East Arnhem, MacDonnell, Roper Gulf, and Victoria Daly regional council areas. These works were completed with a Federal Assistance Grant of \$1,587,181 via the NT Commonwealth Grants Commission.

LGANT continued a program of erecting road signs using the Central Australian Remote Community Traffic Management Manual developed in collaboration with member Councils, with the technical assistance of the Australian Road Research Board.

## Roads to Recovery

The roads shown in Table 5 have been commenced or completed in 2022 - 2023.

**TABLE 5. ROADS TO RECOVERY (2022 - 2023)**

Road	Regional Council Areas	Project	Amount
Likkaparta Road	Barkly	Formation and sealing	\$487,772.00
Bukadal Road	East Arnhem	Gravel sheet, alignment, and drainage	\$146,690.00
Pakulki Road	Barkly	Full formation and gravel sheeting including off let drain	\$459,573.00
Barrikira Road	East Arnhem	Road widening, alignment and formation.	\$119,000





## Local Roads and Community Infrastructure

In collaboration with ALGA, LGANT secured an extension of the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Grant (LRCI) which is a COVID-19 response stimulus initiative. The NT allocations are \$11,583,305 (2021 - 2022 Financial Year) and \$15,937,506 (2022 - 2023 Financial Year).

### LRCI Grant - Phase 1/2/3 Allocations:

Phase 1 2019 – 20 \$711,844 totally expended (awaiting final payment)

Phase 2 2020 - 21 \$474,563 Projects completed acquittal in process

Phase 3 2022 - 23 \$1,423,688 Projects forwarded and approved.

**TABLE 7. LRCI GRANT - PHASE 1/2/3**

Road	Regional Council Areas	Project	Amount
Baniyala Road Completed Phase 1	East Arnhem	Gravel sheeting and realignment	\$253,754
Blue Bush Road Completed Phase 1	Barkly	25km Full formation and verge clearing including off let drain	\$458,090
10 Mile Road Completed Phase 2	Barkly	Gravel Sheetting	\$119,000
Barrikira Road Completed Phase 2	East Arnhem	Road widening, alignment and gravel sheeting.	\$62,720

### Future LRCI Projects

Pakulki Road Barkly Region has been identified as a potential for a demonstration site to use crumb rubber sealing project under LCRI phase 4 A and B.



# MEMBER SERVICES



## WALGA

### 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 Board members, President the Hon Kon Vatskalis, and Vice President Regional and Shires, Peter Clee, on the ALGA Board of Directors.



**Austroads**

### 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.



## MEMBER SERVICES



### Local Buy Services

At Local Buy, we deliver streamlined success for councils and suppliers alike. Our unique Vendor Panel, featuring pre-qualified suppliers, is the cornerstone of a procurement ecosystem that transcends conventional boundaries to offer the best practice in procurement.

Join the Local Buy System - Vendor Panel and experience a procurement ecosystem designed for success. For councils, it is about unlocking efficiency and quality. For suppliers, it is about gaining a competitive edge and expanding your horizons. Together, let us redefine procurement excellence.

**Local Buy: Connecting Councils and Suppliers for Success.**







### JLT Public Sector Services

The NT Councils Discretionary Trust is the mutual risk protection product available for LGANT Members. Established in June 2018, NT Councils have worked together to protect their organisations and communities through the Trust, in what is the risk protection of choice that understands the complexity and challenges of the sector like no other.

#### **In 2022/23, the NT Councils Discretionary Trust delivered benefits to its 15 Members through:**

- Access to mutual risk protection and insurance covers that are specific and customised for NT Councils and cannot be replicated.
- Protection for over \$830M in declared assets across the Northern Territory.
- Providing the ability to balance the cost of risk over time, even in the face of market volatility and adverse claims experience.
- Consistently negotiate renewal terms for the benefit of our members, Cyber renewal terms were able to be negotiated around 35% lower than anticipated market rate.
- A local claims management service, provided by JLT Public Sector, with 132 property, motor vehicle, cyber, and liability claims lodged by Members in 2022/23.
- Ability to generate surplus funds that stay within the Trust and not become the profits of insurance companies. As at end of June 2023, there is currently a \$1,018,231.00 available in surplus, with a further \$78,531 potentially available subject to further claims developments and audited financial statements.
- Application of discretion, which is a unique feature of mutual risk protection that sets it apart from insurance and allows the Trust to be agile in meeting Member's needs.
- Access to customised, topical and relevant risk management services.

Customised monthly reporting, to ensure our members are kept aware of claims history and trends.

