



# MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GYMPIE  
23 – 25 JULY 2008





**Delegates, Observers and Apportionment of Voting Rights**

<b><u>Council</u></b>	<b><u>Delegates</u></b>	<b><u>Votes</u></b>	<b><u>Observers</u></b>
Brisbane	Cr Krista Adams Cr Norm Wyndham	4 4	Cr Gail MacPherson Ms Julie Prove
Bundaberg (Burnett)	Cr Lorraine Pyefinch Cr Lynne Forgan	4 4	Cr David Batt
Cairns	Not Represented		
Dalby	Cr Ray Jamieson	2	Mr Ian O'Donnell
Gladstone	Cr Matt Burnett	4	
Gold Coast	Cr Daphne McDonald	8	
Gympie (Cooloola)	Cr Ron Dyne (Thur) Cr Donna Neilson (Thur/Fri) Cr Rae Gate (Fri)	3 3 3	Cr Graham Engeman Cr Larry Friske Cr Tony Perrett Cr Julie Walker Cr Ian Petersen Cr Jan Watt Mr Ken Mason
Ipswich	Cr Trevor Nardi Cr Paul Tully	4 4	Cr Paul Pisasale Cr Charlie Pisasale Ms Judy Mille
Logan	Cr Hajal Ban Cr Lynne Clarke	4 4	Cr Pam Parker Mrs Susan Hucknall
Mackay	Cr George Christensen	8	
Moreton Bay	Cr Allan Sutherland Cr Greg Chippendale	4 4	Cr Gary Parsons Cr Brian Battersby Cr Adrian Raedel Mr Daryl Hitzman
Mount Isa	Cr John Molony	4	
Rockhampton (Livingstone)	Cr Sandra O'Brien	8	
Roma	Not Represented		
Southern Downs (Warwick)	Not Represented		



<u>Council</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Observers</u>
Sunshine Coast (Caloundra; Maroochy; and Noosa)	Cr Bob Abbot	8	
Toowoomba	Cr Paul Antonio	8	Cr Joe Ramia
Townsville	Cr Les Tyrell	4	Cr Sue Blom
	Cr Brian Hewett	4	Cr Tony Parsons



## Others

Director-General Local Government, Sport and Recreation	Mr Michael Kinnane
Shadow Minister for Main Roads and Local Government	Mr Howard Hobbs MP
Premier's Representative – Parliamentary Secretary to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning	Mr Stirling Hinchcliffe MP
Department of Infrastructure & Planning	Mr Colin Cassidy
Office of the Minister for Local Government	Ms Jacqueline Argent
Local Government Association of Queensland	Cr Paul Bell OAM Mr Greg Hallam PSM Mr Greg Hoffman PSM Mr Tony Goode Mr Brent Reeman Ms Angela Quain
Local Government Infrastructure Services	Mr James Bondio
North Burnett Regional Council	Cr Peter Huth Cr Joy Jensen
Urban Local Government Association	Mr Brian Guthrie Ms Trish Davey Ms Rhonda Vetter
Department of Emergency Services	Mr Peter Wojciechowski
HR Advantage	Ms Dianne Gillis
Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry	Dr Harold Thornton
Former Management Committee Members	Mr Ron McCullough Mr Peter Corones Mrs Kay McDuff Mr Tony Mooney Cr Gail MacPherson
Morrison Low Consultants Pty Ltd	Mr Gary Kellar Mr John Devine



### Executive Members

Appointed after the 15 March 2008  
Local Government Elections

Acting President	Cr Paul Pisasale Mayor – Ipswich City Council
Acting Vice President	Cr Bob Abbot Mayor – Sunshine Coast Regional Council
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer	Mr Brian Guthrie Acting CEO – Townsville City Council

### Executive Members

Cr Matt Burnett	Gladstone Regional Council
Cr Val Schier	Cairns City Council
Cr Les Tyrell	Townsville City Council
Cr Lorraine Pyefinch	Bundaberg Regional Council
Cr Krista Adams	Brisbane City Council
Cr John Molony	Mount Isa City Council



## Minutes

First day

57th Annual Conference  
Urban Local Government Association of Queensland Inc.

held at

Civic Centre  
GYMPIE

Commencing at 9am  
Thursday 24 July 2008

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### **Welcome Address**

The President formally declared the Conference in session and addressed the delegates. He then introduced the Mayor of Gympie, Cr Ron Dyne, who welcomed delegates.

