



2010–2011

# LGMA WA Budget and Member Services

## President's message

Thank you for your ongoing support for LGMA. I acknowledge that structural reform has been a significant focus for many members this year and we will continue to work with the Government to produce the most constructive result for the members and the industry. On other fronts I believe LGMA has made significant progress during the year with the State and Women in Local Government Conferences being the outstanding events.

The Board has resolved that Membership subscriptions will increase marginally for the coming year. The additional funds will allow LGMA to continue improving and expanding the range of services, activities and resources available to all members. You will note we have continued the early bird discount for members' fees again this year. I hope you take advantage of that scheme.

One of the great successes for the year was the Women in Local Government Conference held in early June. In recognition of the Year of Women in Local Government the Board resolved to offer all attendees at that event who are not members the opportunity to join as affiliates with the annual subscription for 2010–11 reduced to \$75. There has been a significant influx of new women members in the past few years and we would love to see this trend accelerate.

## Budget in brief

### Income

This year's budget includes the following major areas of income:

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|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Members Subscriptions   | \$167,000 | 15.3% |
| Corporate Subscriptions | \$150,000 | 13.8% |
| Council Membership      | \$ 66,000 | 6.1%  |
| Annual Conference       | \$349,000 | 32.1% |
| Other Conferences       | \$255,000 | 23.5% |
| PD & Other Events       | \$ 74,000 | 6.8%  |
| Other Income            | \$ 26,000 | 2.4%  |

### Expenditure

Expenditure included in this year's budget is as follows:

|                               |           |       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Administration and Governance | \$524,000 | 43.1% |
| Members Support and Advisory  | \$199,000 | 16.4% |
| Annual Conference             | \$248,000 | 20.4% |
| Other Conferences             | \$160,000 | 13.2% |
| Professional Development      | \$ 45,000 | 3.4%  |
| Business and Other            | \$ 40,000 | 3.3%  |

## Priorities for the coming year

The Association will continue with its suite of successful events targeted at specific elements of Local Government such as the following conferences; Annual State, Finance Professionals, Professional Development (South-West) and Women in Local Government.

We will continue to provide the acclaimed Executive Management Program but in the coming year we intend to expand the range and value of Professional Development events provided to members. We are well advanced in developing an Integrated Planning Master class which will reflect changing requirements for long term planning in Local Government. In addition there will be programs such as Strategic Thinking, Time Management and an Introduction to Local Government. A major priority with all programs will be the provision of these in regional areas.

Other projects for the coming year include:

- Finalisation of model employment contracts;
- continuation of the Emerging Leaders Forums through the various Branches;
- a review of the CEO Support program in conjunction with the Department;
- enhancing member support and advisory services;
- an overhaul of the LGMA web-site;
- a Community Development Network Conference;
- stronger support for the Branches and networks; and
- finding a new permanent home for LGMA.

LGMA WA is on a sound financial footing, allowing the Board to continue building existing services and activities and to introduce some significant new programs.

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