7.4.4 AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

Responsible Manager:	Amanda Sapolu, Manager Corporate Governance & Legal
Responsible Director:	Jarrod Doake, Director City Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- Approves the attendance of the following Councillors at the Australian Local Government Association's National General Assembly 2024 in Canberra from 2 July 2024 to 5 July 2024 both dates inclusive and include travel time.
 - Cr Nicky Luo
 - Cr Josh Fergeus
 - Cr Theo Zographos
 - o Cr Tina Samardzija
 - Cr Shane McCluskey
 - o Cr Rebecca Paterson
 - Cr Stuart James
 - Cr Anjalee de Silva

INTRODUCTION

The Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly will be held from Tuesday 2 July to Thursday 4 July 2024 inclusive, at the National Convention Centre in Canberra.

The purpose of the National General Assembly (NGA) is to build the profile of local government on the national stage and demonstrate to the Australian Government the strength and value of working with local government nationally.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Good Governance

Maintain the highest standards of good governance.

BACKGROUND

This year the NGA theme is "Building Community Trust".

The theme aims to explore the critical importance of trust in governments, between governments, its institutions and its citizens. Trust is a fundamental building block of our nation's democracy. The 2024 NGA will focus on the role of local government and how all levels of government can help each other build, maintain and strengthen government-community relationships.

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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not required.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights implications to this report.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this policy/program/service does not have a 'direct' and 'significant' impact on the community.

CONCLUSION

Councillors Nicky Luo, Dr Josh Fergeus, Theo Zographos, Tina Samardzija, Shane McCluskey, Rebecca Paterson, Stuart James and Anjalee de Silva have expressed an interest in attending the Conference and approval is sought from the Council for these Councillors to attend.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil