



Local Government  
Planners' Association

Strategic Plan 2020-2025

## **Vision:**

***The LGPA is a strong and reputable membership organisation and the leading voice for local government planners in WA.***

The LGPA's primary mandate is to champion, promote and strengthen local planning by representing the position of its members.

The overarching objectives of the Vision are to:

1. Maintain regular, relevant education and knowledge sharing opportunities.
2. Build membership, including services delivered to members.
3. Maintain fellowship opportunities.
4. Build local government resources.
5. Build and maintain a credible professional profile.

## **Who are we?**

**The Local Government Planners' Association (LGPA) is the WA voice of local government, representing 138 local councils across the state and supporting and promoting sound local planning.**

LGPA is a professional association comprising local government planners and related consultants, public servants and associated professionals.

The Association, established in 1981 and incorporated 1984, is affiliated with the Planning Institute of Australia and has actively involved itself in discussion forums, advisory committees and representations to Government on matters of local planning importance.

LGPA strives for a balance of professional development and fellowship between members. It is administered by an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee and its sub-committees assist in leading, implementing and delivering the LGPA's vision and strategic priorities.

## **Strategic Plan:**

### **Priority 1 - Maintain regular, relevant education and knowledge sharing opportunities.**

**Strategy - Provide professional development opportunities; seminars, study tours and networking events.**

**Actions:**

- *Provide members and non/members with the opportunity to attend functions which cover a range of topics and ideas relevant to the profession, with a key focus on the implications on local government planners/planning.*
- *Provide professionals and students with opportunities to network, learn and engage.*

**Facilitated by:**

*Functions Sub-committee.*

### **Priority 2 – Build membership, including services delivered to members.**

**Strategy - Contribute and advocate on behalf of members to planning strategy and policy, industry initiatives and planning reform.**

**Actions:**

- *Prepare submissions on behalf of members with respect to policy and legislation as it relates to the planning industry, with a focus on implications to local government.*
- *Represent members and the industry in planning reform processes.*

**Facilitated by:**

*Membership Sub-committee.*

### **Priority 3 – Maintain fellowship opportunities.**

**Strategy - Invest in professional support and growth through student sponsorship and planner mentorship programs.**

**Actions:**

- *Establish a mentoring program which supports the growth of professionals and the planning industry.*
- *Formalise a student program to provide a link between students and the Local Government planning industry and provide practical application to learned content.*
- *Promote and award those who make a valuable contribution to the industry and profession.*

**Facilitated by:**

*Mentoring / Students Programs Sub-committee.*

**Priority 4 – Build local government resources.**

**Partner and collaborate with organisations and local governments in pursuit of a common interest and shared values.**

**Actions:**

- *Establish stronger relationships with other planning and professional organisations to benefit member opportunities and knowledge sharing.*
- *Facilitate working groups and/or partnerships between local governments which assist in achieving common objectives.*

**Facilitated by:**

*Digital Communications, Membership Sub-committees.*

**Priority 5 – Build and maintain a credible professional profile.**

**Strategy - Advocate for local government planning as a reputable profession. Provide excellence in service to members, and build a stronger membership base, including regional and rural memberships.**

**Actions:**

- *Advocate to State Government the benefits of an accreditation process for planners which elevates professional standard and is fair and equitable.*
- *Communicate information to members and the industry which is engaging, informative and valuable.*
- *Adopt new and innovative ways of engaging with members with a focus on providing information which is accessible.*

**Facilitated by:**

*Advocacy, Strategic Planning, Compliance Sub-committees.*