# LGANT MEMBERSHIP

**Membership of LGANT is voluntary and open to all local governments in the Northern Territory and it is also able to admit associate members under Clause 6.4 of its constitution.**

**During 2022-2023, 16 local governments and 1 associate member in the Northern Territory were members of LGANT and were made up of those listed below in table 7.**

**TABLE 7. LGANT REGISTER OF MEMBERS AS OF 20 JUNE 2023**

Member	Type
Alice Springs Town Council	Municipal
Barkly Regional Council	Regional
Belyuen Community Government Council	Shire
Central Desert Regional Council	Regional
City of Darwin	Municipal
Coomalie Community Govenment Council	Shire
East Arnhem Regional Council	Regional
Katherine Town Council	Municipal
Litchfield Council	Municipal
MacDonnell Regional Council	Regional
Roper Gulf Regional Council	Regional
Tiwi Islands Regional Council	Regional
Victoria Daly Regional Council	Regional
Wagait Shire Council	Shire
West Arnhem Regional Council	Regional
West Daly Regional Council	Regional
Nhulunbuy Coroporation (associate member)	Corporation



# AUDITOR'S **REPORT**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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#### STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

I, Konstantine Vatskalis, President of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, state that in my opinion, the compiled financial statements of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited are properly drawn up so as to present the state of affairs of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023 and of the operating results and cash flows of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Vatskalis".

20 November 2023

PRESIDENT

#### STATEMENT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

I, Sean Holden, being the Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory, state that to the best of my knowledge and belief that the compiled financial statements as set out present fairly the state of affairs of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023 and of the operating results and cash flows of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited for the year then ended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Holden".

20 November 2023  
OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**Compilation Report to Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited**

We have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial report of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited, which comprises the combined statement of position as at 30 June 2023, and the combined statement of comprehensive income and combined statement of cash flows for the year then ended, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The specific purpose for which the special purpose financial report has been prepared is set out in Note 1.

*Chief Executive Officer's and Those Charged with Corporate Governance's Responsibility for the Compiled Financial Report*

The Chief Executive Officer and those charged with corporate governance of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited respectively are solely responsible for the information contained in the special purpose financial report and have determined that the financial reporting framework and basis of accounting as set out in Note 1 is appropriate to meet their needs and for the purpose that the financial report was prepared.

*Our Responsibilities for the Compiled Financial Report*

On the basis of information provided by Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited we have compiled the accompanying special purpose financial report in accordance with the financial reporting framework and basis of accounting as set out in Note 1 and APES 315 *Compilation of Financial Information*.

Our procedures use accounting expertise to collect, classify and summarise the financial information, which Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited provided, in compiling the financial report. Our procedures do not include verification or validation procedures. No audit or review has been performed and accordingly no assurance is expressed.

The special purpose financial report was compiled exclusively for the benefit of Local Government Association of the Northern Territory and LGANT Limited. Note 1 states the basis on which the financial report is prepared. We do not accept responsibility to any other person for the contents of the special purpose financial report. Accordingly, the special purpose financial report may not be suitable for other purposes and should not be distributed to other parties without our prior written consent. Readers are cautioned that this financial report may not be appropriate for their purposes.

*Merit Partners*

Merit Partners

Darwin

20 November 2023



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

		2023			2022
	Notes	LGANT Association \$	LGANT Limited \$	Combined Balances \$	LGANT Association \$
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	2	3,226,562	4,878,352	8,104,914	8,054,363
Trade and other receivables	3	9,000	45,341	54,341	24,670
Advances to LGANT Association	1(a)	-	1,981,821	-	-
Other assets		12,870	-	12,870	11,407
		3,248,432	6,905,514	8,172,125	8,090,440
Non-Current Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	4	3,186,859	-	3,186,859	3,287,287
		3,186,859	-	3,186,859	3,287,287
<b>Total Assets</b>		6,435,291	6,905,514	11,358,984	11,377,727
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Trade and other payables	5	75,467	27,782	103,249	63,698
Advances from LGANT Limited	1(a)	1,981,821	-	-	-
Unearned grant income	1(a)	-	2,680,445	2,680,445	2,488,953
Borrowings	6	-	-	-	114,975
Provisions	1(a), 7	-	124,412	124,412	181,125
		2,057,288	2,832,639	2,908,106	2,848,751
Non-Current Liabilities					
Borrowings	6	-	-	-	176,390
Provisions	1(a), 7	-	32,102	32,102	36,200
		-	32,102	32,102	212,590
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		2,057,288	2,864,741	2,940,208	3,061,341
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		4,378,003	4,040,773	8,418,776	8,316,386
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>					
Contributed equity	1(a), 12	-	4,503,766	4,503,766	-
Accumulated Surplus	1(a), 12	2,867,729	(462,993)	2,404,736	2,589,716
Asset Revaluation Reserve		1,510,274	-	1,510,274	1,510,274
Property & Other Assets Reserve		-	-	-	352,384
Other Reserves		-	-	-	3,864,012
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		4,378,003	4,040,773	8,418,776	8,316,386

