



Mission

East Arnhem Regional Council is dedicated to promoting the power of people, protection of community and respect for cultural diversity in the East Arnhem Regional Council. It does this by forming partnerships, building community capacity, advocating for regional and local issues, maximising service effectiveness and linking people with information.

Core Values

Human Rights
Equality
Independence
Community
Work Confidence
Equity
Respect

AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING

7 March 2023

EAST ARNHEM REGIONAL COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that an Special Meeting Of Council of the East Arnhem Regional Council will be held at the East Arnhem Regional Council on Tuesday, 7 March 2023 at 10.30am.

Agendas and minutes are available on the Council website www.eastarnhem.nt.gov.au and can be viewed at the Council's public office.

Dale Keehne
Chief Executive Officer

Under closing the gap priority reforms, socio economic outcome 16 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are strong, supported and flourishing and it is standard practice for reports to be considered, discussed and debated in the traditional dialects of the East Arnhem region, Yolngu Matha or Anindilyakwan.

Anindilyakwa Ward

- Constantine MAMARIKA
- Lionel JARAGBA

Birr Rawarrang Ward

- Jason MIRRITJAWUY
- Robert YAWARNGU

Gumurr Gattjirrk Ward

- Lapulung DHAMARRANDJI
- Joe DJAKALA

Gumurr Marthakal Ward

- Evelynna DHAMARRANDJI
- David DJALANGI
- Kaye THURLOW

Gumurr Miwatj Ward

- Banambi WUNUNGMURRA
- Wesley DHAMARRANDJI

Gumurr Miyarrka Ward

- Bandi Bandi WUNUNGMURRA
- Bobby WUNUNGMURRA

DIAL IN DETAILS:

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Dial the Conference# 02 8318 0005

Meeting ID: 369 931 290#

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ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	LGANT Conference and General Meeting
REFERENCE	1738964
AUTHOR	Michael Freeman, Corporate Services Manager

**SUMMARY**

This report seeks decisions regarding the LGANT General Meeting.

BACKGROUND

LGANT have two General Meetings per year, one in April and one in November.

The April 2023 meeting is scheduled for 19 and 20 April in Alice Springs. The conference timetable is attached.

Council has two votes at the General Meeting, and can appoint one or two delegates.

Council also has the opportunity to propose motions to the meeting, and two possible motions have been developed for consideration by Council.

GENERAL

The first motion is seeking LGANT to coordinate assistance in establishing processes for the obtaining of required paperwork for burials under the new Cemetery and Burials Act.

The second motion is seeking LGANT to review the format of the conference to provide more opportunity for discussion on matters of common interest, and perhaps less time for organised external speakers.

Copies of the two motions and the Conference Program are attached.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Approves the attendance of <.....> to the LGANT Meeting 19-20 April 2023, with use of professional development and extra meeting allowances where appropriate.**
- (b) Approves the submission of two motions, on the topics of the Cemetery Act and a review of the Conference format.**

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 LGANT Burial Motion**
- 2 LGANT Conference Motion**
- 3 LGANT Conference Program**



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- Promotion of the sector
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Other important information

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Name of Council:

Click or tap here to enter council name.

Contact person and title:

Click or tap here to enter your full name and position.

Phone:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Email:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Date of Council resolution on the motion: Click or tap to enter a date.

Motion to be presented at:

- LGANT General Meeting date** - Click or tap to enter a date.
- LGANT Board Meeting Date** - Click or tap to enter a date.

Motion title:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Resolution sought (Motion):

- Motions should be clear and concise and limited to one subject matter/ issue.
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East Arnhem Regional Council calls on LGANT to assist with the coordination of consistent access to required documentation to allow Regional Council's to streamline burial approvals and meet compliance requirements in Community controlled cemeteries in accordance with NT Burial and Cremation Act 2022 (the Act).

Background and supporting information:

Include here:

- Background to the issue eg. how this issue came to light and how your council has tried to deal with it to date?



- If the subject matter or issue is strategic in nature eg. housing supply or planning legislation?
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The Burial and Cremation Act 2022 replaces 70-year-old legislation that pre-dated Aboriginal Land Rights in the NT.

Previously, cemeteries in regional and remote communities on Aboriginal land were not legally recognised. This means in the majority of areas burial records were not kept. The new legislation ensures that burial areas in communities are be legally recognised and Council requirement to maintain a record of burial sites in Community Cemeteries.

