

Facilities and Venues Exchange 12 March 2024

Agenda items discussed during the meeting.

- Sunshine Coast keen to hear if anyone have examples of **accommodation provided at council owned/controlled sport facilities?**
 - Toowoomba have accommodation at Jondaryan Dairy and Woolshed, campgrounds within dam network
 - Western Downs has accommodation at lake board water and some camping spots
 - Tablelands has university student accommodation, and 2 caravan parks
- Lockyer Valley wanting to hear how other councils are coping with **staff retention** and any strategies/suggestions?
 - Toowoomba struggling to obtain staff even with short recruitment timeframes, one week advertising and one week close
 - Ipswich finding it hard to source qualified persons in leasing or acquisitions and are tending to look for people with a real estate background that have some property knowledge and are having more success recruiting internally.
- Lockyer Valley looking to other councils for **better activation ideas** for Council facilities
 - Moreton Bay looking at activation strategies in halls, particularly ones that have community management. Engaged external consultant to develop an activation plan and template. As well under new management agreements have added activation as an incentive and then financially compensating for the introduction of an activation plan.
- Tablelands currently finding homelessness is increasing in area as well as the use of drugs/alcohol in precincts and breaking and entering to TRC properties is on the rise, how are other councils handling **displaced people staying in their facilities without authorisation.**
 - Other councils are experiencing increase in community seeking safe shelter in halls/facilities, with involvement by Police to move them on.
 - Need to be across Human Rights aspects regarding people's belongings.
- **Fees and Charges discussion** around managed discounts for community/not for profit groups.

- Article on Role of **Community Leasing in Local Government** by Michael Connelly, Managing Director CPR Group which may be of interest [The Role of Community Leasing in Local Government.pdf](#)

Workshops/training/conferences

LGMA have a number of programmes, conferences, webinars open for registration, please have a look at the website for what's available and don't forget if you do know of any upcoming events that you think would be of interest to the group add them to the discussion board.

Awards

The 2024 LGMA Awards for Excellence nominations are open so if you or your council has a project or initiative that you believe should be acknowledged and celebrated, please consider submitting a nomination. More information can be found on our website.