

External Memberships

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Summary

The City of Sydney is a member of a wide range of associations and organisations which provide staff and Councillors with access to up-to-date information and information-sharing opportunities, forums and conferences for professional and policy development.

The memberships held by the City of Sydney are reviewed regularly to ensure they remain relevant to the work of the City and are provided to Council for their information. The City's current memberships are outlined in Attachment A.

The total cost of these memberships is \$556,134.12 per annum which has been provided for in the 2020/21 budget.

The top three memberships account for \$200,459.07 and include the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).

The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$355,675.05.

In 2007, Council resolved that new, minor memberships up to the value of \$10,000 be approved by the relevant Director or Chief Executive Officer. New memberships worth over \$10,000 are brought to Council for consideration.

This report seeks Council's endorsement of the existing memberships as outlined in Attachment A. The City's memberships will continue to be reviewed and any significant changes reported to Council.

Recommendation

It is resolved that Council receive and note the City's membership of the associations outlined in Attachment A to the subject report.

Attachments

Attachment A. List of Existing Memberships

Background

1. The City of Sydney is a member of a range of associations which provide access to professional support, updated industry information and information sharing, forums and conferences for professional and policy development and accreditation.
2. Memberships cover a wide range of associations to reflect the breadth of City activities.
3. The City contributes to and works with these groups to achieve our goals.
4. The total cost of these memberships is \$556,134.12 per annum.
5. These memberships were included in the budget for 2020/21.
6. The top three memberships account for \$200,459.07 and includes the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM), Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).
7. The other smaller memberships make up the remaining \$355,675.05. The City's memberships will continue to be reviewed and any significant changes reported to Council.

Financial Implications

8. The existing cost of these memberships is \$556,134.12 per annum which has been provided for in the 2020/21 operating budget.

Relevant Legislation

9. Nil.

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Chief Executive Officer

Leander Klohs, Executive Manager, OCEO

Attachment A

List of Existing Memberships

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS HELD BY THE CITY OF SYDNEY		
ASSOCIATION	BENEFIT TO CITY	AMOUNT (\$)
Chief Executive Office		
Sustainable Business Australia	Participation in the SBA Sustainability Professionals Group and ability for the City to directly engage with industries focussed on developing the green economy and sustainable business practices	9,000.00
Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council	Provides a forum for groups to gather and discuss the planning, design, delivery, operation of our built environment and its social and environmental impacts.	6,450.00
Local Government NSW	The City's involvement is necessary to lead the policy and strategic direction of local government in NSW.	91,594.07
The Committee for Sydney	Provides access to forums with peak industry, governmental and community leaders promoting sustainability.	16,500.00
Keep Australia Beautiful NSW	Works closely with communities to ensure a sustainable future. Membership provides access to programs and opportunities to work closely together to achieve that sustainable future.	1,050.00
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	Collaborative national level advocacy forum. Involves policy development, sharing information and practices across capital cities.	36,975.00

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS HELD BY THE CITY OF SYDNEY		
ASSOCIATION	BENEFIT TO CITY	AMOUNT (\$)
Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC)	Collaboration with neighbouring councils on issues such as procurement, industry best practice and advocacy.	71,890.00
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Brings the latest global solutions and knowledge to the local context, with members and teams of experts working together to create systemic change for urban sustainability. Peak global organisation on climate change issues.	3,565.00
Sydney First - NSW Business Chamber Limited	An important resource as a support group and solutions provider for business.	20,000.00
Tourism Transport Forum	Peak national tourism body. Advocates the public policy interests of corporations and institutions on tourism, transport, aviation and investment.	28,875.00
Total		285,899.07
Legal and Governance		
Environment and Planning Law Association NSW	Enables staff working in the fields of planning and environmental law, including lawyers and planning staff, to maintain up to date knowledge and professional contacts in this are	495.00
Total		495.00

People Performance and Technology		
APNIC - Regional Internet Registry	Manages the allocation of internet number resources (IP addresses and AS numbers), supports internet infrastructure development, produces research, and participates in internet cooperation and governance.	1,534.00
Australian Network on Disability Ltd	Assists organisations in welcoming people with a disability generally and as employees, customers, stakeholders, residents.	1,470.00
Australian Society of Archivists Inc	Professional body for archivists in Australia, provides information about best practice.	818.18
CEB IT Leadership Council of Midsized Companies - Gartner UK Limited	Provides best practice research, tools, webinars and networking opportunities for HR professionals to support organisations committed to improving their people practices.	32,960.00
Diversity Council Australia Limited	Provides expert advice, research, events and programs, resources for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.	9,292.28
Public Sector User Forum Inc	"Pathway user group", gives staff access to latest information on Pathway, developments, issues and exchanges of information with other people using Pathway.	1,300.00
NSW Workers Compensation Self Insurers Association	Provides members with support to comply with legislation, prevent and manage workplace injuries.	825.00
Total		48,199.46