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

		2023			2022
	Notes	LGANT Association	LGANT Limited	Combined Balances	LGANT Association
		\$	\$	\$	\$
INCOME					
User Charges and Fees	8	978,183	84,411	1,062,594	1,060,785
Interest		58,455	41,351	99,806	13,215
Other Revenues from ordinary activities		-	12,500	12,500	12,500
NT Government Contributions for Operating Purposes	9	386,191	61,923	448,114	169,510
Federal Government Contributions for Operating Purposes	10	1,691,004	1,011,598	2,702,602	3,032,889
Total Income		3,113,833	1,211,783	4,325,616	4,288,899
EXPENDITURE					
Employee Costs		530,318	500,821	1,031,139	864,639
Materials and contracts		1,677,471	1,150,130	2,827,601	2,637,793
Depreciation		102,527	-	102,527	92,334
Other operating expenses	11	229,516	23,825	253,341	235,367
Interest Charges		8,165	-	8,165	11,387
Total Expenditure		2,547,997	1,674,776	4,222,773	3,841,520
Net Surplus for the year		565,836	(462,993)	102,843	447,379
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME					
(Loss)/Gain on disposal of assets		(453)	-	(453)	(422)
Other comprehensive (loss)/income		(453)	-	(453)	(422)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		565,383	(462,993)	102,390	446,957

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

Notes	2023			2022
	LGANT Association	LGANT Limited	Combined Balances	LGANT Association
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>				
Receipt of grants	1,570,063	1,772,145	<b>3,342,208</b>	3,818,958
Receipts from members and customers	762,701	35,810	<b>798,511</b>	704,928
Other Charges and User Fees	222,701	-	<b>222,701</b>	311,598
Sponsorship - Association	8,451	-	<b>8,451</b>	44,591
Interest received	58,455	41,351	<b>99,806</b>	13,215
Payments to suppliers and employees	(2,644,324)	(1,474,720)	<b>(4,119,044)</b>	(3,782,237)
Borrowing costs	(8,165)	-	<b>(8,165)</b>	(11,387)
Net cash flows (used in)/from operating activities	(30,118)	374,586	<b>344,468</b>	1,099,666
<b>Cash flows from Investing Activities</b>				
Payment for property, plant and equipment	(2,552)	-	<b>(2,552)</b>	(5,256)
Transfer of cash to succeeding entity	(4,503,766)	-	<b>(4,503,766)</b>	-
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(4,506,318)	-	<b>(4,506,318)</b>	(5,256)
<b>Cash flows from Financing Activities</b>				
Net cash received from predecessor entity	-	4,503,766	<b>4,503,766</b>	-
Loans - Parap Building Principal Repayments	(255,000)	-	<b>(255,000)</b>	(100,000)
Loans - Motor Vehicle Additions/(Principal Repayments)	(36,365)	-	<b>(36,365)</b>	(16,162)
Net cash flows (used in)/provided by financing activities	(291,365)	4,503,766	<b>4,212,401</b>	(116,162)
Net (Decrease) / Increase in cash held	(4,827,801)	4,878,352	<b>50,551</b>	978,248
Cash at the beginning of the year	8,054,363	-	<b>8,054,363</b>	7,076,115
<b>Cash at the end of the year</b>	<b>3,226,562</b>	<b>4,878,352</b>	<b>8,104,914</b>	8,054,363

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**1 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Structure**

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory ("LGANT Association") is the peak body representing the local government sector in the Northern Territory (NT). It represents 16 of the 17 local government councils. The membership consisted of four municipalities, three shires, nine regional councils, and one associate member (Nhulunbuy Corporation). LGANT was formed in 1992 and under the jurisdiction of the previous *NT Local Government Act 2008*.

Under the new *Local Government Act 2019*, which became effective from 1 July 2021, LGANT Association will no longer be included in this new Local Government Act. In view of this, the Association will have at least 18 months from 1 July 2021 to transition from being an Association under the previous Local Government Act to an incorporated company limited by guarantee in accordance with *Corporations Act 2001*. The change in incorporation will be finalised within 18 months from 1 July 2021. It is envisaged that all assets and liabilities will be transferred from the Association to the new Company once it is established.

LGANT Ltd ("LGANT Limited") is a company limited by guarantee under the *Corporations Act 2001* and was registered with Australian Securities and Investments Commission on 30 September 2022. Similar to LGANT Association, LGANT Limited supports the local government sectors and its member councils by advocating in behalf of its member councils to the Northern Territory and Australian Government, delivering effective leadership and advice on policy issues and developments, delivering improved services and specialised advice and undertaking infrastructure project management.

As LGANT Association ceased its legal existence under the new *Local Government Act 2019*, LGANT Association is required to transfer its business operations and net assets and liabilities to LGANT Limited effective from 1 January 2023. Whilst a portion of the LGANT Association business operations and net assets and liabilities were transferred to LGANT Limited on that date, the remaining net assets and liabilities and business operations will be transferred in the 2023/24 financial year.

