

Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019

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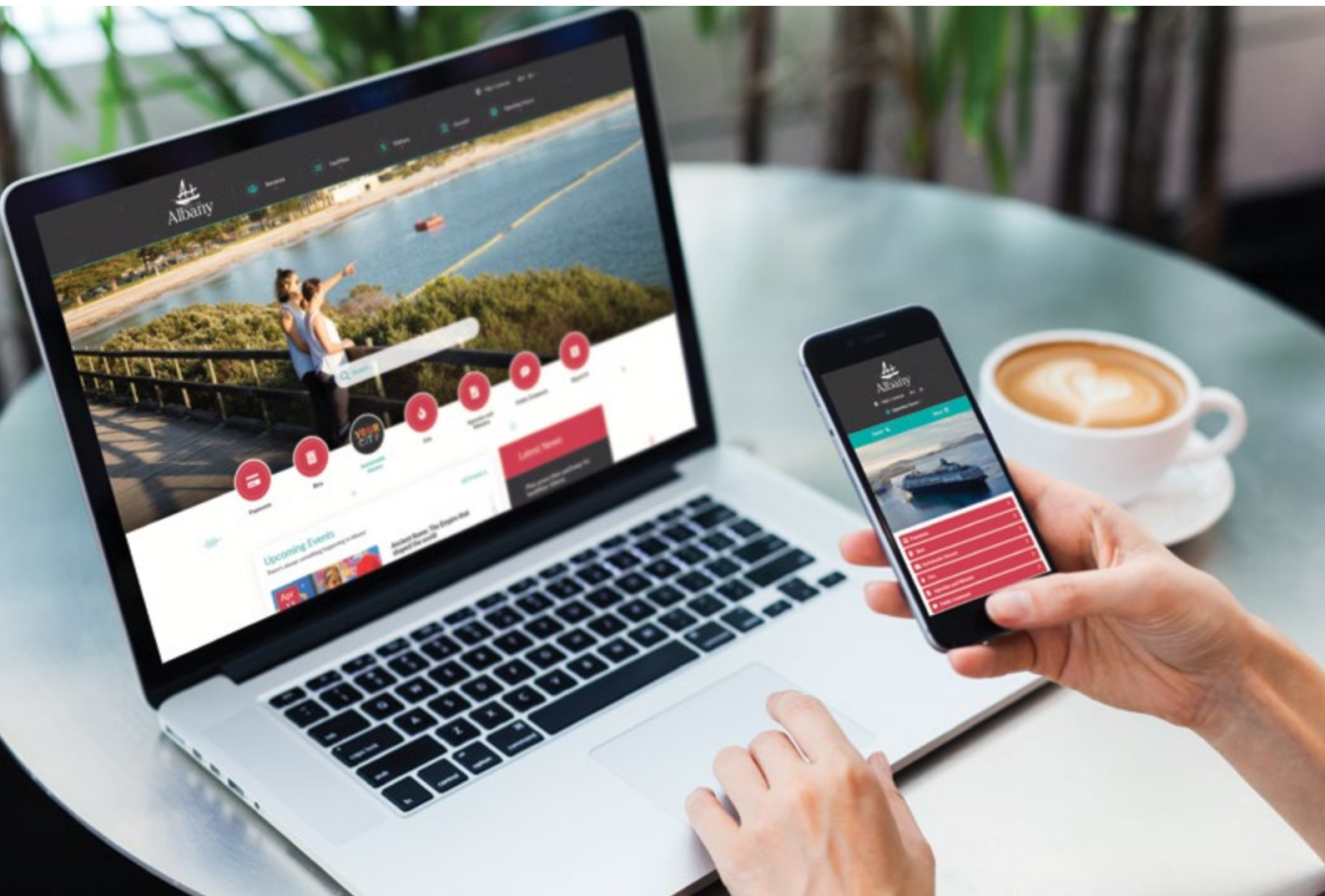
Recent changes to the Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019 affect what information needs to be publicly available on your website. These requirements are to improve transparency and access to information held by a local government – ensuring you are accountable to your community.

There are new requirements for public notices as well as the publication of certain information on your website including registers and documents.

The CouncilConnect program offers a wide range of modules aimed at improving the functionality and overall user experience of the website as well as increasing administrative efficiencies.

We have outlined some modules that will help you to be compliant with the Act and can be implemented onto your current website for a once off cost.

For a full check list to ensure you are complying with the amendments to the Local Government Act 2019 head to www.councilconnect.com.au/lglaa2019



The CouncilConnect modules

Council Meetings

The Council Meeting Module was developed specifically to help Local Government Authorities manage the promotion and publication of council meetings and the associated documentation online. Add and edit meetings, descriptions, upload minutes and attachments and have your meetings display automatically in an interactive, easy to navigate view. You can also upload audio and video files to your Council Meetings using the Electronic Meetings advanced feature.

Advanced feature options:

- + Notifications (Agendas & Minutes)
- + Electronic Meetings

Council & Staff Profile Manager

Including staff and councillor profiles on your website helps to build a relationship with your community. The Profile Manager allows administrators to create a clean and consistent display of staff and councillor information. Pre-determined fields such as name, email and phone number are included and additional fields can be customised manually for each profile.