City Projects and Property		
Property Council of Australia	Enables City representation as a member, recognition within the industry, access to research papers, discounts on courses and member training.	11,486.36
Total		11,486.36
City Planning Development and Transport		
Australia ICOMOS Secretariat	Informs the approaches to heritage conservation policy and practice for culturally significant places.	763.64
Total		763.64
City Life		
Australian Library and Information Association	ALIA advocate for all public libraries in Australia and organises an annual conference as well as library specific training. Members receive discounted prices to attend. Membership also provides quarterly newsletter, professional articles and research papers.	1,495.45
Community Early Learning Australia Ltd	Supports evidence-based research, consultation, and action, uniting childcare services.	309.09
Early Childhood Australia Inc	Provides resources and up to date information on the early childhood education and care industry. Provides reduced rates for conferences and training opportunities.	332.73

History Council of NSW Inc	Enables representation on the peak body for history; participation in History Week; networking, and resources.	590.91
International Arts Federation Services	IFACCA is the global network of national cultural policy funding bodies. Its aim is to create an international resource and meeting ground for all public bodies responsible for supporting excellence and diversity in artistic endeavour.	1,727.00
National Disability Services	Peak body for non-government disability service organisations. Provides information to the City about disability services and needs.	227.27
Network of Community Activities	Provides support and resources to outside school hours care services in NSW. Provides reduced rates for conferences and training opportunities.	727.27
New South Wales Public Libraries Association	Membership provides access to professional training workshops and seminars; services such as library reviews, facilitation of strategic planning, children's, multicultural and reference services and promotion, access to professional publications, NSW public libraries statistics, and a forum for all library professionals.	2,558.00
NSW Meals on Wheels Association Inc	This is the peak professional body, gives access to information, training, and conferences.	1,010.91
NSW Resource Description and Discovery Network	Package of data elements, guidelines, and instructions for creating library and cultural heritage resource metadata.	45.00

Oral History NSW Inc.	Provides regular newsletter & journal; networking, professional development & learning opportunities; member rates for conferences.	65.00
Refugee Council of Australia	Promotes, supports and advocates for policy reform for refugees and people seeking asylum and enables the City to share our knowledge and experience in supporting refugees, as well as learning from others.	5,000.00
Youth Action Policy Association	Provides access to the peak youth organisation representing young people and youth services in NSW.	418.00
Total		14,506.63
City Services		
Aquatic and Recreation Institute	This is the NSW peak body for the aquatics and recreation industry, providing professional training opportunities, conferences, and access to information.	600.00
Arboriculture Australia Ltd	National body for tree management, providing professional development tools and research and best practice advice.	1,172.14
Australian Institute of Traffic Planning and Management	The peak body for traffic and transport practitioners in Australia, membership encourages best practice and provides professional development and networking opportunities.	704.55

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) (NSW Division) Ltd	A professional network which includes technical panels and discussion forums, which also provides access to training workshops and conferences. Please note that this membership forms part of the Roads and Transport Directorate which provides technical support and assistance to member councils as well as delivering advocacy on their behalf.	6,212.89
Local Government Tree Resources Association	Local government focused group that provides collaboration and support to improve industry standards, educational and networking opportunities for colleagues across NSW	600.00
Parking Australia - Parking Facility Member - Public (not for profit)	Provides information on the developments in parking meter and car park technology and provides networking opportunities with peers.	430.00
Streets Opening Coordination Council	A collaboration tool so that councils, utilities, government agencies, and private companies can work together to schedule capital infrastructure works.	5,000.00
Treenet Inc	National level organisation that promotes Australian research, and a platform for advocacy for the urban forest. Memberships includes one free attendance at the yearly symposium.	1,454.55
Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association	Provides industry sector information on new developments in waste and environment issues, waste calculators and research data.	1,650.00

Waste Contractors and Recyclers Association	The peak industry association for businesses involved in collecting and transporting waste in NSW. Membership enables the City to have better leverage with the industry on commercial waste issues (i.e collection times, noise complaints, bin storage issues).	820.91
Parks and Leisure Australia	Representing the interests of the parks, recreation and leisure industry and related professions across Australia, membership provides professional development opportunities, sector information, news, analyses and commentary including best practice management, regulatory and standards updates and announcements.	2,750.00
Australasian Fleet Managers Association	A national network group enabling the City to showcase its leadership and keep up to date in the fleet management and emission reduction sectors.	699.09
Floodplain Management Association	Represents the interests of floodplain communities in NSW, and the authorities responsible for managing floodplains.	1,590.91
Stormwater Industry Association of NSW	This is the main industry association in stormwater management across NSW. Provides information on the latest industry practices and trends in stormwater management.	763.64
Total		24,448.68

