

LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPERTY ASSOCIATION: INFORMATION FOR MANAGERS OF POTENTIAL ATTENDEES

This information is predominantly intended to aid Managers of LAPA members to understand the benefits of their staff attending the LAPA annual conference.

Background

The Local Authority Property Association (LAPA) is an incorporated society formed in 2006. A relatively small number of operators in this niche industry collectively manage the country's largest and highest-valued property portfolios, dealing with property risks that have some of the most major and widest-felt impacts. Yet the specialist skills needed to properly implement roles in this sector are only briefly taught in tertiary courses and not heavily supported by professional associations, due to the relatively small number of workers in this area. LAPA exists to meet these needs.

The LAPA Committee is made up of volunteers elected at the AGM, with committee members based with various Local Authorities throughout New Zealand. One of the major events organised by the LAPA Committee each year is the Annual Conference, which typically takes place over 3 days in the first week of November each year.

LAPA's Annual Conference

LAPA's annual conference is the leading professional development and networking event for Local Authority Property professionals in New Zealand. It is being held this year at the Copthorne Bay of Islands on 3-5 November.

Through engaging business sessions and keynote addresses from top class speakers and industry experts, offsite excursions and social functions, your staff will learn best practise solutions to issues faced by Local Authority Property professionals, exchange ideas and experiences with sector and industry experts, and network with industry peers.

The main focus of the Annual Conference is to provide a unique learning opportunity. There is essentially no continuing education available that focusses on the challenges faced by property staff operating in a Local Government environment. For the past decade and more, LAPA have been filling that gap in continuing education for Local Authority Property Professionals.

While acknowledging that your training budgets are tight, the LAPA Committee are very mindful of providing value to members and the Councils that fund their attendance. Whether your staff are completely new to Local Government Property, or have been doing the work for many years, the conference programme provides a fantastic learning opportunity for professional and personal development that is completely unique, and represents value for money.

The Conference programme is available on the LAPA website – <https://lapa.co.nz/lapa-annual-conference/>