

ITEM NO. 8

FILE NO: PSC2010-03190

LGMA NATIONAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS EXPO. – DARWIN- APRIL 2015

REPORT OF: WAYNE WALLIS – GENERAL MANAGER
 GROUP: GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE

RECOMMENDATION IS THAT COUNCIL:

- 1) Endorse the attendance of Mayor Bruce MacKenzie, Cr Ken Jordan, Cr John Morello, Cr Chris Doohan, Cr Steve Tucker, Cr Sally Dover and Cr Paul Le Mottee at the LGMA National Conference & Business Expo, Darwin, April 2015;
- 2) Allow a "one-off" increase of the Conference allowance under the Policy for Mayor Bruce MacKenzie, Cr Ken Jordan, Cr John Morello, Cr Chris Doohan, Cr Steve Tucker, Cr Sally Dover and Cr Paul Le Mottee to attend the Conference.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the Local Government Management Association's National Congress & Business Expo 2015.

The National conference will be held from 29 April – 1 May 2015 in Darwin.

The Conference Program is shown at **(ATTACHMENT 1)**.

The Conference is open to all Councillors.

As Councillors would be aware the Payment of Expenses and Provision of Facilities to Councillors Policy requires that a resolution of Council be sought for all travel outside of the Hunter Councils area.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with registration, travel and accommodation would be covered from the budget, subject to an individual Councillor not exceed the conference budget limits in the Policy.

Source of Funds	Yes/No	Funding (\$)	Comment
Existing budget	Yes	1,575	Registration costs. These costs are covered under the policy and the existing budget. Travel and accommodation shall be additional.
Reserve Funds	No		