As at 1 January 2023, LGANT Association transferred part of its operations and net assets of \$4,503,766 to LGANT Limited. These assets and liabilities consisted of the following:

	\$
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash	6,331,941
	<u>6,331,941</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Unearned Grant Income	1,622,145
Employee Provision	206,031
	<u>1,828,176</u>
Net Assets Received by LGANT Limited	<u>4,503,765</u>

The cash was received by LGANT Limited from LGANT Association between 14 December 2022 to 23 June 2023 representing a portion of the unexpended grant income received by LGANT Association in the previous year, cash reserves for employee provision and current year grant income collected and banked initially in LGANT Association's bank account. The net assets received by LGANT Limited as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023 amounted to \$4.50 million and is recognised as contributed equity in LGANT Limited's statement of financial position.

The net assets transferred by LGANT Association to LGANT Limited was deducted against its accumulated surplus account as at and for the year ended 30 June 2023.

On 29 June 2023, LGANT Association received \$1.98 million from the NT Government for the Commonwealth Government funded Financial Assistance Grant 2023/24 (FAG). The FAG amount was intended for LGANT Limited but was debited in LGANT Association's bank account. Accordingly, both LGANT Association and LGANT Limited recognised advances to / from the relevant accounts in the respective Statements of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023. The FAG monies received in advance was recognised as Unearned grant income liabilities in LGANT Limited's Statement of Financial Position as at that date.

**b) Basis of Accounting**

This compiled special purpose financial report has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards for distribution to the members of LGANT Association and Board of LGANT Limited. This special purpose financial report included the compiled combined statement of financial position, compiled combined statement of comprehensive income and compiled combined statement of cash flows and accompanying notes to financial statements of LGANT Association and LGANT Limited as at and for the period ended

The compiled special purpose financial report has been prepared on the basis that there are unlikely to exist users of these financial statements who are not in a position to require the preparation of reports tailored to their information needs.

Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accrual basis. This was also based on historical costs, except for Office Building which are carried at revalued amount. Historical cost is generally based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for goods and services.

The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**c) Economic Dependence**

Both LGANT Association and LGANT Limited is reliant upon the receipt of government grants and members' subscriptions to operate as a going concern.

**d) Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. The following specific recognition criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

**Grants**

Grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity satisfies performance obligations stated within the funding agreements.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, the grant will be recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until those conditions are satisfied.

Operating grants received in advance are recognised as income in the statement of comprehensive income.

Where LGANT Association or LGANT Limited receives contributions of assets from the government and other parties for zero or a nominal value, these assets are recognised at fair value on the date of acquisition in the statement of financial position, with a corresponding amount of income recognised in profit or loss.

**Interest revenue**

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

**Other income**

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

**e) Property, Plant and Equipment**

Each class of property, plant and equipment is carried at cost or fair value as indicated, less, where applicable, accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

**Office Buildings**

Office buildings is shown at their fair value based on periodic valuations by external independent valuers, less subsequent depreciation for buildings.

In periods when the property is not subject to an independent valuation, the directors conduct directors' valuations to ensure the carrying amount for the property is not materially different to the fair value.

Increases in the carrying amount arising on revaluation of property are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the revaluation surplus in equity. Revaluation decreases that offset previous increases of the same class of assets shall be recognised in other comprehensive income under the heading of revaluation surplus. All other decreases are recognised in profit or loss.

Any accumulated depreciation at the date of the revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset.

**Plant & Equipment**

Plant and equipment, which included motor vehicles and furniture, fittings and equipment, are measured on the cost basis and are therefore carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. In the event the carrying amount of plant and equipment is greater than the estimated recoverable amount, the carrying amount is written down immediately to the estimated recoverable amount and impairment losses are recognised either in profit or loss or as a revaluation decrease if the impairment losses relate to a revalued asset.



**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight line basis over the asset's useful life to the entity commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable assets are:

<b>Class of fixed asset</b>	<b>Depreciation Rate</b>
Office Building	2-10%
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	5-20%
Motor Vehicles	10-20%

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying amount. These gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise. When revalued assets are sold, amounts included in the revaluation surplus relating to that asset are transferred to retained earnings.

**f) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and Cash Equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

**g) Employee Benefits**

**Short-term employee benefits**

Provision is made for the entity's obligation for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries, annual leave and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

LGANT Association or LGANT Limited's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as part of current liabilities in the statement of financial position.

**Other long-term employee benefits**

The entity classifies employees' long service leave and annual leave entitlements as other long-term employee benefits as they are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures, and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on high quality corporate bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Association's obligations for long-term employee benefits are presented as non-current liabilities in its statement of financial position, except where the entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, in which case the obligations are presented as current liabilities.

**h) Taxation**

Both LGANT Association and LGANT Limited is an exempt body under the Income Tax Assessment Act.

**i) Trade and Other Receivables**

Receivables are carried at nominal values less any allowance for doubtful debts. An allowance for doubtful debts is recognised (and re-assessed annually) when collection is no longer probable.

Receivables are unsecured, and do not bear interest.