**Official Opening** and Address by Mr Michael Kinnane, Director-General Department of Local Government, Sport and Recreation.

**Acting President's Report** by Cr Paul Pisasale

**Appointment** of the new Executive Members of the Management Committee:-

Cr Paul Pisasale	Ipswich City Council	President
Cr Greg Chippendale	Moreton Bay Regional Council	Vice President
Cr Matt Burnett	Gladstone Regional Council	Executive Member
Cr Lorraine Pyefinch	Bundaberg Regional Council	Executive Member
Cr George Christensen	Mackay Regional Council	Executive Member
Cr Krista Adams	Brisbane City Council	Executive Member
Cr Val Schier	Cairns Regional Council	Executive Member
Cr Pam Parker	Logan Regional Council	Executive Member

### **Morning Tea**



**Address** by Howard Hobbs MP, Shadow Minister for Main Roads and Local Government.

**Address** by Cr Paul Bell, President of LGAQ.

**Address** by Dr Michael Hewitt-Gleeson "Leadership Thinking"

Lunch

### **Forum ... Business Challenges Faced by Councils**

<b>Infrastructure</b>	Anthony Coates	LGIS
<b>Revenue Raising</b>	Clinton Weber	LGMA
<b>Attracting and Retaining Staff</b>	Jim Gayton	HR Advantage

Afternoon Tea

### **Members Forum ... LGAQ Representatives**

Greg Hoffman PSM - Director, Policy and Representation  
Brent Reeman - Director, Business Enterprises  
Tony Goode - Director, People and Business

Close of business 4.30pm



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**Address** by Mr Brian Guthrie PSM, Secretary/Treasurer ULGA

- Accreditation of delegates
- Apportionment of voting rights

**Address** by Mr Toby Ford "Swimming with the Sharks and Eating Them"

### **Morning Tea**

**Presentation ... Amalgamation Experiences** by Mr Brian Guthrie PSM, Acting CEO Townsville City Council and Mr James Gott, CEO Charters Towers Regional Council.

**Host for 2010 Annual Conference ...** Mackay Regional Council

### **Lunch**

### **Conference Business**

**Item 1                      Acting President's Report**  
**(Executive)**

"That the Acting President's Report be received and adopted."

Moved:        Cr Pisasale  
Seconded:    Cr Pyefinch

**CARRIED**



**Item 2  
(Executive)**

**Financial Report**

"That the ULGA Financial Report for the year ended 30 April 2008 be endorsed."

Moved: Cr Adams  
Seconded: Cr Chippendale

**CARRIED**

**Item 3  
(Executive)**

**Minutes of the 2007 ULGA Annual Conference**

"That the Minutes of the 2007 ULGA Annual Conference be accepted."

Moved: Cr Burnett  
Seconded: Cr Tully

**CARRIED**

**Item 4  
(Executive)**

**ULGA Policy Document**

"That the ULGA Policy Document be endorsed."

Moved: Cr Chippendale  
Seconded: Cr Pyefinch

**CARRIED**

**Item 5  
(Executive)**

**Amendment to ULGA Rules**

"That the Urban Local Government Association amend ULGA Rule numbers 11(1), 12(1)(5)(8)(9), 16(1), 18(1)(4), 19(1)(7) and 20(2) to –

**11. MEMBERSHIP OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- (1) ~~The members of The Management Committee of the Association~~ shall consist of **nine members** - President, Vice-President and six Executive members - each of whom shall be sitting members of a Council which is a Member of the Association **and the Secretary/Treasurer**. The term 'sitting member' means a person who was elected to a Council at the most recent Local Government Quadrennial Elections and a person who was elected or



appointed to fill any vacancy which had arisen in the office of any such elected person.

