

## 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 estimated to be \$986,709 for the current financial year and provisions have been provided for in the 2023/24 budget.

In accordance with the Register of Delegations from Council to the Chief Executive Officer dated 22 August 2022, new memberships of a value less than \$10,000 excluding GST can be approved by the 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:

- (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 the 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 \$986,709 per annum.
5. These memberships were included in the budget for 2023/24.
6. The top three memberships account for \$302,377 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 \$684,332.

## Key Implications

### Strategic Alignment - Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision

8. Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 Continuing the Vision renews the communities' vision for the sustainable development of the city to 2050. It includes 10 strategic directions to guide the future of the city, as well as 10 targets against which to measure progress. This report is aligned with the following strategic directions and objectives:
  - (a) Direction 1 - Responsible governance and stewardship - external memberships provide staff and Councillors with access to up-to-date information and information-sharing opportunities, forums and conferences for professional and policy development.

## Financial Implications

9. The existing cost of these memberships is estimated to be \$986,709 for the current financial year which has been provided for in the 2023/24 operating budget.

## MONICA BARONE

Chief Executive Officer

Erin Cashman, Manager OCEO

# **Attachment A**

**List of Existing Memberships**

## 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.	\$10,000
Local Government NSW	The City's involvement is necessary to lead the policy and strategic direction of local government in NSW.	\$106,409
The Committee for Sydney	Provides access to forums with peak industry, governmental and community leaders promoting sustainability.	\$16,995
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

<p>Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM)</p>	<p>Collaborative national level advocacy forum. Involves policy development, sharing information and practices across capital cities.</p>	<p>\$116,000</p>
<p>Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC)</p>	<p>Collaboration with neighbouring councils on issues such as procurement, industry best practice and advocacy.</p>	<p>\$79,968</p>
<p>International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) - Local Governments for Sustainability</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>\$4,530</p>
<p>Sydney First - NSW Business Chamber Limited</p>	<p>An important resource as a support group and solutions provider for business.</p>	<p>\$20,000</p>
<p>Committee for Economic Development Australia (CEDA)</p>	<p>Provides access to policy discussions and thought leadership on critical issues facing Australia and Sydney particularly.</p>	<p>\$10,700</p>

Tourism Transport Forum	Peak national tourism body. Advocates the public policy interests of corporations and institutions on tourism, transport, aviation and investment.	\$28,875
LGiU Australia	A partnership between non-profit think tank and information service provider LGiU and Australian urban and public policy consultancy and certified B Corp SGS Economics and Planning.	\$6,000

## Chief Financial Office

Supply Nation	Dedicated to connecting corporate and government organisations with Indigenous enterprises, 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
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<p>Finance Leadership Council for Midsized Companies Classic - Gartner Australasia Pty Ltd</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>\$34,200</p>
<p>Procurement and Supply Australasia (PASA) Connect</p>	<p>A networking, learning and development initiative that brings procurement professionals together for both peer-to-peer and expert-led learning.</p>	<p>\$9,950</p>
<p>NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>Dedicated to connecting corporate and government organisations with Indigenous enterprises, 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.</p>	<p>\$27,500</p>

## Chief Operating Office

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.	\$3,055
Bondi to Manly Walk Supporters	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 which runs through the City of Sydney local government area.	\$5,000
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



## City Life

Australian Library and Information Association	Access to advocacy on behalf of all public libraries in Australia, an annual conference and library specific training. Members receive discounted prices to attend. Membership also provides quarterly newsletter, professional articles and research papers.	\$1,495
The Children's Book Council of Australia	Exclusive access to a range of resources related to children's literature, including discounts on CBCA Book Week merchandise.	\$118
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.	\$566

History Council of NSW Inc	Enables representation on the peak body for history; participation in History Week; networking, and resources.	\$650
International Arts Federation Services	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.	\$1,210
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.	\$2,750

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 and journal; networking, professional development & learning opportunities; member rates for conferences.	\$100
Refugee Council of Australia (Refugee Welcome Zone Leadership Group)	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
Zero Barriers	Promotes access and inclusion for member Council's by visiting businesses in that Local Government Area and providing practical advice to enhance access and inclusion for people with disabilities.	\$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 body providing information on research and advocacy for the homelessness sector.	\$250
Fitness Australia	Access to best practice guidelines and resources for gyms.	\$750
Sport NSW	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.	\$1,045
ArtsHub	The leading online forum for all arts and culture industry news and developments. Membership is required in order to utilise the opportunities pages, which are an essential channel for advertising for recruitment, grants and artist opportunities.	\$1,430