**j) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the entity has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result, and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**k) Trade and Other Payables**

Creditors are amounts due to external parties for the supply of goods and services to the end of the financial year and remain unpaid. Creditors are normally paid within 30 days after receipt of the invoice. No interest is payable on these amounts.

**l) Superannuation**

LGANT Association and LGANT Limited, as applicable, makes employer superannuation contributions to the superannuation funds nominated by its employees. Contributions are based on a fixed percentage of ordinary time earnings in accordance with the superannuation guarantee legislation.

The contribution made to the Statewide Superannuation Fund was at the rate of 11.50% for contributory LGANT Association and LGANT Limited employees.

The contribution made to employee nominated superannuation funds was at the rate of 11.50% for contributory LGANT Association and LGANT Limited employees.

**m) Borrowings**

*Vehicles:*

The Association has a loan with the National Australia Bank for a new vehicle purchased in the 2020-2021 financial year which was paid-off during 2022-2023 financial year. See note 6 for commitment details.

*Office Building:*

The Association has a Commercial Loan with the National Australia Bank for the purchase of this asset. See note 6 for commitment details.

**n) Leases**

Lease payments for short-term leases and leases for which the underlying asset is of low value are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

For all other leases the entity recognises a right-to-use asset that is measured at cost and a lease liability measured at the present value of the lease payments not paid. The lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease.

**o) Financial Instruments**

A financial asset is recognised at amortised cost if the objective is to hold assets to collect contractual cash flows. All other financial assets are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost calculated using the effective interest method.

**p) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOTES TO THE COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023			2022
	LGANT Association \$	LGANT Limited \$	Combined Balances \$	LGANT Association \$
<b>2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>				
Cash at bank at 30 June 2023 at National Australia Bank Darwin comprised the following:				
LGANT Reserve Term Deposit Account	-	419,725	<b>419,725</b>	413,993
Transport, Infrastructure & Environment Account	424,694	-	<b>424,694</b>	1,661,357
Infrastructure Holding Term Deposit Accounts	-	3,489,985	<b>3,489,985</b>	3,433,058
Projects, Legal & Procurement Term Deposit Account	-	812,778	<b>812,778</b>	798,189
Tied & Committed Funds Account	726,607	-	<b>726,607</b>	296,870
Operating Account	2,075,261	155,721	<b>2,230,982</b>	1,450,690
	3,226,562	4,878,209	<b>8,104,771</b>	8,054,157
Petty Cash	-	143	<b>143</b>	206
	3,226,562	4,878,352	<b>8,104,914</b>	8,054,363

LGANT Association remaining cash balance are yet to be transferred to LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023.

**3 TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Trade receivables	9,000	45,341	<b>54,341</b>	24,670
Allowance for Doubtful Debts	-	-	<b>-</b>	-
	9,000	45,341	<b>54,341</b>	24,670

LGANT Association remaining receivables balance are yet to be transferred to LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023.

**4 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Motor Vehicles, at cost	125,333	-	<b>125,333</b>	125,333
Accumulated Depreciation	(92,870)	-	<b>(92,870)</b>	(77,249)
Total Motor Vehicles	32,463	-	<b>32,463</b>	48,084
Furniture, Fittings and Equipment, at cost	131,767	-	<b>131,767</b>	134,997
Accumulated Depreciation	(114,549)	-	<b>(114,549)</b>	(112,497)
Total Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	17,218	-	<b>17,218</b>	22,500
Office Building - Parap, at valuation	3,341,452	-	<b>3,341,452</b>	3,216,703
Accumulated Depreciation	(204,274)	-	<b>(204,274)</b>	-
Total Office Building - Parap	3,137,178	-	<b>3,137,178</b>	3,216,703
Total property, plant and equipment	3,186,859	-	<b>3,186,859</b>	3,287,287

**Asset Valuations**

On 30 June 2022, LGANT Association undertook a full review of its office building located in Parap. The fair value of the Association's office building was determined and approved by the Committee on the basis of an independent valuation carried out by Colliers International, who are certified practicing valuers. The office building is valued at market yield and direct comparison approach. LGANT Association's property, plant and equipment are yet to be transferred to LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023.

**5 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES**

Trade payables	75,467	27,782	<b>103,249</b>	63,698
	75,467	27,782	<b>103,249</b>	63,698

LGANT Association remaining payables balance are yet to be transferred to LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023.



## LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### NOTES TO THE COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023			2022
	LGANT Association \$	LGANT Limited \$	Combined Balances \$	LGANT Association \$
<b>6 BORROWINGS</b>				
CURRENT				
Bank Loan - Vehicles	-	-	-	14,975
Bank Loan - Parap Building Purchase	-	-	-	100,000
	-	-	-	114,975
NON-CURRENT				
Bank Loan - Vehicles	-	-	-	21,390
Bank Loan - Parap Building Purchase	-	-	-	155,000
	-	-	-	176,390
Total Borrowings	-	-	-	291,365

The loan was fully paid by LGANT Association in 2022-23.