The practice will help ensure that people across the Northern Territory (NT) will have a record of where deceased loved ones are buried. Having a record of burial sites will ensure they are respected and that future generations can have a connection to their family history.

The Act section 38 2(c) requires the applicant for the deceased seeking approval for a burial in a Community Cemetery to provide one of the following documents for burial approval to be granted.

2(c) one of the following documents in relation to the deceased person:

- (i) a notice under section 34(1) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996;
- (ii) a certificate under section 12(3) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996;
- (iii) a certificate issued by the coroner or the coroner's clerk under section 17(1) of the Coroners Act 1993;
- (iv) a certificate issued by the Registrar under section 44(1)(a) of the Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996 certifying the registration of the death of the deceased person;

As the majority of Regional Councils do not have direct access to the Births Deaths & Marriage office or the coroner's officer, this requirement has potential to cause residents distress and delay operations in respect to cemetery management. Furthermore, many residents may have limited access or knowledge of the required documentation for formal burial approval to be granted.

The Act has a provision for the manager of the cemetery to request the required documentation from a provider.

(4) The manager of a cemetery may request a copy of the document required under subsection (2)(c)(i) or (ii) from a provider if the document is not submitted under subsection (2).

(5) If the manager of a cemetery requests a copy of a document under subsection (4), the provider must



provide a copy of the document to the manager unless the provider does not have access to the document.

The motion calls for a coordinated process to access required documentation to enable effective and efficient management of Community Cemeteries.



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East Arnhem Regional Council

Contact person and title:

Dale Keehne, CEO

Phone:

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Date of Council resolution on the motion: 8/03/2023

Motion to be presented at:

LGANT General Meeting date - 20/04/2023

LGANT Board Meeting Date - Click or tap to enter a date.

Motion title:

Review of LGANT General Meeting Format

Resolution sought (Motion):

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East Arnhem Regional Council calls on LGANT to review the format of the General Meeting/Conference.

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This motion seeks to provide greater opportunity for participants to discuss matters of common interest. Whilst the CEO and President/Mayor Forums exist, they are too short, and have become occupied by prearranged speakers.



SUSTAINABLE COUNCILS

LGANT CONFERENCE &
GENERAL MEETING

19-20TH APRIL 2023 • ALICE SPRINGS

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



THE HON. KON VATSKALIS LGANT PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasures to invite you to the 2023 LGANT NT Local Government Conference and General Meeting to be held at DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Alice Springs from Wednesday 19 to Thursday 20 April.

At each of our bi-annual general meetings we explore one of our seven strategic priorities and this time it is Strategic Priority: Finance, Governance and Workforce.

LGANT's goals are:

- to enhance the status of local government
- to enhance the performance of local government
- to effectively advocate for and represent member councils
- to maintain an effective and efficient service

Themed "Sustainable Councils", the 2023 Conference will kick off with concurrent sessions for Mayors & Presidents, CEOs, then a Regional and Shires Forum and a Municipals Forum. The afternoon will see a KPMG facilitated session on workforce shortages in local government and strategies to address them.

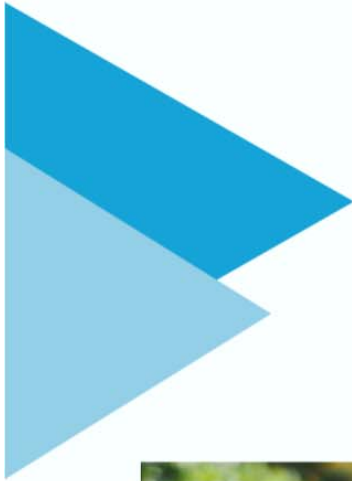
That night will be the conference dinner by the pool and hear from the Federal Minister for Local Government and Territories, The Hon. Kristy McBain MP. On Thursday we will meet with the Chief Minister to discuss hot topics for local government, this will be followed by the General Meeting.



I would like to sincerely thank and express the incredible support provided by our sponsors JLT Public Sector, HostPlus, Commonwealth Bank, LG Solutions, Mead Perry Group, Market Creations Agency, IT Vision, Regional Development Australia NT, WorkZone Territory and Bunnings.

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you from our member councils, LGANT Life Members, NT Government representatives, sponsors, presenters and kindred associations to the breath-takingly beautiful and iconic Alice Springs.

