**Governance Exchange 8 Feb 2023**

**11.30-12.30pm Zoom**

**Agenda items discussed during the meeting.**

1. Introduced Elaine Brown (LGMA Council Liaison Officer) and Sarah Villiers (Village Executive Committee member)
2. General awareness/update on several matters:
   1. 2024 Elections: 12 months out! How are you preparing
   2. Conflicts of interest: general discussion on how councils are managing:
   3. One council advised that they provide monthly refresher training to their Councillors on their obligations
   4. Feedback was sought from one council on how others manage loss of quorum due to declared CoI due to dealing with councillor conduct matters
   5. Inquiry into the Independent Assessor and councillor conduct complaints system (pending update to legislation anticipated late 2023)
   6. [*Managing psychosocial hazards and risks*](https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/laws-and-compliance/codes-of-practice/managing-the-risk-of-psychosocial-hazards-at-work-code-of-practice-2022). New Code of Practice in Queensland - Managing the risk of psychosocial hazards at work comes into effect April 2023. Will share links in discussion board and keep an eye out for upcoming article in LGMA journal!

2. Digital Governance: Sarah provided an update on digital governance, recent publications on the matter, opportunities/benefits and surveys. Several councils advise they were on the journey and shared their experience/status.

**General Discussion/Enquiries**

* Enquiry on “*how other Councils manage their Councillors Information requests under acceptable request guidelines. system, how you monitor, share with other councillors etc. especially with election approaching*.”
* LGAQ – Building Contracts
  + On behalf of a member council, the LGAQ sought any examples of processes in managing the obligations relating to notifying QBCC of project trust accounts under the under the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017.* Matter was also raised at the Procurement Village.
* Body Worn Cameras – Logan seeking information on body worn cameras, policies and requirements. A number of councils offered to provide information offline.
* LGAQ advised that the latest delegations from King and Co will be available .

**General LGMA Updates**

* LGMA will be offering Onboarding Training in Nov 2023 in regard to upcoming elections for CEOs and Governance Officers who prepare material
* **LGMA Governance Forum** (face to face) scheduled for 7 & 8 June 2023 in Cairns. Information is available on website.
* Update on upcoming Webinars over February and March.
  + [*Legislation update for IP, Data Breaches and Privacy*](https://www.lgmaqld.org.au/event-5013276)
    - *15 Feb 2023 10:00*
  + [*Whistleblowing and Complaints Management Webinar Series (2 parts)*](https://www.lgmaqld.org.au/event-4997175)
    - *16 Feb 2023 10:00*
  + [*Human Rights Act Webinar*](https://www.lgmaqld.org.au/event-5036512)
    - *15 Mar 2023 10:00*
  + [*Developing a Reconciliation Action Plan Webinar*](https://www.lgmaqld.org.au/event-5036516)
    - *16 Mar 2023 11:30*
* Next Governance Village scheduled 3 May
* Reminders:
  + participants of the LGMA Discussion Boards, which are a great way to share and request information from peers.
  + Excellence Awards are open. Close 3pm Wednesday 19 April 2023