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The Board of Management

Cale Dendle - President



Cale Dendle's local government career began with Rockhampton City Council in 1991. Cale was admitted as a student member of the Institute of Municipal Management in 1995/96. Prior to taking up his current position, Cale was Chief Executive Officer at Bauhinia from 2003-2007. Cale has been an active member of LGMA for over 15 years and was President of the CQ Branch in 2005 having served as Secretary/Treasurer and Vice-President in the years preceding. Cale was part of a small group who assisted in planning the inaugural Future Leaders' Forum.

Ray Burton



Ray has been in local government for 38 years, 24 of those as a CEO. His last 7 years were as CEO at Townsville City Council and prior to that, 6 years at Pine Rivers Shire Council and 10 years as CEO at Bendigo Council in Victoria. Ray is now a consultant to the Local Government sector with a wealth of experience following a career of 38 years in Local Government across two states. Ray has been a Director on the LGMA Qld Board since 2006. From 2008, he was Queensland's representative to the National Board, only stepping down following his term as President which finished in 2013. Ray is a strong supporter of LGMA Queensland programmes and the role LGMA plays in assisting members and the industry generally in issues that input upon local government employees.

Brett de Chastel



Brett is a fellow of LGMA and was elected to the Board of LGMA Qld in September 2015. Brett has worked in Queensland local government for over 25 years holding senior executive roles at Ipswich City Council, Noosa Shire Council and Sunshine Coast Regional Council. Brett has also operated a specialist local government consultancy business providing advice to over 25 councils across Queensland. Brett has authored a number of important reports on local government including for ACELG, LGMA and the Department of Local Government. Brett has previously been on the SEQ Branch Executive. Brett sees his role on the Board of LGMA Queensland as a way of "giving back" to our profession.



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Linda Cardew



Linda Cardew joined the Board of LGMA Queensland as the Director North Queensland in 2016. She has been in her current role as CEO of Douglas Shire Council since de-amalgamation in early 2014, and is proud to see the new Council develop into a capable and successful organisation. Linda has held senior positions in local government in Qld and NSW for almost 20 years and is highly motivated to support the development of contemporary and innovative councils, particularly in rural and remote areas. In 2015 Douglas Shire Council was awarded the LGMA Award for Excellence - Women in Local Government Award and in 2016 Linda was the Qld Regional Winner (Cairns) of the AIM Excellence in Leadership Awards.

Warren Collins



Warren Collins joined the Board of LGMA Qld in 2012, having been involved in pioneering the Indigenous Local Government CEOs group. He continues to drive this group to ensure that the issues specific to indigenous councils in the state can be dealt with in a cooperative way. Warren was first employed by the Cherbourg Community Council in 1984 and has overseen its transition to a local government under the Local Government Act. Warren also sat on the Grants Commission from 2004 to 2010.

Mark Pitt



Mark joined the Board in 2016 and has been the Chief Executive Officer of the North Burnett Regional Council since 2010. Mark has held the position of CEO in local government for the past 13 years with a total of 17 years in the industry. Mark has been engaged with Local Government Managers Australia for many years and previously held a Board position on the board of LGMA Tasmania. In 2013, Mark was recognised as the Local Government Manager of the Year. In the same year, he was named Australian Institute of Management Qld Professional Manager of the Year, Sunshine Coast Regional.



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Susan Jarvis



Prior to commencing her local government career in 1996, Susan had 15 years working at an executive level in the private sector and 5 years as a Queensland Police Officer. She joined the Board of LGMA Qld in September 2013. Her local government experience consists of 7 years working in the administration and finance departments, 5 years Executive Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer and Mayor and 5 years Manager of Corporate Services and is currently the General Manager Community & Organisational Capacity. Susan has a great deal of respect for both past and current LGMA Qld board members and their accomplishments in promoting this peak professional body to be the leader in excellence that it is. The opportunity to be part of LGMA whilst representing and being a voice for the members would fulfil a long-held personal ambition.

David Keenan



David has worked in senior management positions, as a Chief Executive Officer and Director in the local government sector for the past 20 years. His employment has been in rural, metropolitan, peri-urban and coastal local government authorities. David is committed to best practice in local government and has a focus on policy development and continuous improvement. David was a member of the six-person Ministerial Advisory Committee that reviewed the Victorian Planning System and was involved in the review of the Planning and Environment Act. Through the Centre for Sustainable Leadership program, David has acted as a mentor to young people and continues to contribute to the community by coaching junior AFL.