The Hon. Kon Vatskalis
LGANT President



SPEAKER PROFILES



**Sarah Hicks, Advisory Partner
KPMG**

Sarah is an Advisory Partner based in the KPMG Darwin office. She is an experienced business transformation and change consultant, people manager and programme lead. Originally from Darwin, Sarah has cross-industry and international experience across the US, UK, China, Asia-Pacific, Australia, and Middle East.

Sarah is focused on delivering directed business outcomes that are tangible to clients. In the past 15 years, Sarah has delivered business change and IT transformation programmes with a specialist focus on business improvement and optimization. She is passionate about the Change Management that underpins any business transformation effort and will work with clients to ensure the new ways of working not only sticks, but works for the people, the business and their customers for long-term success. Sarah is passionate about supporting local businesses, building capability, and retaining talent in the Territory.



**Heather Martens, Director
KPMG**

Heather is a Director in KPMG’s Darwin Office, providing a range of risk advisory services to clients in Darwin and remote Northern Territory. She is an accomplished professional with 17+ years of advisory experience helping clients maximise the value of governance processes to evaluate, understand and better manage the risks surrounding their business, operations and processes. She has experience providing risk consulting, internal audit and assurance consulting services in both the public and private sectors, across diverse industries, and companies of varying size and complexity.

Heather is passionate about working collaboratively with her clients to deliver great outcomes, with proven experience in providing a range of risk consulting and business process improvement across the areas of operations, compliance, strategy, capital delivery and core finance. Through her work, Heather has formed trusted strategic relationships with her clients and has helped them achieve better organisational resilience and outcomes.

More speaker information to come..

THE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023 - DAY 1

The Grand Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

10:30am REGISTRATIONS AND COFFEE	
<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i>	
11:00am MAYORS AND PRESIDENTS FORUM Chaired by Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President	11:00am CEOS FORUM Chaired by Sean Holden, LGANT CEO
11:05am NT COUNCILS DISCRETIONARY FUND James Sheridan, Branch Manager - JLT Public Sector	11:05am WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTHER TERRITORY Amelia Nuku, CEO - Industry Skills Advisory Council NT (ISACNT)
11:30am LOCAL GOVERNMENT HR/IR SUPPORT Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Strategy - WA Local Government Association (WALGA)	11:30am SUPERANNUATION AND FINANCIAL ADVICE Jordan Tuit, Manager - Hostplus
12:15pm LUNCH	
<i>CONCURRENT SESSIONS</i>	
1:00pm REGIONALS AND SHIRES FORUM Chaired by Peter Clee, LGANT Vice-President Regional and Shires	1:00pm MUNICIPALS FORUM Chaired by Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President
1:05pm HOT TOPICS FOR REGIONAL AND REMOTE COUNCILS Mary Watson, LGANT Senior Policy Advisor	1:05pm HOT TOPICS FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCILS Sean Holden, LGANT CEO
2:00pm COMBINED FORUM Chaired by Sean Holden, LGANT CEO	
2:05pm FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT FOR COUNCILS Tony Pizzuto - LG Solutions	
2:10pm 2022 LG WORKFORCE SKILLS AND CAPABILITY SURVEY - NT CONTEXT Liz de Chastel, Executive Director Policy - Australian Local Government Association RPIA	
3:00pm AFTERNOON TEA	
3:20pm WORKSHOP (70mins) Facilitated by Sarah Hicks - KPMG	
4:30pm CLOSE	
6:30pm DINNER Lower Poolside, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs	
6:45pm INTRODUCTION Sean Holden, LGANT CEO	
7:00pm WELCOME Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President	
7:45pm GUEST SPEAKER The Hon Kristy McBain Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories	
10:00pm CLOSE	

THE PROGRAM

THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023 - DAY 2

The Grand Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton Alice Springs

8:30am	REGISTRATIONS AND COFFEE
9:00am	WELCOME TO COUNTRY Kumalie Kngwarraye
9:10am	WELCOME Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President
9:20am	TBC SUSTAINABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS The Hon Chansey Paech, Minister for Local Government
9:30am	FINANCE (Asset Management/Risk Management) Heather Martens - KPMG
10:15am	MORNING TEA
10:35am	TBC LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROUNDTABLE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Minister • LGANT President • Cabinet • Local Government CEOs, Mayors and Presidents
12:25pm	LUNCH
1:15pm	TBC THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT Maree De Lacey, Executive Director - Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet
1:45pm	TBC CAREERS AT COUNCIL Jennifer James, Workforce Development Consultant - LGNSW
2:05pm	LGANT GENERAL MEETING Chaired by Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President
3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:20pm	LGANT GENERAL MEETING - CONTINUED Chaired by Lord Mayor Kon Vatskalis, LGANT President
5:00pm	MEETING CLOSES



