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Hi Member

**Welcome to the 38th edition of the LGMS eNews.**

In this 38th edition we look at the top tips on preventing claims for the aggravation of pre-existing injuries or medical conditions, look at a case study involving a tractor and damage to an electrical pillar box, and share part 1 of a series of articles on maximising civil liability defences.

Knowledge is power and mitigating our risks by effective and ongoing risk management practices impacts all Queensland councils. We encourage you to empower your council by sharing this newsletter with your colleagues and asking them to [subscribe](#).

We welcome your [feedback](#), suggestions and stories for future editions of the LGMS eNews.

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## **Maximising civil liability defences part one: What is an obvious risk?**

**Author:** *Kevin Johnson, LGM Liability & Assets Claims Manager*

Local authorities are afforded a number of defences for alleged breach of duty and the key to relying on those defences lies in the available evidence. [Read more.](#)

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## **Top tips on preventing claims for the aggravation of pre-existing injuries or medical conditions**

*Author: Dean Campbell, LGW Workcare Divisional Manager*

Employers can avoid a claim for compensation or damages where a worker aggravates a pre-existing injury or medical condition. [Read more.](#)

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## Tractor vs electrical pillar box

*Author: Peter Gould, LGW Workcare WHS Manager*

A member council recently received a Workplace Health and Safety Queensland Improvement Notice after a tractor drove over and significantly damaged an electrical pillar box and its associated cabling. [Read more.](#)

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## ***Why it is important to mitigate risks that impact water infrastructure?***

**Author:** *David Royston-Jennings, LGMS Regional Risk Coordinator and Aileen McNeil, LGM Assets Account Manager*

On 22 March each year, we acknowledge World Water Day, which celebrates water and raises awareness of the 2.2 billion people worldwide without access to safe water. Closer to home, with more than two thirds of the state drought declared, water supply is a significant risk exposure for many Queensland councils and communities. [Read more.](#)

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## ***Top five lessons learned from the LGMS Risk Excellence Award Winners***

**Author:** *Paul Bright, LGMS Regional Risk Coordinator*

The aim of the LGMS Risk Excellence Awards is to encourage collaboration and sharing of insights across our local government members who often face similar risks when serving their local communities. [Read more.](#)

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## National LG Cyber webinar - recording and slides available

A recording of the National Cyber Webinar and a copy of the presentation materials are now available for access by LGM Liability members. [Read more.](#)

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## Join us at Scenic Rim Regional Council to talk about LG Risk Management

Upcoming Local Government Risk Management Focus Group on 29 April hosted by Scenic Rim Regional Council, in person or join via Zoom. [Read more.](#)

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## Climate Risk, Resilience and Insurance - recording available

The LGAQ will be delivering a 3-part *Coastal Futures Webinar Series* for Queensland coastal councils between March and June/July 2022. The first webinar in the series focussed on the topic of Climate Risk, Resilience and Insurance. [Read more and to view the recording.](#)

Please note that you will need access to LGAQ Congruent to view. Please contact LGAQ's Member Services Centre to arrange access [ask@lgaq.asn.au](mailto:ask@lgaq.asn.au) or call 1300 542 700.

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## LGMS speaks at Western Qld Alliance of Councils Assembly 2022

LGMS were proud sponsors of the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils Assembly event held in Charleville from 9-11 March. [Read more.](#)

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## Summary of LGMS Board Strategy Day

On 10 March 2022, the LGMS Boards met for a designated strategy day to discuss a range of important topics and to ensure that the mutual schemes are able to continue achieve their objectives for members. [Read more.](#)

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## Pivoting and Progressing at ASIEQ Conference 2022

The theme of this year's conference was Pivoting and Progressing and explored the unique and ground breaking ways organisations have pivoted to not just survive, but progress in these strange times. [Read more.](#)

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## Introducing new LGM Board Member

LGMS welcomes Anne Lenz to the LGM Board of Management as the appointed member and representative from Brisbane City Council. [Read more.](#)

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## Cyber alert from ACSC

The Australian Cyber Security Centre has released an Act Quickly Alert urging all organisations to adopt an enhanced cyber security posture in response to the deteriorating situation in Ukraine. [Read more.](#)

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## **Date claimer webinar - Public Sector Asset Valuations**

Join Local Government Finance Professionals for their [webinar](#) on Public Sector Asset Valuations on Thursday 28 April from 10am - 11am. Presented in partnership with AssetVal and LGMS.



## **Now due – Liability and Cyber Liability member renewal questionnaires**

LGM members have been working hard to complete the member questionnaires. [Read more.](#)

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## Events and Member Engagement Opportunities

Our LGMS representatives will be attending the upcoming events below and we look forward to assisting our members as required.

- Local Government Risk Management Focus Group (Scenic Rim Regional Council) - 29 April 2022
- Local Government Risk Management Focus Group (Townsville City Council) - TBA July 2022
- Bush Councils Conference (Barcaldine) - 26-27 July 2022
- LGMA Annual Conference (Gladstone) - 6-8 September 2022
- LGAQ Annual Conference (Cairns) - 17-19 October 2022
- Local Government Risk Management Focus Group (Livingston Shire Council) - 18 November 2022
- LGFP Annual Conference (Cairns) - 22-25 November 2022

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