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2025 CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

Directions in Leadership

Preliminary Program

Accelerating
Ideas

Driving
Progress

Road to
Impact

Steering
Progress

12 – 13 March
The Westin, Brisbane

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President's Invitation

The LGAQ's Civic Leaders Summit is the only event of its kind in Australian local government, bringing together Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and key stakeholders for a closed gathering – with the Chatham House Rule applied – allowing attendees to focus solely on professional development in a setting that is both confidential and collegiate.

The program abounds with valuable content, compelling guest speakers, sector experts and presentations from council leaders who will share their experiences and insights. This year's focus on 'Directions in Leadership' will explore how leaders build trust and leverage their relationships to influence on behalf of their communities in pursuit of a shared purpose.

Civic Leaders is a vibrant and informative platform for collaboration, designed to inspire, inform and energise local leaders as they navigate sector challenges. Time is set aside for networking with council colleagues and peers, affording ample opportunities to exchange ideas, address shared challenges and innovate solutions.

This, the second Summit of our four-year term, will be an exceptional event, empowering leaders to drive meaningful progress in their communities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Mayor Matt Burnett

Gladstone Regional Council

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Wednesday 12 March

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country
9:05am	President's Welcome Mayor Matt Burnett LGAQ President, ALGA President and Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council
9:10am	Keynote Presentation Gerard Benedet Pharmacy Guild National Director, Former Chief of Staff and Former State Director
9:50am	Local Legends Building Trusting, Collaborative Relationships
10:30am	Brighter Super – Managing Our Biggest Asset: Superannuation
10:35am	Morning Tea
11:10am	State Government Update
11:20am	Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Lead on Improving Efficiency in Local Government
11:40am	Red Tape Reduction Taskforce Lead & Local Government CEO Panel
12:25pm	Telstra – Streamlining Local Government Operations
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	LGMS Update

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Time	Session
2:00pm	<p>Workshop A Building Relationships with Key Stakeholders Lucy Greene, LGAQ Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, LGAQ</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Workshop B Council Leaders' Capability Series: Strategies for Sustainable Organisational and Workforce Change Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce & Industrial Relations, LGAQ</p>
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm	<p>Workshop C Your obligation to participate, and your right to know! Tim Fynes-Clinton, Executive Partner, King & Company Solicitors Kim Driver, Manager, Governance & Advisory Services, LGAQ</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Workshop D Leadership in Action: Mitigating Emerging Threats for Local Government in 2025 Daniel Fletcher, General Manager (Community & Liveability), Western Downs Regional Council</p>
4:30 pm	Close Day 1
5:30pm	Pre-dinner drinks
6:30pm	Networking Dinner – sponsored by King & Company Solicitors The Westin, Brisbane

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Thursday 13 March

Time	Session
9:00am	Welcome Back
9:05am	Keynote Why Projects Go Wrong...and How to Get Them Back on Track
9:35am	Local Government Major Projects Showcase
10:35am	Sponsor Address Hastings-Deering
10:45am	Morning Tea
11:15am	A Conversation - Lessons From a Life in Infrastructure
11:45am	Keynote Session
12:25pm	Close

Registration

Full Registration

\$990.00*

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Networking Dinner

\$150.00pp*

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