Public Notices

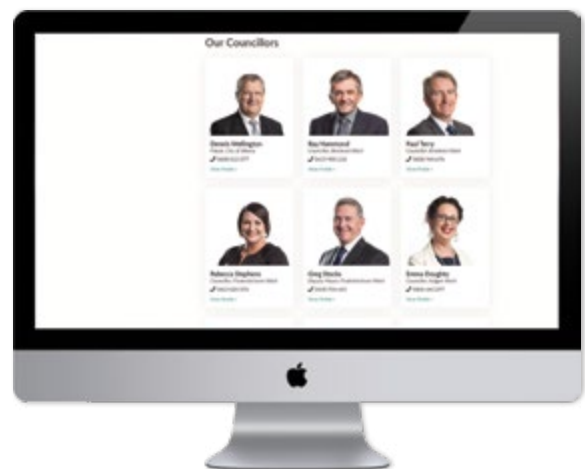
Inform residents of important council notices such as road closures, calls for submissions, planning matters and other services. Your most recent notices will automatically appear on your home page feed with a link to the full article. Your visitors can also browse a modern archive interface to find additional notices.

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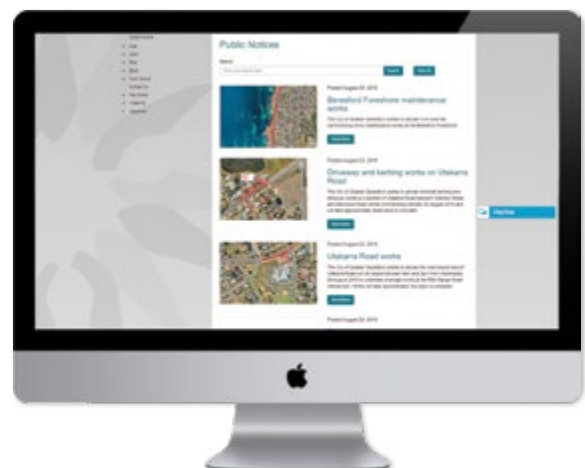
- + Community Engagement
- + Notifications



City of Vincent - Council Meetings



City of Albany - Councillor and Staff Profile



City of Greater Geraldton - Public Notices

The CouncilConnect modules

eNews Mailchimp Integration

A great way for residents and visitors to keep up to date with your organisation on the fly. Your newsletter template will be custom designed by a professional graphic designer and built in Mailchimp, a user-friendly, drag-and-drop online newsletter editor. Your website visitors can then subscribe to your newsletter through a prominent call to action button.

This module requires a Mailchimp account to achieve full functionality. Additional costs may apply.

Social Media Customised Feed

Ensure your content is always fresh and engaging by integrating your social media channels such as Facebook or Instagram with your website. Customise your feed to ensure it seamlessly integrates with your website design. A custom feed allows you to increase engagement between you and your social media followers, creates dynamic content on your homepage and helps to increase your following.

Website Accessibility Controls

This module facilitates Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Implementation (DAIPI). Your website users will have all the tools to ensure all information, services and facilities on your website are accessible to those with visual impairment, including the ability to re-size fonts and increase colour contrast.



Katherine Town Council - eNews Mailchimp Integration



Shire of Coolgardie - Social Media Customised Feed



Town of East Fremantle - Website Accessibility Controls

Council Registers

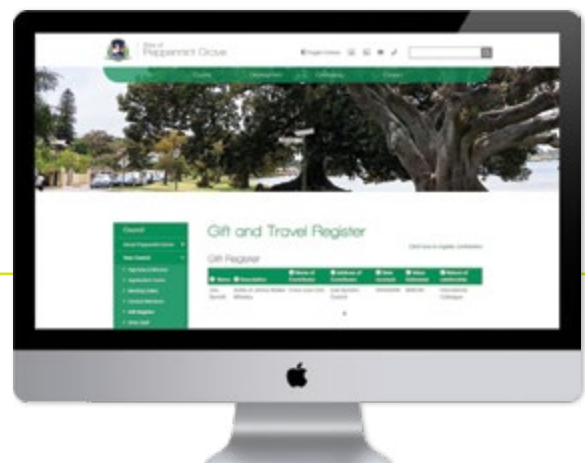
- + **Contact Register**
Using a clearly formatted table, this module allows Council members to declare if they have been in contact with third parties (for example, developers).
- + **Declaration Register**
Developed in line with the Local Government Act 1995, this module will provide community members with transparency on financial, proximity and impartiality interests disclosed by Council members and staff.
- + **Complaints Register**
Ensure you administer your Complaints Register in line with the Local Government Act using this module. Its clear formatting will assist interested community members to access the register made readily available on your website.
- + **Gift Register**
Developed in response to the recent updates to the Local Government Act, the Gift Register allows your elected officials and staff to declare gifts and travel contributions in a timely and efficient manner directly within your website.
- + **Training Register**
Universal training for candidates and council members has been introduced. All local governments are to annually report on the training completed by each council member on their website within one month of the end of the financial year.



Town of Bassendean - Council Contact Register



Town of Cottesloe - Complaints Register



Shire of Peppermint Grove - Gift Register

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