

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 \$640,425 per annum which has been provided for in the 2021/22 budget.

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:

- (A) receive and note the City's membership of the associations outlined in Attachment A to the subject report; and
- (B) note that final membership amounts change from time to time and any significant changes will be reported back to Council via CEO Update.

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 \$640,425 per annum.
5. These memberships were included in the budget for 2021/22.
6. The top three memberships account for \$226,850 and include 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 \$413,575.

Financial Implications

8. The existing cost of these memberships is \$640,425 per annum which has been provided for in the 2021/22 operating budget.

Relevant Legislation

9. Nil.

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Chief Executive Officer

Jeremy Kelshaw, A/Executive Manager, OCEO

Attachment A

List of Existing Memberships

EXTERNAL MEMBERSHIPS HELD BY THE CITY OF SYDNEY

Chief Executive Office

ASSOCIATION	BENEFIT TO CITY	AMOUNT (\$)
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
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
Local Government NSW	The City's involvement is necessary to lead the policy and strategic direction of local government in NSW	97,550
The Committee for Sydney	Provides access to forums with peak industry, governmental and community leaders promoting sustainability.	16,500
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
Council of Capital City Lord Mayors	Collaborative national level advocacy forum. Involves policy development, sharing information and practices across capital cities.	55,500

Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC)	Collaboration with neighbouring councils on issues such as procurement, industry best practice and advocacy.	73,800
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.	4,350
Sydney First - NSW Business Chamber Limited	An important resource as a support group and solutions provider for business.	20,000
Tourism Transport Forum	Peak national tourism body. Advocates the public policy interests of corporations and institutions on tourism, transport, aviation and investment.	28,875
Total		313,075

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
Australian Network on Disability Ltd	Assists organisations in welcoming people with a disability generally and as employees, customers, stakeholders, residents.	1,470
Australian Society of Archivists Inc	Professional body for archivists in Australia, provides information about best practice.	818
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.	43,450
Diversity Council Australia Limited	Provides expert advice, research, events and programs, resources for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.	6,987
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
NSW Workers Compensation Self Insurers Association	Provides members with support to comply with legislation, prevent and manage workplace injuries.	850
Total		56,409

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.	1,750
Community Early Learning Australia Ltd	Supports evidence-based research, consultation, and action, uniting childcare services.	340
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.	333
History Council of NSW Inc	Enables representation on the peak body for history; participation in History Week; networking, and resources.	591
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
National Disability Services	Peak body for non-government disability service organisations. Provides information to the City about disability services and needs.	265

Network of Community Activities	Provides support and resources to outside school hours care services in NSW. Provides reduced rates for conferences and training opportunities.	880
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.	2,800
NSW Meals on Wheels Association Inc	This is the peak professional body, gives access to information, training, and conferences.	1,709
NSW Resource Description and Discovery Network	Package of data elements, guidelines, and instructions for creating library and cultural heritage resource metadata.	45
Oral History NSW Inc.	Provides regular newsletter & journal; networking, professional development & learning opportunities; member rates for conferences.	65
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
Youth Action Policy Association	Provides access to the peak youth organisation representing young people and youth services in NSW.	576

Homelessness NSW	State peak providing information on research and advocacy for the homelessness sector.	250
Childwise Community of Practice	Provides access to tools, resources, seminars, best practice guides in the area of child safeguarding to assist the City to comply with the NSW Child Safe Standards in line with the Children's Guardian Act 2019.	300
Fitness Australia	Provides access to best practice guidelines and resources for gyms.	750
Sport NSW	Provides access to best practice guidelines and resources for sports, including a focus on access and inclusion for people with a disability and girls participation in sport. Gold membership includes resources and support to deliver two events per year	576
ArtsHub	ArtsHub is the leading online forum for all arts and culture industry news and developments.	400
SAMAG	Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group provides an annual program of events to share ideas to grow an inclusive and resilient arts sector and provides an opportunity for staff to deepen connection with the sector and stay abreast of relevant issues and needs.	140
Total		18,497

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
Arboriculture Australia Ltd	National body for tree management, providing professional development tools and research and best practice advice.	1,172
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.	1045
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. The 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.	6,344
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
Parking Australia - Parking Facility Member - Public (not for profit)	Provides information on the developments in parking meter and car park technology and opportunities to ensure staff are informed of industry developments.	600

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
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.	1,455
Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association	Provides industry sector information on new developments in waste and environment issues, waste calculators and research data.	2,010
Waste Contractors and Recyclers Association	The peak industry association for businesses involved in collecting and transporting waste in NSW. Membership enables the City to provide input to the industry on commercial waste issues such as collection times, noise complaints, bin storage issues etc.	821
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
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.	725

Floodplain Management Association	Represents the interests of floodplain communities in NSW, and the authorities responsible for managing floodplains.	1,600
SSROC (Street Lighting Improvement Program)	SSROC established and oversees the Street Lighting Improvement Program to implement the recommendations of an extensive review of street lighting undertaken by its members.	15,590
Illuminating Engineering Society of Australian	Policy development and promotion of best practice standards in the lighting industry. Provides staff with professional development, educational opportunities, and exposure to developments in the field.	1,100
Royal Life Saving Society of Australia	Access to the Safe Pool Operation Guidelines, the recognised national industry standard that describes and makes recommendations on minimum standards regarding pool safety.	99
Natspec Construction Information	Specifications for infrastructure construction and maintenance allowing the City access to contemporary industry standards.	3,290
Stormwater Industry Association of NSW	This is the main industry association in stormwater management across NSW.	764
Total		45,565

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.	7,900
Cooks River Coastal Management Program	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. The City's participation in the Program includes financial and in-kind support to the development of the Cooks River CMP for three years from July 2019.	15,000
Greater Sydney Harbour Coastal Management Program	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. The City's participation in the Program includes financial and in-kind support to the development of the Greater Sydney Harbour CMP for three years from July 2019.	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.	7,218
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
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
Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance - Global Philanthropy Partnership (Urban Sustainability Directors Network)	A collaboration of global cities working to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 80-100% by 2050 or sooner.	14,300
Energy Efficiency Council Inc	Provides high quality advice in energy efficiency, services, and management.	6,500
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.	2,100
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

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.	14,127
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
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

Climate Emergency Australia	Provides a forum for all climate-emergency-declaring Councils in Australia to collaborate on advocacy for stronger climate action at the federal level.	3,000
Bondi to Manly Walk Supporters	Bondi to Manly Walk Supporters is a not-for-profit incorporated association established with the mission of protecting, enhancing and promoting the public land and natural environment on Sydney Harbour Foreshore along the Bondi to Manly Walk.	5,000
Welcoming Cities	Welcoming Cities is a member-based organisation that supports local councils and community leaders to actively engage with migrant communities, include cultural diversity in policy, engagement, activities, economic development and take a whole of community approach to inclusion. This is achieved through knowledge sharing, partnerships, celebrating success and setting a National Standard for cultural diversity and inclusion policy and practice.	0
Total		108,660

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
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.	34,200
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
NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce	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.	30,000
Total		82,150

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
Total		495

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.	13,010
Australian Water Association	The Australian Water Association provides information and knowledge, connects members with industry and stakeholders to drive a sustainable water future.	1,500
Total		14,510

City Planning Development and Transport		
Australia ICOMOS Secretariat	Informs the approaches to heritage conservation policy and practice for culturally significant places.	764
Fire Protection Association	Supports building compliance work in the local area.	300
Total		1,064

GRAND TOTAL		640,425
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