<p>Sydney Arts Management Advisory Group</p>	<p>Access to 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.</p>	<p>\$140</p>
<p>Meetings and Events Australia</p>	<p>Access to a wide range of business and networking opportunities for the events community. The organisation invests in online resources and education programs designed to assist individuals and businesses operating within the industry to grow and prosper.</p>	<p>\$1,140</p>
<p>Venue Management Association</p>	<p>The peak body for venue industry professionals in Australia and New Zealand.</p>	<p>\$1,625</p>
<p>Sydney City Liquor Accord</p>	<p>A condition of the Liquor License for Sydney Town Hall is that the Licensee must be a member and attend the quarterly meetings.</p>	<p>\$250</p>
<p>Australian Live Industry Alliance</p>	<p>The alliance represents the production and technical areas for live events industry in Australia. They provide industry news and promote articles about technology and installations as well as post industry jobs for members.</p>	<p>\$500</p>

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
Welcoming Cities	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.	\$ -
National Australian Building Environmental Ratings (NABERS) Steering Committee	Contributing to policy and building environmental ratings across Australia.	\$ -
New South Wales Education Standards Authority (NESA)	Accreditation for Early Childhood Teacher positions.	\$1,000
Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Australia (Bayley House)	Annual membership for the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is an international approach that is coordinated in Australia by Bayley House. The program seeks to improve everyday experiences and interactions for people with hidden disabilities, assisting them navigate and find help in public places.	\$2,500

## City Planning Development and Transport

International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) - Australia 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
Planning Institute of Australia	Planning issues network, events and awards.	\$650
NSW Fair Trading Certifier Registration	Registration as Council Certifiers is a requirement for building surveyor certifier positions in the Building Certification team.	\$3,150

Fire Protection Authority	Membership is a requirement of senior building surveyor (fire safety) positions in the Health and Building Unit.	\$2,400
Fire Protection Agency	Peak professional body for fire related services.	\$5,000

## City Services

Aquatic and Recreation Institute	The NSW peak body for the aquatics and recreation industry, providing professional training opportunities, conferences, and access to information.	\$600
Aquatic and Recreation Institute Victoria	The Victorian peak body for the aquatics and recreation industry, providing professional training opportunities, conferences, and access to information.	\$690



Arboriculture Australia Ltd	National body for tree management, providing professional development tools and research and best practice advice.	\$880
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.	\$ 1,100
Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia Ltd - NSW Division (IPWEA)	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.	\$ -
Parking Australia - Parking Facility Member	Provides information on the developments in parking meter and car park technology and opportunities to ensure staff are informed of industry developments.	\$1,650

Streets Opening Coordination Council	A collaboration tool so that councils, utilities, government agencies, and private companies can work together to schedule capital infrastructure works.	\$6,000
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.	\$1,600
Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association	Provides industry sector information on new developments in waste and environment issues, waste calculators and research data.	\$2,153
Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia	Access to a range of career development opportunities for staff, connections to industry peers and innovators throughout the public works sector and awards programs.	\$330
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 and bin storage issues etc.	\$1,979

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.	\$829
Floodplain Management Australia	Represents the interests of floodplain communities in NSW and elsewhere in Australia, and the authorities responsible for managing floodplains. Provides advocacy on behalf of the floodplain management industry and gives staff access to professional development resources and opportunities.	\$1,750
Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC - Street Lighting Improvement Program)	The Street Lighting Improvement Program was created by SSROC 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	The main industry association in stormwater management across NSW. Provides advocacy on behalf of the NSW stormwater management industry and gives staff access to professional development resources and opportunities.	\$920
Surveying & Mapping Industry Council of NSW (SMIC)	The peak geospatial information industry body in NSW, with representatives from government, private industry, professionals and the tertiary education sectors. Membership gives us direct access to the decision makers in the Surveying profession and the ability to advocate for the interests of the City.	\$250
Before You Dig Australia (BYDA)	Membership permits the City to use the BYDA referral service to protect our civil infrastructure assets (currently survey infrastructure, stormwater drainage, electrical assets and contaminated lands). This enables us to notify civil workers and utilities of the presence and location of City assets and assists in avoiding damage to those assets.	\$17,000

