

LGW **People and Safety Event**



North Queensland

29 – 30 July 2025 | Pullman International Hotel, Cairns



Day 1 Tuesday

29 July 2025

7:45am

Registration

8:00am

Welcome & Introduction

8:15am

Training Workshop with Michelle McFadyen

Leading from the Middle: Tackling Psychosocial Risks, Culture Clangers and Courageous Conversations

In this practical and engaging session, leadership and wellbeing expert Michelle McFadyen arms attendees with the tools they need to lead effectively from the “messy middle.” Participants will learn how to identify early psychosocial risks, handle poor behaviour with confidence, and have the courageous conversations that drive real accountability. With proven frameworks for 1:1s, conflict conversations, and influencing upwards - even when senior leaders are hands-off - this workshop delivers real-world strategies for managing culture and compliance before things escalate.

10:30am

Morning Tea

11:00am

LGW Management Committee / LGAQ Trustee Update

Rachael Lindsay - Manager Insurance Services, LGAQ

11:30am

LGW People & Safety Update

Dean Campbell - Divisional Manager, LGW and Lesley Harpeng - WHS Manager, LGW

12:00pm

WHS Legislative Update – What’s new?

Joe Gilmour - Lead, Workforce Policy, LGAQ

12:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm

Risks in Your Water Business

Dr Georgina Davis - Chief Executive Officer, Queensland Water Directorate

2:15pm

People & Safety: Leadership & Risk Management

Ian Barton - Regional Risk Coordinator, LGMS

2:45pm

Afternoon Tea

3:00pm

National Audit Tool – Audit Findings Update

David Muchow - Managing Consultant, QRMC

3:45pm

People & Safety: Council Case Study – Streamlining Safety Systems

Megan Cannings- Safety and Quality Coordinator, Burdekin Shire Council

4:30pm

Close

5:30pm

Networking Event

Hemmingways Brewery, Cairns

Day 2 Wednesday

30 July 2025

8:30am

Registration

8:45am

LGAQ Workforce Strategy inc. funding

Elle Ackland - Manager, Workforce and Industrial Relations, LGAQ

9:15am

People & Safety: Council Best Practice Session

10:00am

Psychosocial Minefields - What is Reasonable Management Action?

Mark Wiemers - Principal, MWL Lawyers

10:45am

Morning Tea

11:00am

Getting Your People Back to Work – Injury Management

Matt Tinski - Injury Management Consultant, LGW

11:30am

Wrap Up

11:45am

Close

Please note this program is subject to change.

Registration

Prices are GST inclusive.

Full Registration (Members Only)

\$295

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Networking Function (Optional)

Prices are GST inclusive.

Function (members only)

\$50

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Please refer to the LGAQ's registration cancellation policies when registering for the event.

Accommodation options

Pullman Cairns International (20% off using the link)

Pacific Hotel Cairns (corporate code '**Terrific**' for 20% off)

Pullman Reef Hotel Casino



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