(2) The six Executive Members referred to in sub-rule (1) shall comprise:

- a) Five sitting members of any Council other than the Brisbane City Council
- b) One sitting member of the Brisbane City Council

(3) The Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the Executive members of the Management Committee.

(4) The President, Vice President and six ordinary Members of the Executive Committee of the Urban Local Government Association of Queensland (whose names were set out in the application for incorporation referred to in Section 33(1) of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981) shall upon incorporation, be the President, Vice President and six Executive members of the Association respectively, until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Association following the next Local Government Triennial Elections due to be held in 1994.

(5) The Management Committee shall retire from office at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting next following each Local Government Quadrennial Elections, but shall be eligible upon nomination for re-election.

(6) The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting next following each Local Government Quadrennial Elections and shall take office at the conclusion of such Annual General Meeting.

## 16. MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall meet at least once in every ~~two~~ **four** calendar months and from time to time as may be determined by that Committee.



**18. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- (1) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within ~~three~~ **six** months ~~after~~ from the close of the financial year of the Association. Such meeting shall be held during the month of ~~June~~ **July** in each year or at any other time determined by an Annual General Meeting.

Add –

- (4) The Queensland Audit Office is the appointed auditor as per rule 24(10).**

**19. GENERAL MEETING (INCLUDING ANNUAL CONFERENCE)**

- (1)(c) The Annual Conference may be held at the same venue and in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting. ~~and may be held before or after the Annual General Meeting.~~

- (7) At any general meeting the number of delegates required to constitute a quorum shall be:

- (a) ~~thirty~~ **eighteen**; or  
(b) that number of delegates which represents ~~fifteen~~ **ten** members;

whichever is the lesser number.

**20. VOTING**

- (2) Each member shall have at all general meetings a number of votes calculated as follows:

- (a) Each Member Council whose area has a resident population in excess of ~~40,000~~ **130,000** shall have ~~eight~~ **twelve (12)** votes;
- (b) Each Member Council whose area has a resident population between ~~30,001~~ **100,001** and ~~40,000~~ **130,000** (both inclusive) shall have ~~six~~ **ten (10)** votes;
- (c) Each Member Council whose area has a resident population between ~~20,000~~ **70,001** and ~~30,000~~ **100,000** (both inclusive) shall have ~~four~~ **eight (8)** votes.



- (d) All other Member Councils shall have two (2) votes. Each Member Council whose area has a resident population between 40,001 and 70,000 (both inclusive) shall have six (6) votes
- (e) All other Member Councils shall have four (4) votes."

Moved: Cr McDonald  
Seconded: Cr Dyne

**CARRIED**

**Item 6  
(Townsville)**

**Funding for State Library of Queensland**

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to provide funding to the State Library of Queensland to collect and provide long-term access to selected online Council publications and web-sites no longer available due to the amalgamation process."

Moved: Cr Tyrell  
Seconded: Cr Hewett

**CARRIED**

**Item 7  
(Moreton Bay)**

**Amendment to *Local Government Act 1993* –  
Employment Contracts**

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Director-General of Local Government, Sport and Recreation to give consideration to providing provisions in the new *Local Government Act* that require the Chief Executive Officer to report to Council in relation to the provisions of new contracts and amendments to existing employment contracts for senior staff."

Moved: Cr Chippendale  
Seconded: Cr Sutherland

**CARRIED**



**Item 8  
(Ipswich)**

**Amendment to the Guidelines for Councils  
Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of  
Facilities for Mayors and Councillors**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to amend the Guidelines for Councils Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors to allow spouses and/or partners to accompany Councillors at certain council business functions.”

Moved: Cr Tully  
Seconded: Cr Nardi

**With agreement from the delegates, this motion was referred to ULGA Executive pending the decision by the State Government to rescind the Guidelines for Councils Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors and allow Councils to address their own reimbursement policy, as long as all processes are clear and transparent to the community.**

**Item 9  
(Bundaberg)**

**Review Guidelines for the Councillors  
Reimbursement Policy**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to review the Guidelines for the Councillors Reimbursement Policy with a view to making it more manageable for the Council and Councillors.”

