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# 2025 CIVIC LEADERS SUMMIT

## Directions in Leadership

Preliminary Program

Accelerating  
Ideas

Driving  
Progress

Road to  
Impact

Steering  
Progress

**12 – 13 March**  
The Westin, Brisbane

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## President's Invitation

The LGAQ's Civic Leaders Summit is the only event of its kind in Australian local government, bringing together Mayors, Councillors, CEOs and key stakeholders for a closed gathering – with the Chatham House Rule applied – allowing attendees to focus solely on professional development in a setting that is both confidential and collegiate.

The program abounds with valuable content, compelling guest speakers, sector experts and presentations from council leaders who will share their experiences and insights. This year's focus on 'Directions in Leadership' will explore how leaders build trust and leverage their relationships to influence on behalf of their communities in pursuit of a shared purpose.

Civic Leaders is a vibrant and informative platform for collaboration, designed to inspire, inform and energise local leaders as they navigate sector challenges. Time is set aside for networking with council colleagues and peers, affording ample opportunities to exchange ideas, address shared challenges and innovate solutions.

This, the second Summit of our four-year term, will be an exceptional event, empowering leaders to drive meaningful progress in their communities.

I look forward to seeing you there.

**Mayor Matt Burnett**

Gladstone Regional Council

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## Wednesday 12 March

| Time    | Session  |
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| 9:00am  | Welcome and Acknowledgment of Country  |
| 9:05am  | <b>President's Welcome</b><br>Mayor Matt Burnett<br>LGAQ President, ALGA President and Mayor, Gladstone Regional Council           |
| 9:10am  | <b>Keynote Presentation</b><br>Gerard Benedet<br>Pharmacy Guild National Director, Former Chief of Staff and Former State Director |
| 9:50am  | Local Legends   Building Trusting, Collaborative Relationships   |
| 10:30am | Brighter Super – Managing Our Biggest Asset: Superannuation  |
| 10:35am | Morning Tea  |
| 11:10am | State Government Update  |
| 11:20am | Red Tape Reduction   Taskforce Lead on Improving Efficiency in Local Government  |
| 11:40am | Red Tape Reduction   Taskforce Lead & Local Government CEO Panel   |
| 12:25pm | Telstra – Streamlining Local Government Operations   |
| 12:30pm | Lunch  |
| 1:30pm  | LGMS Update  |

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## Wednesday 12 March

| Time    | Session  |
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| 2:00pm  | <p><b>Workshop A</b><br/><b>Building Relationships with Key Stakeholders</b><br/>Lucy Greene, LGAQ Manager, Intergovernmental Relations, LGAQ</p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Workshop B</b><br/><b>Council Leaders' Capability Series: Strategies for Sustainable Organisational and Workforce Change</b><br/>Elle Ackland, Manager, Workforce &amp; Industrial Relations, LGAQ</p> |
| 3:00pm  | <b>Afternoon Tea</b>   |
| 3:30pm  | <p><b>Workshop C</b><br/><b>From Strategy to Action</b></p> <p>Or</p> <p><b>Workshop D</b><br/><b>Leadership in Action: Mitigating Emerging Threats for Local Government in 2025</b><br/>Daniel Fletcher, General Manager (Community &amp; Liveability), Western Downs Regional Council</p>  |
| 4:30 pm | <b>Close Day 1</b>   |
| 5:30pm  | <b>Pre-dinner drinks</b>   |
| 6:30pm  | <b>Networking Dinner – sponsored by King &amp; Company Solicitors</b><br>The Westin, Brisbane  |

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## Thursday 13 March

| Time    | Session   |
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| 9:00am  | Welcome Back  |
| 9:05am  | Keynote   Why Projects Go Wrong...and How to Get Them Back on Track |
| 9:35am  | Local Government Major Projects Showcase                            |
| 10:35am | Sponsor Address   Hastings-Deering                                  |
| 10:45am | Morning Tea   |
| 11:15am | A Conversation - Lessons From a Life in Infrastructure              |
| 11:45am | Keynote Session   |
| 12:25pm | Close   |

## Registration

### Full Registration

**\$990.00\***

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### Networking Dinner

**\$150.00pp\***

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## Accomodation

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