REGISTRATION INFORMATION



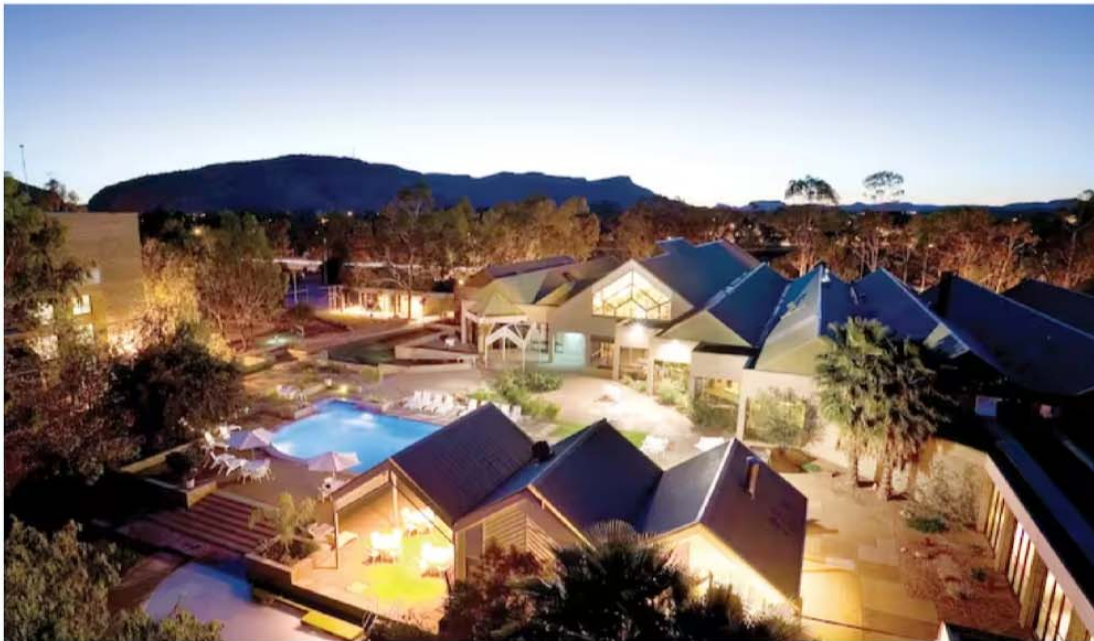
DELEGATE PRICES (GST APPLIES)		
Day 1 & 2	WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023 - THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023	\$350
Dinner	WEDNESDAY 19 APRIL 2023	\$150
Day 2 only	THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2023	\$175

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REPORTS OF OFFICERS



ITEM NUMBER	9.2
TITLE	2023 Australian Local Government - National General Assembly - Motions
REFERENCE	1739246
AUTHOR	Andrew Walsh, Director Community Development

SUMMARY:

This report is presented for Council consideration to submit motions for the Australian Local Government Association – National General Assembly to be held in June 2023.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) holds a major event on the annual Local Government calendar called the National General Assembly (NGA). The NGA typically attracts more than 700 Mayors, Councillors and Senior Officers from Councils across Australia.

The NGA is Council's opportunity to contribute to the development of national Local Government policy and receive updates on the top policy issues facing Local Government nationally. The NGA also provides a platform for Local Government to address national issues and advocate to the Federal Government on critical issues facing our sector.

For the last three years East Arnhem Regional Council has successfully tabled motions that have been carried on the floor of the assembly during the debate of motions. At the 2021 and 2022 National General Assembly, East Arnhem Regional Council successfully raised motions calling for nationally consistent recognition of Indigenous Local Government Councils as Aboriginal controlled entities across Australia at all levels of Government. The motion is still progressing today.