Moved: Cr Pyefinch  
Seconded: Cr Forgan

**With agreement from the delegates, this motion was referred to ULGA Executive pending the decision by the State Government to rescind the Guidelines for Councils Reimbursement of Expenses and Provision of Facilities for Mayors and Councillors and allow Councils to address their own reimbursement policy, as long as all processes are clear and transparent to the community.**



**Item 10  
(Bundaberg)**

**Compensation to Local Government as a  
Result of the Amalgamation Process**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to provide to the ULGA a template and clear direction as to the acceptable costs that the State Government would be prepared to compensate local government as a result of the amalgamation process.”

Moved: Cr Pyefinch  
Seconded: Cr Forgan

**With agreement from the delegates this motion was referred to the LGAQ.**

**Item 11  
(Logan)**

**No Further Removal of Planning  
Responsibilities**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and the Minister for Local Government and Main Roads, seeking detailed information addressing ongoing planning reforms and a commitment to no further removal of local governments responsibilities in land use planning and development assessment.”

Moved: Cr Ban  
Seconded: Cr Clarke

**CARRIED**

**Item 12  
(Townsville)**

**Requirement to Prepare a New Planning  
Scheme under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997***

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to seek financial assistance to satisfy the requirement to prepare a new planning scheme under the *Integrated Planning Act 1997*.”

Motion amended as indicated -

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to seek additional consultation, training support and financial



assistance for all councils merged schemes and meet the requirement of the new Act 2009”

Moved: Cr Tyrell  
Seconded: Cr Hewett

**With agreement from the delegates this motion was referred to the LGAQ.**

**Item 13  
(Moreton Bay)**

**Location of Adult Shops**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning to introduce regulations to restrict the establishment of ‘Adult Shops’ within 200 metres of educational establishments, kindergartens, crèches, churches or youth establishments, regardless of the zoning of the land.”

Moved: Cr Sutherland  
Seconded: Cr Chippendale

**CARRIED**

**Item 14  
(Ipswich)**

**Abandoned Uses – *Integrated Planning Act 1997* Applications**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning to review and define the term ‘abandoned’ as it relates to the determination of a material change of use of premises pursuant to the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* in order to create certainty about whether a use has been abandoned or not.”

Moved: Cr Tully  
Seconded: Cr Nardi

**CARRIED**



**Item 15**  
**(Moreton Bay)**

**Determination of Development Applications**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Local Government, Sport and Recreation and the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning to maintain the status quo with regard to development application assessment and determination.”

Moved: Cr Sutherland  
Seconded: Cr Chippendale

**CARRIED**

**Item 16**  
**(Ipswich)**

**Infrastructure Charges under an Infrastructure Charges Schedule or Planning Scheme Policy for Infrastructure**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to amend the *Integrated Planning Act 1997* to remove any doubt that at the date of payment the rate of infrastructure charges under an Infrastructure Charges Schedule apply equally to development approved before or after the adoption of the relevant infrastructure charges schedule.”

Moved: Cr Nardi  
Seconded: Cr Tully

**CARRIED**

**Item 17**  
**(Toowoomba)**

**Review of Procedures for Approving the Licensing of Gaming Machines**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to;

1. review its procedures for considering applications for the licensing of gaming machines so that local governments have greater input into the decision-making process where it involves applications within the local government's area.



2. place a moratorium on the release of any additional gaming machines within the State."

Motion amended as indicated -

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to;

1. review its procedures for considering applications for the licensing of gaming machines so that local governments have greater input into the decision-making process where it involves applications within the local government's area.
2. ~~place a moratorium on the release of any additional gaming machines within the State."~~

Moved: Cr Antonio  
Seconded: Cr Tully

**CARRIED**

**Item 18  
(Ipswich)**

**Pet Information In Next Census**

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to collect statistical information about household pets in the next Census."

