

4.2 NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023 – AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Responsible Director: Jarrod Doake

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves the attendance of the following Councillors at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly in Canberra from 13 to 15 June 2023 both dates inclusive:

Councillors: Tina Samardzija, Nicky Luo, Rebecca Paterson, Shane McCluskey and Stuart James

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly 2023 will be held from 13-15 June 2023 inclusive, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

DISCUSSION

This year the NGA theme is "Our Communities, Our Future".

The theme focusses on the critical importance of our communities, how they are the focus of our attention, and how they are at the centre of all councils' work. Our communities are the reason that local governments exist, and it is the health and wellbeing of our communities that will shape Australia's future.

This event also provides a unique opportunity for the Local Government sector to engage directly with the Federal Government, to develop national policy and to influence the future direction of Councils and local communities.

Councillors Tina Samardzija, Nicky Luo, Rebecca Paterson, Shane McCluskey and Stuart James have expressed an interest in attending the Conference and approval is sought from the Council for these Councillors to attend.

FINANCIAL

The total cost for the event, for attendance, is estimated at approximately \$3,000 per Councillor and includes registrations, travel, accommodation, and conference-related dinners.