### 7 PROVISIONS

CURRENT				
Employee Entitlements - Annual Leave	-	124,412	124,412	73,593
Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	-	-	107,532
	-	124,412	124,412	181,125
NON-CURRENT				
Employee Entitlements - Long Service Leave	-	32,102	32,102	24,906
Bond Units 3 & 4	-	-	-	11,294
	-	32,102	32,102	36,200
Total Provisions	-	156,514	156,514	250,663

All employees, including entitlement provision, were transferred to LGANT Limited in December 2022.

### 8 USER CHARGES AND FEES

Subscriptions, Meeting Fees and Charges	784,469	45,881	830,350	833,772
Rental	142,432	14,980	157,412	174,472
Registration	37,023	18,300	55,323	-
Project Management, Consultancy and Sponsorship	14,259	5,250	19,509	52,541
Total User Charges and Fees	978,183	84,411	1,062,594	1,060,785

LGANT Association user charges, except rental income, are from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022. All user charges, except rental income, from 1 January 2023 are recorded in LGANT Limited.

### 9 NT GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Council Election Support & Elected Member Symposium	-	-	-	14,511
Economy Reform	-	61,923	61,923	-
Election Repurposed	46,448	-	46,448	-
Senior Governance Officer	124,640	-	124,640	18,040
Elected Member Symposium	72,000	-	72,000	2,349
Local Government Environment Officer	143,103	-	143,103	134,610
Total NT Government Contributions	386,191	61,923	448,114	169,510

LGANT Association NT Government Contributions are from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022. All NT Government Contributions from 1 January 2023 are recorded in LGANT Limited.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**NOTES TO THE COMPILED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	2023			2022
	LGANT Association \$	LGANT Limited \$	Combined Balances \$	LGANT Association \$
<b>10 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS</b>				
Local Roads Federal Assistance Grants	676,138	429,725	<b>1,105,863</b>	1,657,929
Roads to Recovery - LGANT	307,626	43,360	<b>350,986</b>	1,173,205
Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Programme	707,240	538,513	<b>1,245,753</b>	201,755
Total Federal Government Contributions	<u>1,691,004</u>	<u>1,011,598</u>	<u><b>2,702,602</b></u>	<u>3,032,889</u>

LGANT Association Federal Government Contributions are from 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2023. All Federal Government Contributions from 1 January 2023 are recorded in LGANT Limited.

**11 OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES**

Travel and accommodation	114,520	-	<b>114,520</b>	62,043
Rates and body corporate	49,283	-	<b>49,283</b>	41,325
Legal costs	5,900	-	<b>5,900</b>	31,894
Meetings, sitting fees and conference	16,255	11,250	<b>27,505</b>	30,410
Insurance	11,868	3,512	<b>15,380</b>	19,938
Professional fees	3,375	1,966	<b>5,341</b>	16,590
Telephone	5,724	4,083	<b>9,807</b>	9,793
Office supplies and consumables	6,134	1,692	<b>7,826</b>	4,882
Other	16,457	1,322	<b>17,779</b>	18,492
Total Other Operating Expenses	<u>229,516</u>	<u>23,825</u>	<u><b>253,341</b></u>	<u>235,367</u>

**12 CONTRIBUTED EQUITY**

LGANT Limited contributed equity represents the net contribution of LGANT Association in December 2022. This represents cash balances RECEIVED at that date less unearned grant income liability and employee leave provision.

LGANT Association property, plant and equipment, the remaining cash balances and net assets are yet to be contributed to LGANT Limited as at 30 June 2023.

END OF REPORT



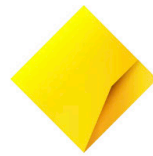
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## LGANT Executive, CEOs and Life Members

### July to September 1992

President	Alderman Bob Kennedy	Alice Springs Town Council
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1992 - 1994

President	Mayor Jim Forscutt	Katherine Town Council
Vice President Municipal	Alderman Joan Small	Tennant Creek Town Council
Vice President Community	Councillor Tim Baldwin	Coomalie Council
Executive Members	Alderman Pat Burke	Darwin City Council
	Councillor Timothy Mangurra	Numbulwar Council
	Councillor Neville Andrews	Borrooloola Council

### 1994 - 1996

President	Mayor Jim Forscutt	Katherine Town Council
Vice President Municipal	Councillor David Norton	Jabiru Town Council
Vice President Community	Councillor Peter Kavanagh	Yulara Council
Executive Members	Lord Mayor George Brown	Darwin City Council
	Councillor Ron Squires	Elliot Council
	Councillor Dennis Japanangka (Williams)	Yuendumu Council