Moved: Cr Tully  
Seconded: Cr Nardi

**CARRIED**

**Item 19  
(Logan)**

**Housing Affordability**

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to establish a subsidy scheme to those Councils who undertake research and investigations on addressing housing affordability within their local jurisdiction that identifies clear objectives and outcomes to alleviate the pressure on affordable housing."

Motion amended as indicated -



“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State and Commonwealth Government to establish a subsidy scheme to those Councils who undertake research and investigations on addressing housing affordability within their local jurisdiction that identifies clear objectives and outcomes to alleviate the pressure on affordable housing.”

Moved: Cr Ban  
Seconded: Cr Clarke

**CARRIED**

**Item 20  
(Logan)**

**Healthy Waterways Program**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation requesting advice on the State Government's commitment to the Healthy Waterways Program with specific reference to the groups that were operating prior to the Queensland Local Government Reform.”

Moved: Cr Clarke  
Seconded: Cr Ban

**CARRIED**

**Item 21  
(Townsville)**

**Flood Mitigation Program**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to lobby the Commonwealth Government to re-establish a separate, stand alone, Commonwealth Flood Mitigation Program.”

Moved: Cr Tyrell  
Seconded: Cr Hewett

**CARRIED**



**Item 22**  
(Logan)

**Implement a National Container Deposit System**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation, requesting that the State Government support the implementation of a National Container Deposit System or establish a Queensland system based on worlds best practice.”

Moved: Cr Ban  
Seconded: Cr Clarke

**With agreement from the delegates this motion was referred to the LGAQ.**

**Item 23**  
(Moreton Bay)

**Extractor Fans in Poultry Sheds**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Primary Industries and Fisheries, the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning and the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation to investigate the effects of extractor fans in poultry sheds on both the built and natural environments in South East Queensland.”

Moved: Cr Sutherland  
Seconded: Cr Chippendale

**CARRIED**

**Item 24**  
(Ipswich)

**Public Notification for Mining Renewal Applications**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to amend section 93 of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* requiring applications for renewal of a mining claim to be publicly notified or for comments to be sought from the relevant Local Government Authority, or the community prior to its determination.”

Moved: Cr Tully  
Seconded: Cr Nardi

**CARRIED**



**Item 25  
(Ipswich)**

**Asbestos Indemnity Insurance and Section 14  
Agreement**

“That the Urban Local Government Association urgently call on the State Government to:

1. Develop with local government an agreement under Section 14 of the *Public Health Act 2005* outlining the responsibilities of both State and Local Government; and
2. Pay for indemnity insurance for all local governments in relation to the identification and removal of asbestos from non workplace settings as defined by the Section 14 agreement.”

Moved: Cr Nardi  
Seconded: Cr Tully

**CARRIED**

**Item 26  
(Ipswich)**

**Hazardous Chemical Notifications**

“That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to cease the devolution of responsibility in relation to hazardous chemical contamination and the public health risk they may pose.”

Moved: Cr Tully  
Seconded: Cr Nardi

**CARRIED**



**Item 27**  
**(Townsville)**

**Food Safety Program Auditors under the  
*Food Act 2006***

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the Minister for Health seeking amendment to the requirements for eligibility for approved Food Safety Auditors under the *Food Act 2006*, to recognise the food safety elements of all tertiary courses accredited by Environmental Health Australia for Environmental Health Officers, as being suitable to allow graduates of such courses to apply for accreditation as a Food Safety Auditor."

Moved: Cr Tyrell  
Seconded: Cr Hewett

**CARRIED**

**Item 28**  
**(Townsville)**

**Abandoned Vehicle Process**

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to simplify the legislated requirements for local governments dealing with abandoned vehicles."

Motion amended as indicated -

"That the Urban Local Government Association make representation to the State Government to simplify the legislated requirements for local governments dealing with abandoned or illegally parked vehicles."

Moved: Cr Tyrell  
Seconded: Cr Hewett

**CARRIED**

**Conference closed 12.36pm**