

WALGA

# Information for Prospective Organisations

### About WALGA

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is an independent, member-based, not for profit organisation representing and supporting the WA Local Government sector. Our membership includes all 139 Local Governments in the State.

WALGA uses its influence, support and expertise to deliver better outcomes for WA Local Governments and their communities. We do this through effective advocacy to all levels of Government on behalf of our Local Government Members, and by the provision of expert advice, services and support.

Our vision is for agile and inclusive Local Governments enhancing community wellbeing and enabling economic prosperity.

### **Benefits of Associate Membership**

Becoming an Associate Member of WALGA entitles your organisation to a standard membership package, which includes:

- Access to WALGA's Preferred Supplier Program;
- Capacity to access a range of professional services at below market prices on a fee-for-service basis, including:
  - <u>Employee Relations service</u> (comprehensive human resources, industrial relations, recruitment, training and development service);
  - o <u>Governance/Local Laws Service;</u>
  - <u>Procurement advice and resources;</u>
  - <u>LGIS</u>\* (insurance, risk management and broking service);
  - WALGA's <u>Tax Service</u> (taxation support and advice).
- Recognition on the WALGA website;
- Complimentary subscription to a range of WALGA publications, including the Local Government Directory, LG Direct e-newsletter and Western Councillor.

\*Available only to Regional Councils

Please note, Associate Members are ineligible to vote at any meetings of the Association and are not entitled to receive political representation or advocacy.

## Eligibility

Associate Membership is available to:

- Organisations constituted by Local Governments such as Regional Councils, Voluntary Regional Councils and Alliances;
- 2. Not-for-profit organisations that can demonstrate a link to the Local Government sector;

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3. Government agencies, including Government Trading Entities.

Organisations that fall outside of the above categories are still welcome to apply. However, all applying organisations must demonstrate links with the WA Local Government sector for membership to be approved. Associate Membership is <u>not</u> available to commercial organisations.

Prospective organisations are invited to complete and submit an application form.

#### **Becoming an Associate Member**

Upon acceptance of an organisation's application for Associate Membership and payment of the membership fee, your membership is continuous until such time as written intent to resign the membership is received by WALGA. Additional subscriptions fees will apply if an Associate Member chooses to access any of the additional, fee-for-service professional services as described above.

An applicant for Associate Membership must agree to be bound by the <u>Association Constitution</u> and to comply with the rules and regulations of WALGA as determined from time to time.

#### Associate Membership fees for FY2025/26

Membership and subscription fees are charged annually for each financial year. A new Associate Member may have their annual membership fee reduced on a pro rata basis, at the discretion of WALGA.

Organisation type	Fee	Amount
Not-for-profit	Minimum – set amount	\$825
Government Agency		
Incorporated Association with link to the Local Government sector		
Voluntary Regional Organisations of Councils		
Regional Councils	Set amount, based on SAT Band	Band 1 - \$12,480
		Band 2 - \$9,360
		Band 3 - \$5,200
		Band 4 - \$2,080

All amounts shown are for FY2025/26 and are exclusive of GST.