### 1996 - 1998

President	Councillor Peter Kavanagh	Yulara Council resigned September 1997 replaced by
	President Margaret Vigrants	Timber Creek Council
Vice President Municipal	Councillor David Norton	Jabiru Town Council
Vice President Community	Councillor Gaye Lawrence	Pine Creek Council
Executive Members	Lord Mayor George Brown	Darwin City Council
	President Gerry Wood	Litchfield Shire Council
	Councillor Dennis Japanangka (Williams)	Yuendumu Council

### 1998 - 2000

President	President Margaret Vigrants	Timber Creek Council
Vice President Municipal	President Gerry Wood	Litchfield Shire Council
Vice President Community	Councillor Geoff Selems	Coomalie Council
Executive Members	Alderman David Elliot	Palmerston Town Council
	Councillor David Norton	Jabiru Town Council
	Councillor Joe Rawson	Tapatatjaka Council

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### LGANT Executive, CEOs and Life Members

#### 2000 - 2002

President	Alderman David Elliot	Palmerston Town Council
Vice President Municipal	Lord Mayor George Brown	Darwin City Council
Vice President Community	Councillor David Lane	Wugularr Council resigned 2001 replaced by
	President Charles Yunupingu	Galiwinku Community Inc
Executive Members	President Arthur Turner	Anmatjere Council
	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council
	Councillor David Norton	Jabiru Town Council
	President Gibson Farmer	Milikapiti Council
	President Sid Anderson	Papunya Community Council

#### 2002 - 2004

President	Alderman Cecil Black	Darwin City Council
Vice President Municipal	Mayor Fran Kilgariff	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Community	Councillor Gibson Farmer	Tiwi Islands Local Government
Executive Members	President Arthur Turner	Anmatjere Council resigned April 2003
	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council
	Mayor Jim Forscutt	Katherine Town Council resigned April 2004
	Councillor John Ingram	Coomalie Council
	President Ray Wooldridge	Pine Creek Council
	Councillor Vic Stow	Cox Peninsula Council elected May 2003

#### 2004 - 2006

President	Mayor Fran Kilgariff	Alice Springs Town Council until May 2005
	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council elected June 2005
Vice President Municipal	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council until June 2005
	Mayor Rod Swanson	Tennant Creek Council elected June 2005
Vice President Community	President Ray Wooldridge	Pine Creek Council
Executive Members	Mayor Rod Swanson	Tennant Creek Council until June 2005
	Alderman Helen Galton	Darwin City Council
	President Gus Williams	Ntaria Council
	Councillor Geoff Selems	Coomalie Council
	Chairman Peter Gunner	Urapuntja Council elected April 2004



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	Alderman Jane Mure	Alice Springs Town Council elected June 2005
<b>2006 - 2009</b>		
President	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council
Vice President Municipal	Mayor Rod Swanson	Tennant Creek Council until March 2007
	Mayor Anne Shepard	Katherine Town Council elected July 2007
Vice President Community	President Ray Wooldridge	Pine Creek Council
Executive Members	Alderman Helen Galton	Darwin City Council
	Alderman Jane Clark	Alice Springs Town Council
	Councillor Tony Scrutton	Anmatjere Council until March 2007
	President Vic Stow	Cox Peninsula Council March 2007 – October 2008
	Councillor Geoff Selems	Coomalie Council until July 2007
	Councillor Greg Kimpton	Timber Creek Council July 2007 – November 2007
	Councillor Geoffrey Barnes	Lajamanu Council November 2007 – October 2008
	Chairman Charles Yunupingu	Galiwinku Council until June 2007
	Councillor Maurie Ryan	Dagaragu Council June 2007 – September 2007
	Councillor Don Wegener	Timber Creek Council November 2007 – October 2008
	Councillor Ronald Lami Lami	West Arnhem Shire elected November 2008
	President James Glen	Central Desert Shire elected November 2008
	Councillor Maralampuwi Kurrupuwa	Tiwi Islands Shire elected November 2008
<b>2009 - 2010</b>		
President	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council
Vice President Municipals	Alderman Jane Clark	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Shires	Councillor Ray Wooldridge	Victoria Daly Shire
Executive Members	Alderman Helen Galton	Darwin City Council
	Mayor Robert Macleod	City of Palmerston
	Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Shire

