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Hi Member

**Welcome to the March edition of the LGMS eNews.**

Every two months we'll be sending updates, ideas, articles and information to our LGMS members. In this 32nd edition we look at the importance of the induction process for labour hire workers, mould issues in the wet season, update our members on outcomes from the LGMS Board meetings held in the first quarter of 2021, and wrap up our inaugural LGW WHS Conference and virtual Local Government Risk Management Focus Group.

Knowledge is power, and insurance and risk management affects every part of council in some way. We encourage you to empower your council by sharing the newsletter with colleagues and asking them to [subscribe](#).

We welcome your [feedback](#), suggestions and stories for future editions.

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## How vital is an induction process to reducing risks for labour hire workers?

**Author:** *Courtney Stoll, Senior Claims Consultant, LGM Liability*

As for any person attending a work site, work health and safety risks need to be appropriately managed by the party in control of the site.

Labour hire arrangements are slightly different in that there are two 'employers'; council as the host employer – who has control of the site – and the labour hire employer.

An employer automatically bears a proportion of liability exposure in the event of an accident. This is by virtue of its non-delegable duty of care to its employee. However, the primary liability exposure will fall on the host employer who exercises control over the risks the labour hire employee will face during their duties.

Read this full story on the [LGMS Member Centre](#).

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## Update from LGMS Board Meetings

Established by LGAQ, the LGMS mutual schemes remain committed to providing Members with comprehensive coverage, claims and risk management solutions they need to give them the confidence to navigate the evolving local government risk landscape.

LGMS has a robust governance framework which ensures that it operates effectively, remains accountable and is able to achieve its objectives.

Operations are conducted and controlled by the LGM Board of Management (LGM Liability and LGM Assets) and the LGW Management Committee (LGW Workcare) and are each governed by a Corporate Governance Charter. The Board and Management Committee are comprised of:

- Representatives of the LGAQ;
- Elected Members and Senior Management representatives of Queensland local government;
- Insurance industry specialists and local government legal experts;
- The Scheme Manager and other advisers participate as required.

The LGM Board of Management and LGW Management Committee (including subsidiary Finance and Claims Committees) meet at a minimum on a quarterly basis and engage in regular strategic planning meetings.

In the 1st Quarter of 2021, the LGM Board of Management and the LGW Management Committee for the mutual schemes considered a number of important matters with [key highlights available here on the LGMS Member Centre](#) including a video update from Ian Leckenby (Chair, LGM Board of Management).

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## World Day for Safety and Health at Work – 28 April

**Author:** *David Royston-Jennings, Regional Risk Coordinator, LGMS*

The annual World Day for Safety and Health at Work promotes the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally. It is an awareness campaign focusing international attention on the magnitude of work-related deaths and injuries, and the importance of reducing this through the creation and fostering of a strong health and safety culture. [Read more.](#)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT RISK MANAGEMENT FOCUS GROUP**

Impact, value and opportunities through risk management

**Friday 12 March 2021**

Venue: Virtual delivery

## Improving Risk Management and Resilience – Virtual LGRMFG meeting 12 March 2021

**Author:** *Paul Bright, Regional Risk Coordinator, LGMS*

Over 60 participants from 35 different councils across Queensland participated in the first Local Government Risk Management Focus Group of the year. The theme was Improving Risk Management and Resilience in 2021. [Read more.](#)

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## LGW WHS Conference

In February, LGW Workcare hosted its inaugural LGW Workplace Health and Safety Conference in Brisbane. With over 150 people in attendance, it was exciting to welcome our senior management and health and safety professionals from Queensland councils to this landmark event.

[Read more.](#)

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## Introducing a new LGW Workcare team member

Hal Waddington joined LGW as a Safety Consultant in December 2020. He will provide safety solutions to the member councils around his 15 allocated regions. [Read more.](#)

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DEPENDABLE INSURANCE UNRIVALLED VALUE OWNED BY MEMBERS

## Report to Members 2019 – 2020

The annual Report to Members for 2019-2020 sets out the financial performance and achievements for the mutual schemes. Despite the challenges of a global pandemic and ongoing hardening insurance market, our members continue to demonstrate improved risk management in recent years, benefiting all scheme members.

[Read more.](#)

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## Tree Risk Management Guide 2021

Trees are an integral and significant part of public infrastructure throughout Queensland and are an incredibly important source of social, economic, ecological and environmental value for our cities, towns and localities.

The revised Tree Risk Management Guide 2021 is now available on the [LGMS Member Centre](#) to assist Members to manage tree-related risks.

Members are encouraged to discuss the information provided in the revised guide with their designated LGMS Regional Risk Coordinator.

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## How does LGW Workcare compare on claims?

*Author: Dean Campbell, Divisional Manager, LGW Workcare*

The comparison remains very favourable. Read more on the [LGMS Member Centre](#).

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## What's in a little mould?

*Author: Kevin Johnson, Claims Manager, LGM Liability & Assets*

We are still in the midst of Queensland's wet season. Cyclones, storms and floods are front of mind. But these shouldn't be the only concern on council's radar. [Read more.](#)

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## Safety Award of Excellence

Banana Shire Council was presented with the WHS Award of Excellence as a result of their recent safety audit. [Read more.](#)





**ASSETS COVERS**  
Return date: 16 April 2021

**SUPPLEMENTARY COVERS**  
Return date: 16 April 2021

**RISK SELF-ASSESSMENT**  
Return date: 30 April 2021

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## Have you returned your Member Questionnaire?

Take note of the dates above and call [Member Services](#) if you have any queries.



### Safety win at SCC

Sunshine Coast Council's Workplace Health and Safety Advisor, Ben Valentine, spoke to us at the recent LGW WHS Conference about a win they had in council with their tip truck fleet – keeping their contractors safe and saving money. Excellent work by the team for thinking outside the box.

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### Scheme value

Alexis Coutts from Isaac Regional Council discusses the value her council receives from their membership to the LGMS schemes.

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## Southern Downs Regional Council's trial of Skytrust

Patrick Doyle from Southern Downs Regional Council chats to Adam Stevenson from LGW Workcare about their experience with the Skytrust pilot program.

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## The importance of audits

Lyndal O'Neill from Whitsunday Regional Council and Pauline Heath from LGW Workcare discuss recommendations from 2017-18 audits and the outcomes.

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## LGMS member benefits

Michael Courtney (Toowoomba Regional Council) spoke to Rachael Lindsay (LGAQ) at the LGW WHS Conference about the benefits of LGMS membership and his involvement in Temporary Traffic Management Systems.

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## Council shares their COVID-19 experience

Alexis Coutts from Isaac Regional Council chats to Pauline Heath from LGW Workcare about their experience during COVID-19 lockdown.

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## McKinlay Shire Council speaks to us about the benefits of Skytrust pilot program

Nyssa Currin from McKinlay Shire Council speaks to Pauline Heath from LGW Workcare about her experience with Skytrust on the pilot program.

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## Access to LGMS Member Centre

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