

LGW People & Safety Conference

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Brisbane

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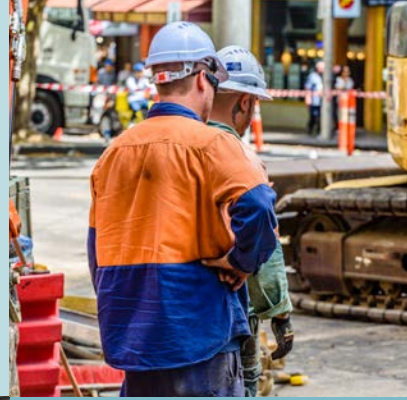
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Welcome Message

Connect, collaborate and innovate with people and safety professionals from all corners of the local government sector at the LGW People and Safety Conference 2026.

A 3-day conference program of specialist speakers, educational workshops that provide professional development, industry experts, council case studies and shared learnings. It is also an opportunity to network with your local government colleagues and trade exhibitors. This will take place in Brisbane at the Royal International Convention Centre from the 16th-18th June 2026.

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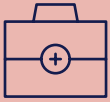




TUESDAY

CHANGE

TIME	SESSION
11.00	Registration and Networking - Light Lunch
12.30	Welcome to Country
12.35	LGAQ & LGW Welcome Alison Smith, LGAQ CEO & LGMS Board
12.45	LGW Overview & Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why we do what we do – how we help Councils?• The year that was in LGW Alison Smith, LGAQ CEO & LGMS Board Rachael Lindsay, Manager Insurance Services
1.00	Setting the Scene <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive uncertainty: How to lead through the unknown Dr Edwin Trevor-Roberts, CEO, Trevor-Roberts
1.45	OIR Update - Regulatory insights and updates Janene Hillhouse, Executive Director, Workers' Compensation Regulatory Services, OIR
2.15	PANEL DISCUSSION What are the People & Safety Challenges in Local Government? Tim Cox, Communications Advisor and MC, LGAQ Lyne Mear, Chief Human Resource Officer, Western Downs Regional Council Carly Quinn, General Manager People & Strategy, Gladstone Regional Council Dianne Woolley, Director, People Performance and Safety, Southern Downs Regional Council
2.45	AFTERNOON TEA
3.00	A word from our Sponsor
3.10	How are we caring for our people during change? Elle Ackland, Workforce Relations Manager, LGAQ Mark Pitt, CEO, South Burnett Regional Council Nikola Stepanov, CEO, Tablelands Regional Council



TUESDAY

CONTINUED CHANGE

TIME	SESSION
3.40	Ageing Workforce – Planning for your retirement and transitioning for the future Peter Hoban, Member Account Manager, Brighter Super
4.10	Recap / Close of Day 1
4.15	Trade Mutt Ed Ross, Co-Founder Trade Mutt
5.00	WELCOME NETWORKING EVENT (The Plaza)



WEDNESDAY

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TIME	SESSION
8.00	Registration with tea and coffee on arrival
8.30	Welcome Tim Cox, Communications Advisor and MC, LGAQ
8.40	Innovation & AI – Impacts on local government Tracy Whitelaw, Chief Digital Officer & Matt Oxlade, Innovation Manager, LGAQ
9.10	Psychosocial Safety at Work Practical takeaways (inc Q&A with Psych Unit) Jaeger Wood, Director, Psychological Health Unit, OIR Specialist & Regulatory Services
9.55	MORNING TEA
10.15	WORKSHOP Psychosocial Risk Management and Wellbeing for Local Government Practical takeaways & interactive component to build confidence and capability for People & Safety Professionals Venita Hudson, Executive Psychologist and Consultant specialising in Psychosocial Risk Management and Wellbeing
11.45	A word from our Sponsor
11.55	LUNCH
12.55	PANEL DISCUSSION Strategies to optimise safety in Local Government Sam McPherson, WPH&S Advisor, Lockyer Valley Shire Council Mike Castles, WHS Specialist, Quilpie Shire Council Peter Nicol, Return to Work & Safety Advisor - HSEQ, Maranoa Regional Council David (Dave) Browning, Health, Safety, Environment & Quality Advisor - HSEQ, Maranoa Regional Council
1.40	How to use your Councils Risk Management Framework to Achieve Operational Outcomes David Royston Jennings, Risk & Resilience Coordinator, LGMS



WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TIME	SESSION
2.10	Occupational Violence – Management & Prevention Joseph Gilmour, Lead, Workforce Policy, Legislation and Engagement Jordan Summers, Senior Security Advisor, City of Gold Coast
2.40	Proactive Strategies in Roads & Transport Jarrod Hellmuth, Lead, Roads and Transport, LGAQ
3.10	A word from our Sponsor Jane Reid, Principal Advisor, Child Safe Organisations Team, Queensland Family and Child Commission
3.20	AFTERNOON TEA
3.40	Storytelling to Solutions – Managing OH&S Peter Gould, Principal Consultant, Safety Advisory Services, SLR Consulting
4.10	Foreign Interference – Keep Your Council Safe Leonie Cunningham, Assist. Director & Kitty Mostyn, Director, Department of Home Affairs
4.40	Close of Day 2
5.30 – 8.00	CONFERENCE DINNER Stockman's Bar & Grill 5.30pm – Pre-Dinner Networking 6.00pm – Conference Dinner, sponsored by Alcolizer



THURSDAY

BEST PRACTICE

TIME	SESSION
8.00	Registration with tea and coffee on arrival
8.30	Welcome to the final day Tim Cox, Communications Advisor and MC, LGAQ
8.40	Common Law Case Study & Managing Psychological Claim Costs Mark Wiemers, MWL Lawyers
9.10	Workplace Changes & Mental Health Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce and Industrial Relations, LGAQ Rebecca Girard, Deputy Secretary at The Services Union
9.40	WORKSHOP Best Practice Ways to Keep Workers Safe - Achieving Benchmark OHS Audits Practical tips & takeaways Chris Simmonds, Senior Consultant, QRMC Lesley Harpeng, WHS Manager, LGW
10.40	MORNING TEA
11.00	A word from our Sponsor
11.10	COUNCIL CASE STUDY Enforceable Undertakings & Improvement Opportunities Ben Darcy, General Manager, Safety & Wellbeing, City of Gold Coast Tom Wiltshire, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Program Leader, Logan City Council
11.40	Storage and Management of Hazardous Chemicals - Water Treatment Plants and Swimming Pools Jane Churchill, Acting Chief Advisor, Manifest Quantity Workplace, Specialist and Regulatory Services, OIR
12.10	How Councils Can Manage People & Safety - Lessons Learned? Troy Wild, General Manager, Legal & Workforce, Peak Services
12.40	Conference Address & Close LGAQ
1.00	LIGHT LUNCH

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Accommodation



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Registration

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Early Bird Pricing

(Valid until 1 May 2026)

Early Bird Full Conference Registrations

LGW Scheme Members: **\$750 GST Inclusive** (Save \$100)

Non LGW Scheme Members: **\$900 GST Inclusive** (Save \$100)

Early Bird Day 2 Only Registrations

LGW Scheme Members: **\$350 GST Inclusive** (Save \$100)

Non LGW Scheme Members: **\$450 GST Inclusive** (Save \$100)

Welcome Networking Event (Optional)

Complimentary (includes canapes and drinks)

Date: Tuesday 16 June 2026, 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Exhibition Space – Hall A,
Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane

Conference Dinner (Optional)

Conference Dinner Pricing **\$150 GST Inclusive per person**
(includes meal and drinks)

Date: Wednesday 17 June 2026, 6:30pm- 9:00pm

Location: Stockman's Bar & Grill,
Royal International Convention Centre, Brisbane

Dress code: Smart casual



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