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	Councillor Donna Iddon	West Arnhem Shire until January 2010
	President James Glenn	Central Desert Shire until July 2009
	Vice President Tony Boulter	Barkly Shire elected August 2009
	President Norbert Patrick	Central Desert Shire elected May 2010
<b>2010 - 2012</b>		
President	Alderman Kerry Moir	Darwin City Council
Vice President Municipals	Mayor Damien Ryan	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Shires	Councillor Ray Wooldridge	Victoria Daly Shire
Executive Members	Alderman Helen Galton	Darwin City Council
	Mayor Robert Macleod	City of Palmerston
	Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Shire
	President Norbert Patrick	Central Desert Shire
	Councillor David Norton	West Arnhem Shire
<b>2012 - 2014</b>		
President	Mayor Damien Ryan	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Municipals	Alderman Helen Galton	Darwin City Council
Vice President Shires	Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Shire
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller	Katherine Town Council
	Councillor Kaye Thurlow	East Arnhem Shire Council
	Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis	Darwin City Council
	President Barb Shaw	Barkly Shire Council
	Deputy President Norbert Patrick	Central Desert Shire Council
<b>2014 - 2016</b>		
President	Mayor Damien Ryan	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Municipals	Alderman Jeanette Anictomatis	City of Darwin until August 2015
	Alderman Bob Elix	City of Darwin elected November 2015
Vice President Regionals and Shires	Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Regional Council
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller	Katherine Town Council
	President Barb Shaw	Barkly Regional Council
	Mayor Lynette De Santis	Tiwi Islands Regional Council until February 2015
	Mayor Lothar Siebert	West Arnhem Regional Council
	Councillor Greg Sharman	MacDonnell Regional Council elected March 2015

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	Councillor Kaye Thurlow	East Arnhem Regional Council elected November 2015
	Alderman Gary Haslett	City of Darwin elected February 2016
<b>2016 - 2018</b>		
President	Mayor Damien Ryan	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Municipals	Alderman Bob Elix	City of Darwin until August 2017
	Alderman Gary Haslett	City of Darwin
Vice President Regionals and Shires	Mayor Lothar Siebert	West Arnhem Regional Council until February 2017
	Mayor Tony Jack	Roper Gulf Regional Council April 2017 – August 2017
	Mayor Matty Ryan	West Arnhem Regional Council elected November 2017
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller	Katherine Town Council
	President Barb Shaw	Barkly Regional Council until August 2017
	Mayor Lynette De Santis	Tiwi Islands Regional Council
	Councillor Steven Hennessy	Victoria Daly Regional Council until August 2017
	Mayor Ian Abbot	City of Palmerston until May 2017
	Mayor Steven Edgington	Barkly Regional Council elected November 2017
	President Peter Clee	Wagait Shire Council elected November 2017
	Mayor Maree Bredhauer	Litchfield Council elected November 2017
	Alderman Sherry Cullen	City of Darwin elected February 2018
<b>2018 - 2020</b>		
President	Mayor Damien Ryan	Alice Springs Town Council
Vice President Municipals	Alderman Gary Haslett	City of Darwin
Vice President Regionals and Shires	Mayor Gawin Tipiloura	Tiwi Islands Regional Council until March 2019
	Mayor Steven Edgington	Barkly Regional Council elected May 2019
Executive Members	Mayor Fay Miller	Katherine Town Council



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	Mayor Steven Edgington	Barkly Regional Council until May 2019
	Mayor Maree Bredhauer	Litchfield Council
	Alderman Peter Pangquee	City of Darwin
	Councillor Bobby Wunungmurra	East Arnhem Regional Council
	Councillor Robert George	Central Desert Regional Council until June 2019
	Mayor Matty Ryan	West Arnhem Regional Council elected June 2019
	Mayor Judy MacFarlane	Roper Gulf Regional Council elected June 2019
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<b>2020 - 2022</b>		
President	Lord Mayor the Hon Kon Vatskalis	City of Darwin
Vice President Regional & Shires	Councillor Peter Clee	Wagait Shire Council
Vice President Municipals	Councillor Kirsty Sayers-Hunt	Litchfield Council until August 2021
	Mayor Matt Paterson	Alice Springs Town Council elected November 2021
Executive Members	Mayor Jeffrey McLaughlin	Barkly Regional Council November 2021 - November 2022
	Deputy Mayor Peter Gazey	Katherine Town Council until August 2021
	Deputy Mayor Kym Henderson	Katherine Town Council November 2021 - March 2022
	Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane	Roper Gulf Regional Council
	Alderman Peter Pangquee	City of Darwin
	Councillor Kris Civitarese	Barkly Regional Council until August 2021
	Councilor Georgina Macleod	Victoria Daly Regional Council
	Councilor Bobby Wunungmurra	East Arnhem Regional Council

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#### 2022 - 2023

President	Lord Mayor the Hon Kon Vatskalis	City of Darwin
Vice President Regional & Shires	Councillor Peter Clee	Wagait Shire Council
Vice President Municipals	Mayor Matt Paterson	Alice Springs Town Council
Board Members	Councillor Georgina Macleod	Victoria Daly Regional Council
	Councillor Peter Pangquee	City of Darwin
	Councillor James Woods	West Arnhem Regional Council elected November 2022
	Councillor Cyril Tasman	Central Desert Regional Council elected November 2022
	President Sharon Beswick	Coomalie Community Government Council elected November 2022
	Mayor Elisabeth Clark	Katherine Town Council elected March 2022

#### LGANT Chief Executive Officers

1992 - 2002	Jeffrey Michael Hoare
2002 - 2019	Tony Francis Tapsell
2019 -	Sean Gerrard Holden

#### Life Members

2019	Kerry Moir
2022	Damien Ryan







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