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.	\$15,000
Inside Waste	Industry relevant news and information for the waste sector.	\$300
Glass's Information Services	Access and information used to inform City estimated resale values for used vehicles.	\$2,508
Chargefox Pty Ltd	Subscription for City provisioned EV charging points	\$8,300

Australasian Leisure Management	Leading source of information for the leisure industry.	\$200
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## Legal and Governance

Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)	Access to resource material, including Professional Practices Framework and audit programs.	\$1,082
Information Systems Audit & Control Association (ISACA)	Access to resource material, including standards and audit programs.	\$501
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 area.	\$495

Law Society of NSW	Provides access to a professional library, legal journals and continuing professional education, in addition to networking opportunities. Membership is a requirement for staff who are accredited specialists.	\$2,200
International Information System Security Certification Consortium (ISC) <sup>2</sup>	Professional Membership relating to information security	\$600

## People Performance and Technology

Data Management Association of Australia	Data Management Association of Australia, provides best practice advice about Data Management and Data Governance.	\$500
Australian Society of Archivists Inc	Professional body for archivists in Australia, provides information about best practice.	\$818

<p>CEB IT Leadership Council of Midsized Companies - Gartner UK Limited (Corporate Executive Board - Information Technology)</p>	<p>Provides best practice research, advice, and tools and education for CIO's and IT professionals to support organisational best practice.</p>	<p>\$28,160</p>
<p>CEB HR Leadership Council of Midsized Companies - Gartner UK Limited (Corporate Executive Board - Human Resources)</p>	<p>Provides best practice research, tools, webinars and networking opportunities for HR professionals to support organisations committed to improving their people practices.</p>	<p>\$31,100</p>
<p>Diversity Council Australia Limited</p>	<p>Provides expert advice, research, events and programs, resources for diversity and inclusion in the workplace.</p>	<p>\$6,352</p>
<p>Public Sector User Forum Inc</p>	<p>"Pathway user group", provides staff with access to latest information on Pathway, developments, issues and exchanges of information with other people using Pathway.</p>	<p>\$1,300</p>
<p>NSW Workers Compensation Self Insurers Association</p>	<p>Provides members with support to comply with legislation, prevent and manage workplace injuries.</p>	<p>\$850</p>



Australian Disability Network	Disability Employer Network	\$1,470
Australian National Bibliography Membership	Records and Archives Management	\$1,249

## Strategic Development and Engagement

Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA)	Member-based, not-for-profit peak body enabling sustainability outcomes in infrastructure via a rating scheme; education, training and capacity building; connecting suppliers of sustainable products and services with projects; and recognition of best practice.	\$1,680
Carbon Market Institute	An independent industry association representing organisations leading the transition to a net-zero emission economy, sharing knowledge, building capacity and catalysing opportunities related to carbon markets.	\$6,090

Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)	An international agreement among cities from all over the world, committed "to develop sustainable food systems that are inclusive, resilient, safe and diverse, that provide healthy and affordable food to all people in a human rights-based framework, that minimize waste and conserve biodiversity while adapting to and mitigating impacts of climate change". Its main aim is to support cities wishing to develop more sustainable urban food systems by fostering city to city cooperation and best practices exchange.	\$ -
Impact Ecosystems Network	A global network of cities committed to collaboration and peer learning for impact ecosystems – creating more social value through economic development activities and addressing societal challenges through diverse and connected economies and ecosystems	\$ -
Materials and Embodied Carbon Leaders' Alliance (MECLA)	The alliance drives the reduction of embodied carbon in the building and construction industry.	\$1,050
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.	\$8,400
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.	\$ -

Green Building Council of Australia	The authority on sustainable buildings and communities – accelerating the transformation of Australia's built environment. Membership provides staff with access to useful information, networking opportunities and research resources.	\$2,835
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.	\$2,420
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.	\$2,950
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.	\$15,750
Energy Efficiency Council Inc	Provides high quality advice in energy efficiency, services and management.	\$8,820

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.	\$15,000
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.	\$ -
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.	\$ -
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.	\$10,395