Chief Operating Office		
C40	Provides City staff with opportunities for knowledge exchange and enables them to take collaborative action to cut greenhouse gas emissions, stimulate business, community and government action on climate change, and act as champions in the international arena. While there is no membership cost for C40, there can be costs involved in holding and attending events.	0
Committee for Economic Development Australia (CEDA)	Provides access to policy discussions and thought leadership on critical issues facing Australia and Sydney particularly.	7,550
Cooks River Coastal Management Program	<p>The Coastal Management Act 2016 requires local councils within the catchment area to work together to prepare a Coastal Management Program (CMP) in accordance with the Coastal Management Manual.</p> <p>This membership provides \$15,000 (ex. GST) p.a. financial and in-kind support to the development of the Cooks River CMP for three years from July 2019.</p>	15,000
Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program	<p>The Coastal Management Act 2016 requires local councils within the catchment area to work together to prepare a Coastal Management Program (CMP) in accordance with the Coastal Management Manual.</p> <p>This membership provides \$15,000 (ex. GST) p.a. financial and in-kind support to the development of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP for three years from July 2019.</p>	15,000

Green Building Council of Australia	Provides a useful information, networking and research resource. GBCA are powerful influencers of government policy that the City benefits from. Note this is a three year membership.*	7,218.18
Australasian Membership - International Association for Public Participation	National industry body for community engagement practitioners which provides staff with access to current information, resources and reduced rates for events and training.	2,000.00
Smart Energy Council	Renewable energy is vital in climate change action in Australia. Provides information and research to transition Australia's energy system to a lower carbon system.	900.00
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance - Global Philanthropy Partnership	A collaboration of global cities working to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 80-100% by 2050 or sooner.	11,740.91
CRC - Water Sensitive Cities Ltd	Researches interdisciplinary responses to problems, finds practical solutions, influences policy, regulation, and practice to promote adoption of water sensitive practices.	13,500.00
Culture Counts Australia Pty Ltd	Provides consistent data providing insights into the cultural and creative sector across Australian capital cities and is a key data source for the evaluation of the City's cultural action plan and programs. Promotes the use of new mobile technologies and web-served databases with real-time data analytics to gain inside into cultural experiences.	4,500.00
Energy Efficiency Council Inc	Provides high quality advice in energy efficiency, services, and management.	6,500.00

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Limited NAMS Plus	Provides staff in asset-owning organisations access to tools and online resources to develop and update their Asset Management Plans.	1,830.00
Green Roofs Australasia Limited - Local Government membership	The incorporation of green infrastructure into the urban fabric, mitigating climate change, improving the urban environment, advancing social awareness, and improving health and wellbeing.	440.00
Open Cities Alliance Limited	Represents infrastructure and service providers, cities, urban design advocates, working on a sustainable, resilient and affordable energy, water, digital and mobility future.	2,000.00
Surveying and Mapping Industry Council of NSW	Represents professional, business, government and educational interests from a diverse range of NSW spatial information industry organisations, helping the City stay up to date.	250.00
World Cities Culture Forum	Collaboration between 40 cities via symposia, regional summits, and workshops to share ideas and knowledge about the role of culture. This forum has been very active providing fortnightly online presentations and regular global updates that are integrated into the City of Sydney's global insights data gathering to inform Covid-19 recovery planning.	14,126.64
Global Resilient Cities Network	Drives urban resilience action to protect vulnerable communities from climate change and other physical, social and economic urban adversities and challenges. The Network supports cities and their Chief Resilience Officers in future-proofing their communities and critical infrastructure.	0

Music Cities Network	International network of cities actively working in live music and performance. It provides opportunities for sharing research, knowledge, and working cooperatively on exploring policy and advocacy. The group has met fortnightly since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic to share insights and strategies for mitigating the impact of the pandemic on this vulnerable sector.	12,000.00
Global Covenant of Mayors	The Global Covenant of Mayors helped co-develop the reporting protocol for reporting on city wide greenhouse gas emission. Sydney was one of the first 10 cities to use the protocol in 2018. The City continues to use the protocol in reporting local government area emissions and works to provide this via Resilient Sydney to all other councils in metropolitan Sydney.	0
Australia China Business Council	Membership enables closer liaison with the Chinese business community and its members and enables network building for business partnerships and initiatives.	3,175.00
Total		117,730.73
Chief Financial Office		
Supply Nation	Dedicated to connecting corporate and government Australia with Indigenous enterprise, which helps the City deliver on our commitment to our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, the development of staff and our policies and procedures.	8,000.00

Finance Leadership Council for Midsized Companies Classic - Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd	The leading member-based advisory company. Combines the best practices of thousands of member companies with advanced research methodologies and human capital analytics, it equips senior leaders and their teams with insight and actionable solutions to transform operations.	31,700.00
Financial Tax and Super Advisers Information Exchange	Information Exchange is a high level expert panel of Professional Advisers on Financial Tax and Super.	2,954.55
PASA Connect	PASA Connect is a networking, learning and development initiative that brings procurement professionals together for both peer-to-peer and expert-led learning	9,950.00
Total		52,604.55
GRAND TOTAL		556,134.12