GENERAL

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council in February 2023 Council made the following resolution:

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report on the call for motions for the 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government.*
- (b) Nominates President Lapulung Dhamarrandji, Deputy President Lionel Jaragba and Councillor Bandi Bandi Wunungmurra, to attend the NGA23 supported by Senior Officers of Council nominated by the Chief Executive Officer.*
- (c) Endorses the following motions to be prepared for the Councillors review:*
 - (1) Telecommunications, mobile connection and telecommunication Infrastructure and services.*
 - (2) Australia Post services.*
- (d) Will consider and decide on the motion/s to be submitted to 2023 National General Assembly of Local Government at a Special Meeting of Council to be called before submissions are due on Friday 24 March 2023.*

The following motions have be drafted for Council's review and decision:

Australia Post Motion:

The National General Assembly (NGA) calls on the Australian Government to provide appropriate funding for Australia Post services in regional and remote Australia.

Communities in regional, rural, and remote Australia play an important role in our economic and social fabric. Over 8 million Australians reside in these areas, and regional businesses account for around 40% of Australia's economic output.

These communities and businesses span a diverse range of locations, demographics, and industries. While community aspirations vary across different regional, rural, and remote areas, they also have a lot in common. Access to core services such as education, health, and government services being the most important.

In many remote communities across Australia, Local Governments are often the provider of Australia Post services. Due to the significant costs associated with the provision of these services in remote areas, Local Governments often subsidise these services, which places a significant burden on their limited resources.

The provision of reliable postal services is essential for the social and economic development of remote communities. The delivery of Australia Post services in remote areas is often complex and challenging, requiring significant investment in infrastructure and resources to ensure that services are accessible and reliable.

Australia Post is the primary provider of postal services in Australia, and it has a legislative responsibility to ensure that all Australians have access to reliable and affordable postal services, regardless of their location. However, many providers are concerned that Australia Post's current funding model does not adequately account for the costs associated with providing postal services in remote areas.

This funding should be provided in a way that recognises the unique challenges associated with the provision of postal services in remote areas and ensures that services are accessible, reliable, and affordable for all Australians, regardless of their location without the requirement of Local Government or remote subsidisation.

Increased and appropriate funding for the delivery of Australia Post services in remote areas will support the social and economic development of these communities and ensure that all Australians have access to reliable and affordable postal services.

Telecommunications Motion:

The National General Assembly (NGA) calls on the Australian Government for tangible action from its response to the 2021 Regional Telecommunications Review and to implement its recommendations, to ensure that the digital divide between Australians living in regional, rural, and remote areas and those living in metropolitan communities is reduced.

The 2022–23 Budget contains a range of measures that respond to the 2021 Regional telecommunications review (Hartsuyker Review). The review considered access, reliability, and equity of telecommunication services in regional, rural and remote Australia, particularly issues posed by poor telecommunications services and the ability of regional Australians to engage in the digital economy and the focus on the digital needs of Indigenous Communities.

The Hartsuyker Review made 16 findings about the coordination of investment in infrastructure and service delivery, and the reliability and resilience of these services—particularly during natural disasters. It also considered the suitability of existing services to meet data demands, and the complexities faced by consumers attempting to address their

service issues. To address the findings the Hartsuyker Review (pp. 11–13) made 12 recommendations:

1. Adoption of a longer-term strategic approach to regional digital infrastructure and skills.
2. Increase government investment in regional connectivity.
3. Implement a regional telecommunications resilience fund.
4. Trial emerging connectivity technologies.
5. Build connectivity literacy and digital capability among regional users.
6. Enhance NBN Co's regional fixed wireless and Sky Muster services.
7. Implement and enforce new performance and reliability standards for wholesale and retail services.
8. Continue but reform existing universal services for the future.
9. Improve consumer information about mobile services including coverage and performance.
10. Encourage shared network access and innovative funding for mobile in regional areas.
11. Focus on the digital needs of Indigenous communities.
12. Improve affordability for vulnerable groups in regional areas.

The Hartsuyker Review is the fifth statutory review of regional telecommunications followed by many recommendations of Government, however, the digital divide continues.

The report author does not have a conflict of interest in this matter (Section 179 of the Act).

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (a) Notes the report.**
- (b) Endorses the motions be submitted to the National General Assembly with/without amendment.**
- (c) Does not submit any motions to the National General Assembly.**

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no attachments for this report.