

## VLGA Membership Categories – Proposed Constitution

### Membership Types & Eligibility

Council Member	Associate Member – Organisation	Associate Member - Individual
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan, regional and rural councils across Victoria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any business entity with a registered ABN, including public or private corporates, SMEs, partnerships and sole operators</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit or charitable organisations; listed on the ACNC Charities register</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community groups</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Academic institutions</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Professional associations or similar</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Non-Victorian Councils or Local Government agencies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Federal and State Government agencies or departments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Any individual over the age of 18</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Students applies to fulltime tertiary students</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concession is applicable to an individual who is the holder of a concession card</li> </ul>
<p>Special Note: Current Councillors, Mayors or CEOs from a Council which is currently not a VLGA Council Member are constitutionally precluded from joining the VLGA as an Associate Member. These individuals can attend VLGA Information Forum &amp; Events as a nonmember and also subscribe to eNews</p>		

## Membership Benefits & Features

	Council Member	Associate Member Organisation	Associate Member Individual
Recognition of Excellence			
Certificate of membership	✓	✓	✓
Electronic badge for inclusion in email signature, web site and/or social media platforms	✓	✓	✓
Use of post nominals			✓
Acknowledged as a member on the VLGA web site	✓	✓	Privacy Restrictions
VLGA Governance and Leadership			
Invitation to attend the VLGA annual general meeting	✓	✓	✓
Voting rights at the VLGA AGM	✓		
Eligible to nominate for position on VLGA board	✓		
Shape the VLGA's priorities, strategy and agenda through regular discussion with Executive team	✓	Limited	Limited
Policy and Advocacy			
VLGA representation and advocacy by providing evidence and submissions to State and Federal Government inquiries into matters impacting the Local Government sector	✓	Indirectly	Indirectly
Participate in Councillor and staff consultation sessions that formulate submissions relating to parliamentary inquiries and reviews in to Local Government activities	✓		

Advisory and Support			
Benefit from the support and advice on a range of leadership and governance issues	✓		
Facilitate introductions to services that will assist Councillors to do their job well	✓		
Networks and Connections			
Open doors to a network of Mayors, Councillors and Local Government leaders	✓	✓	✓
Access to an expanded professional network of like-minded individuals and organisation	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to partner or sponsor VLGA information forums or events at discounted cost	✓	✓	✓
Value networking and keeping in touch with the local government sector	✓	✓	✓
Resources and Communication			
VLGA eNews, VLGA Discuss and VLGA Events keeps you up-to-date on significant developments in local government and the activities planned by the VLGA	✓	✓	✓
Event and training notification emails and SMS service	✓	✓	✓
Access to social media platforms and online communities	✓	✓	✓
Benefit from a growing library of local government specific resources	✓	Limited	Limited
Information Forums and Events			

Professional development gained through the Governance & Integrity Masterclass Series	✓	✓	✓
Champion women in local government through participation in state funded projects supporting women's election to Council – Local Government Women's Charter	✓	✓	✓
The monthly Leading the Agenda Series is an ideal setting for members to be across what is happening in the sector and the broader community	✓	✓	✓
Come together with external experts at the Thought Leadership Forums to investigate topics on leadership and governance that impact local government	✓	✓	✓
Benefit from the knowledge, ideas and innovative solutions shared at the Boardroom Series working lunches	✓	✓	✓
In-house tailored programs to understand the obligations, roles and responsibilities of councillors	✓		
Attend the annual Mayors and Deputy Mayors Connect Weekend	✓		
Mingle with fellow Mayors, Deputy Mayors and CEOs at the Annual Welcome Drinks	✓		
Attend the VLGA's State Election Series to meet relevant ministers and shadows ministers from relevant portfolios	Free	✓	✓
Attendance at specialised sessions to understand how best to work with Councils		✓	✓



### **Partnership and Sponsorship Packages**

The opportunity for organisations to collaborate with the VLGA shall be offered through Partnership and Sponsorship packages. Council or Associate membership shall not be a prerequisite, but these members would be entitled to discounts. It is recommended -

- Council Member = 25% discount
- Associate Members = 15% discount

For Members and Non-Members, the VLGA partnership and sponsorship packages would provide opportunities for:

- Developing a profile and brand within the local government sector
- Meaningful interactions with VLGA Council and/or Associate Members
- Delivering thought-leading content on the critical issues facing Council leaders
- Advertising in traditional and digital marketing channels managed by the VLGA
- Establishing productive working relationships with VLGA and its stakeholders
- Communicating directly with local government decision-makers