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Hi Samantha

Welcome to the May edition of the LGMS eNews.

Every two months we'll be sending updates, ideas, articles and information to our LGMS members. In this 33rd edition we look at defective driveway crossovers, outcomes from the LGMS Board meetings held in the second quarter of 2021, and share details of the events our LGMS representatives have recently attended.

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.



Tips and tricks to avoid liability claims caused by defective driveway crossovers

Author: *Shakira Fraser, Claims Consultant, LGM Liability*

Driveway crossovers are just as the name reads - they cross over a road reserve and driveway to provide access to a private property for vehicles.

As they are primarily used by the private property owner and most councils enact by-laws to impose inspection and maintenance responsibilities on the private property owner to ensure the driveway crossover is maintained to a standard safe for the travelling public. [Read more.](#)



HR/IR Masterclass Series

Throughout May, LGW's Injury Management Consultant was proud to speak at a series of Peak Services Masterclasses on psychological claims and early intervention strategies for local governments.

The six event series will wrap up in early June.



Disaster Management Conference

LGMS was proud to attend the Queensland Disaster Management Conference in Brisbane on 9 - 11 June. Craig Hinchliffe (General Manager Qld and NT, JLT Public Sector) gave an LGMS Risk and Resilience update on the second day of the event. [Read more.](#)



Central Coast Safety Forum

In April, members from seven local councils attended the Central Coast Safety Forum. Thanks to Banana Shire Council for hosting. [Read more.](#)



Wide Bay Burnett Safety Forum

LGMS and LGW WHS team members attended the Wide Bay Burnett Local Government Safety Officers Consultative Group hosted by Gympie Regional Council in May. [Read more.](#)



Sunshine Coast CEO visit to LG House

The LGMS Mutual Schemes and LGAQ met with Emma Thomas, CEO Sunshine Coast Council as part of her LGAQ CEO induction. [Read more.](#)



Introducing WHS Manager - LGW Workcare

Welcome to Peter Gould who has commenced as the new WHS Manager with the LGW Workcare team. To find out what he has planned for the team [read more](#) here.



Don't delay - notify today

Any potential claims for covers that are 'claims made' covers need to be provided to LGM by 30 June to ensure that entitlement to indemnity is not prejudiced by late notification.

[Read more.](#)



Local Government Risk Management Conference

Author: Nick Rossmann, Senior Risk Consultant, LGM Liability

The organising team for the 2021 Local Government Risk Management Conference has recently confirmed that it is all systems go for 2021. [Read more.](#)



Bringing risk management advice to Councils

Winton. Diamantina. Boulia. Regional Risk Coordinator David Royston-Jennings recently attended several councils over the course of a week. As the Central Queensland RRC, the region David covers stretches from Airlie Beach on the coast to outback towns Bedourie and Boulia.

Meeting with CEOs, leadership teams, governance managers and risk officers, David's work was varied but with the consistent objective of supporting Councils' endeavours to improve their risk management maturity. This can involve a one on one discussion with a CEO to a full day workshop with the leadership team to work through Council's risk management policy, framework and registers.

David was also invited by Boulia Shire Council to join them for their WHS Day BBQ which celebrated the importance of safety in the workplace.



New Australian standard for permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment

Standards Australia recently adopted AS16630:2021 *Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment - Safety requirements and test methods*, a adapted version of the European Standard EN 16630:2015.

This Standard specifies general safety requirements for the manufacture, installation, inspection and maintenance of permanently installed, freely accessible outdoor fitness equipment. It is recommended that council's review their existing management systems and processes for public park and recreational areas to ensure they align with the new standard where appropriate.

Copies are available for purchase from the [Standards Australia website](#)



LGMS Board update - including returns to members

In the second quarter of 2021, the LGM Board of Management and the LGW Management Committee for the mutual schemes considered a number of important matters. [Read more.](#)



Livingstone Shire Council CEO Induction

LGMS met with Cale Dendle, CEO Livingstone Shire Council, when he visited LG House for his LGAQ CEO induction. [Read more.](#)



Hinchingsbrook Shire Council CEO induction with LGMS

LGMS enjoyed meeting with Kelvin Tytherleigh, Hinchingsbrook Shire Council's new CEO for his induction briefing at LGAQ. [Read more.](#)



Injury Data Report

Thanks to LGW Business Analytics Team, LGW WHS Team and Ipswich City Council's WHS Team, LGMS members now have a new reporting function on the member dashboard. [Read more.](#)



World Environment Day

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

Since 1974, World Environment Day has been celebrated annually on 5 June and is the most renowned day for environmental action. It provides a collective focal point for governments, businesses and individuals from all walks of life to take strong and meaningful action towards sustainability.

Councils across the State are leading by example and taking action to understand and minimise the impacts of their operations, activities and services on the environment whilst protecting, conserving and enhancing the local environmental values that are fundamental to the health and function of ecosystems. [Read more.](#)



What is the full impact of a motor vehicle claim?

Author: Kale Townsend, Account Manager, LGM Assets

A substantial amount of council resources are connected to their motor fleet. The impact of downtime of motor vehicles can be significant to council's diverse range of operations for various reasons. These include costs associated with the vehicle, potential impact on the community along with the safety aspect for the officer and other road users. [Read more.](#)

Important dates for scheme membership renewal

Author: Jenny Dooley, Divisional Manager Liability and Risk, LGMS

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Events

- [Local Government Risk Management Focus Group: 12 - 13 August 2021](#)
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